

News Story Summary

A Polish sculptor recently broke the Guinness World Record for the world's largest amber sculpture by creating a replica of the RMS Titanic, the famous ship that sank in 1912 on its first voyage. Tomasz Oldziejewski created the 5-foot-long sculpture. He worked 12-14 hours a day for about a month to meet the regulations for Guinness. The structure had no other supporting frames, skeletons, or metal structures and cost about \$12,000 to make. He formed the ship by shaping, sanding, chiseling, polishing and cutting raw pieces of amber. Oldziejewski has been working with amber for over 30 years and plans to create an even larger sculpture.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “man breaks record with amber Titanic sculpture”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, guide the group to identify famous sculptures they have seen or would like to see (“David” by Michelangelo; “The Great Sphinx” in Egypt; “Christ the Redeemer” by Paul Landowski; Statue of Liberty; United States Marine Corps War Memorial). Ask: *What do you think it takes to be a great sculptor?*

Share the story of the man in Poland who recently created the largest known amber sculpture in the world. Point out how much time and energy the man put into chiseling, shaping, and working with the raw material. Say: *A sculptor will use a variety of tools to create the masterpiece he is picturing in his mind. Today's Bible study will talk about a tool God uses to chisel, shape and form us into His image—discipline.* Complete the step, beginning with the Query idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Challenge idea under Summarize and Challenge, review the story of the man who crafted a record-breaking replica of the RMS Titanic. Ask: *How might you and I begin to see God's discipline to shape us? How has God's discipline shaped, polished, and changed your character?* Complete the step as written.