

PHRYNE,

The Slave Child



If you were a slave child
living and working at
Oplontis, what would
your life be like?

Turn over to learn and
explore!

Who Are You?

If you were a slave child . . .

You could have ended up a slave in a number of ways. Maybe you were born to slave parents. This would make you a slave automatically. Maybe you were captured by Roman soldiers and sold to your new owner. No matter what, you are now a member of Oplontis' slave community.

- Your chores include sweeping, gardening, serving food, and doing laundry. You are too little to help at the fancy parties held in Villa A. But sometimes you stay up late to watch!
- Some slave children had their parents, brothers, and sisters with them. Some did not. All of the other slaves are your family now.

- Your future as a slave child isn't entirely bad. If you work hard and have a kind owner, you may have a good life. Someday your owner might let you get married or even free you!



How would you use these objects?



Explore the exhibition to find these objects and learn more about them.

Things to See and Do

Find someone with the Elite Child scroll . . .

Compare and contrast your life as the Slave Child with the life of the Elite Child. What is the same? What is different?

What to Play?

You have to work hard as a slave, but there are still games you can play with things left lying around the villa.

Knucklebones (Jacks)

The cook gave you some leftover sheep ankle bones from dinner called knucklebones. Toss 5 knucklebones (or jacks) into the air.



How many can you catch on the back of your hand?



Hoop Rolling

There are leftover barrel hoops and sticks in the villa's

garden. Get the hoop rolling and try to throw the stick through. Did you make it?