



## NO BAKE COOKIES

Making no-bake cookies together is a fun way to build connection, practice teamwork, and enjoy the joy of creating something with our hands—without the stress of baking. As everyone measures, stirs, and shares, we're reminded that simple moments together can be sweet gifts from God. These shared experiences help grow patience, kindness, and gratitude, showing how God uses even small activities to bring us closer to one another.

### MATERIALS

- Recipe (At the end of the Activity Ideas)
- Butter
- Milk
- Sugar
- Cocoa powder
- Vanilla extract
- Quick Oats
- Mixing Bowl
- Spoon
- Cookie Tray
- Pot for cooking

### TALKING POINTS

- DO YOU THINK GOD MADE EACH PERSON IMPORTANT-LIKE EACH INGREDIENT IS IMPORTANT?
- WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE LEFT ONE INGREDIENT OUT?
- CAN WE ALWAYS SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN OUR LIVES?

### ADAPTATIONS

#### Pink Level

Premeasure, dump in and stir ingredients.

#### Orange Level

Measure ingredients and have them read and follow recipe.

#### Purple Level

Work with them to read the recipe, prepare the ingredients and mix together.

#### Blue Level

Allow to measure and try to work through recipe as independently as possible. Allow them to taste ingredients before and after it is made.

#### Yellow Level

Hand over hand to dump and stir ingredients. Have all ingredients prepped ahead of time.





## POPSICLE STICK STAR CRAFT

Assemble and glue together popsicle sticks in the shape of a star. Paint, add sticks, gems, color with markers or crayons, whatever is desired to create an extravagant star. Use this craft to remind us about God's creations and how much He loves us.

### MATERIALS

- Directions at end of Activity Ideas
- hot glue gun
- craft sticks (5 craft sticks per kid)
- sequins or gemstones
- white glue
- yellow washable paint
- paint brushes
- scissors
- thin ribbon



### VARIATIONS

#### Pink Level

Pre-make the star and have the person decorate.

#### Orange Level

Assemble materials and show them the directions. Make several stars and look up formations of the constellations and form them with the stars.

#### Purple Level

Assemble popsicle stick star (can assist if able), direct and provide with options for decorating.

#### Blue Level

Assist with assembly and decorating as needed. Talk through what materials would make the star sparkle the most.

#### Yellow Level

Pre-make the star, hand over hand help the person paint the star and help them choose what other elements or go onto the star. You may need to glue sequins or gems onto the star.

### TALKING POINTS

- TALK ABOUT GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT CREATION OF STARS.
- LOOK UP DIFFERENT CONSTELLATIONS, THEN SUN, THE MOON, TALK ABOUT HOW AMAZING GOD IS AND ALL HE DID FOR US ON EARTH



## RAINBOW BUBBLES

Make rainbow bubbles to learn about how the sun impacts the colors in the bubbles. Learning about God's creations can bring us closer to Him!



### MATERIALS

- Directions at end of Activity Ideas
- Empty Clear Bottle
- Dish Soap
- Sink (for filling)
- Overcast Day works best

### TALKING POINTS

- DISCUSS WHAT COLORS YOU SEE IN THE RAINBOW
- DISCUSS GOD'S CREATION OF THE SUN AND THE BENEFITS OF THE SUN
- TELL THE STORY OF NOAH AND THE ARK AND DISCUSS HOW THE RAINBOW REMINDS US THAT GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

### VARIATIONS

#### Pink Level

Help fill with water if able and then look at the bubbles. Can blow bubbles if you have some as well for added fun!

#### Orange Level

Ask them to gather the supplies and follow the instructions to make the bubbles. Research online other fun activities with bubbles and do them.

#### Purple Level

Give verbal instructions and watch as they complete each step.

#### Blue Level

Do the activity outside at a table with a basin of water. Use a funnel and a cup to pour the water into the bottle. Be prepared for a wet experience.

#### Yellow Level

Help fill with water if able and then look at the bubbles. Can blow bubbles if you have some as well for added fun!



## ANIMAL HABITAT

While on your nature walk, look for where animals live. Then use an old shoebox to make your own habitat! If you are not able to go outside, google animal habitats and look at a couple of different habitats for the person to create. You can build a bird's nest with sticks and grass or make a path for insects using leaves and rocks. Draw a pond or stream for water if you like. Glue everything in place so it stays together. Remember—God designed every animal with just the right kind of home to live in!

### VARIATIONS

#### Pink

Decide on an animal you want to look at, research a habitat online and go outside to collect materials. You will have to guide each step.

#### Orange Level

Go for a walk and talk about animals you will see and where they live. If you don't know, look up more information online. Assist as needed

#### Purple

Help collect items, may need some direction, may be able to help glue items together or color water or other portions.

#### Blue

Determine which animal you will be building a habitat for before you go outside. Challenge them to find 5 things to build their habitat and make it a timed search. Help them build the habitat. You may have to do it over several sessions together.

#### Yellow Level

Gather supplies prior to making the habitat and build the habitat together.



### MATERIALS

- Shoe box
- Glue
- Sticks/leaves/other objects from outside
- crayons or markers
- plastic toy animals

### TALKING POINTS

- DISCUSS HOW GOD PROVIDES FOR US
- DISCUSS HOW GOD PROVIDES A PLACE TO LIVE FOR ANIMALS AND REMIND THEM THAT GOD PROVIDES WHAT WE NEED AS WELL.



## PLAYDOUGH CREATION

Create something out of playdough or clay. Show it off to your family. While making things, talk about all the things God has made

### MATERIALS

- Playdough or clay
- Tools to cut and shape the clay.



### VARIATIONS

#### TALKING POINTS

- TALK ABOUT HOW GOD SAID THAT ALL OF HIS CREATION WAS GOOD, PERFECT AND NOT LACKING ANYTHING
- DISCUSS WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU'VE MADE THAT YOU'RE REALLY PROUD OF?

#### Pink

Make 5-10 cards with easy objects written on them that the person can create. Flip a card, read it and help them form the object.

#### Orange Level

Have the person create an object and you guess what it is.

#### Purple

Look through a magazine, stop at an easy object and create the object together out of the clay.

#### Blue

Have the person gather 5 objects from their house. Ask them to create one of the objects out of clay and then have them match it with the actual object.

#### Yellow Level

Pick an object and explain to the person what they are making and hand over hand help them make it.



## DREAM BIG!!

“Dream up” what your perfect birthday would look like. God gave us excellent minds to be creative and think. Encourage creativity.



## MATERIALS

- Themselves
- Caregiver/Parent/Friend/Family member
- Colored pencils/pens
- Handout to help organize thoughts. Located at end of Activity Ideas

## VARIATIONS

### Pink

Talk through the different aspects of the party and help them remember fun things they have done in the past.

### Orange Level

Set a budget for the party and help the person find creative ways to celebrate within boundaries.

### Purple

Ask a lot of yes or no questions to narrow down what they would be interested in before drawing the pictures.

### Blue

Do a scavenger hunt first of things in the house that represent things they want in their party. (A toy that represents a theme, food item, etc.)

### Yellow Level

Use a communication aid, or ask a lot of yes or no questions to narrow down the desires for the party.

## TALKING POINTS

- DISCUSS HOW GOD CAN DO MORE THAN WE CAN EVEN DREAM ABOUT
- DISCUSS WHAT GIFTS HAS GOD GIVEN YOU (NOT JUST PRESENTS, BUT TALENTS OR FRIENDS)?

# No Bake Cookies

## Ingredients\*

- ½ cup (113 g) salted butter cut into Tablespoon-sized pieces
- ½ cup (120 ml) whole milk
- 1 cup (200 g) light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup (200 g) granulated sugar
- ¼ cup (25 g) cocoa powder
- ⅔ cup (165 g) creamy peanut butter
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups (285 g) instant/quick oats

## Recommended Equipment

Small saucepan  
Cookie scoop



## Instructions

Prepare two cookie sheets by lining with wax paper and set aside.

Combine butter, milk, sugars, and cocoa powder in a medium-sized saucepan over low heat. Don't bump up the heat to speed up the process or you run the risk of your ingredients not combining properly and your cookies not setting properly.

½ cup (113 g) salted butter,<sup>1</sup> ½ cup (120 ml) whole milk,<sup>1</sup> 1 cup (200 g) light brown sugar, firmly packed,<sup>1</sup> 1 cup (200 g) granulated sugar,<sup>1</sup> ¼ cup (25 g) cocoa powder

Stir ingredients frequently until butter is completely melted (I recommend using a long wooden spoon as a metal spoon can become really hot).

Increase heat to medium and, stirring constantly, bring to a boil.

Boil, still stirring constantly, for 1 minute (I recommend using a timer, see post for more details on why it's important to not over or under-boil) then remove from heat. Continue to stir the mixture for several seconds.

Add peanut butter and vanilla extract, stirring until peanut butter is completely combined and melted into the mixture.

⅔ cup (165 g) creamy peanut butter,<sup>2</sup> 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Add oats and stir until coated in chocolate.

3 cups (285 g) instant/quick oats<sup>3</sup>

Drop no bake cookie mixture by approximately 1 ½-2 Tablespoon-sized spoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheet.

Allow to cool (approximately 20-30 minutes) before serving, the cookies will harden as they cool.

- If you have any allergies in your house adjust for them. Recipe has been made with milk alternatives, and peanut butter alternatives

# Sparkly Star Craft

## MATERIALS NEEDED FOR SPARKLY STAR CRAFT

hot glue gun  
craft sticks (5 craft sticks per kid)  
sequins or gemstones  
white glue  
yellow washable paint  
paint brushes  
scissors  
thin ribbon



## DIRECTIONS FOR SPARKLY STAR CRAFT:

1. Ahead of time you'll need to prep the stars. I used my hot glue gun and built the stars (above) using five craft sticks per child. As you put them together you can play around with the angles to get the stars looking how you want them to look.
2. Next (once the glue cools), paint the stars using a paint brush and yellow washable paint.
3. After that let the paint dry and then add white glue! Cover the glue with your favorite embellishments. We love sequins and buttons and jewels.
4. Let the glue and embellishments dry.
5. Finally, snip some ribbon and hot glue a little loop of ribbon to the back of the star so that you can hang it! These are fun to hang around the house or put on your Christmas tree!



# HOW TO MAKE RAINBOW BUBBLES

## Directions

Fill the bottle about three-quarters full with water



Add a squirt (scientific measuring there) of washing up liquid



Quickly tip the bottle and pour the water out fast.



You will find that the bottle is left full of bubbles.



These will look clear and normal, to begin with, but place the bottle on a windowsill and wait and watch over the next 30 seconds.

## Materials

- An empty clear bottle
- Dish washing liquid
- Water
- A sink
- An overcast day (works best)



You will find that the bubbles will start to show signs of color that will get stronger and stronger and that each bubble will look like it has been colored like a rainbow!

### Why can you see a rainbow in bubbles?

Visible Light from the sun is known as white light. It contains a range of colors, all with different wavelengths that, when together, form white light. The colors of the rainbow are:

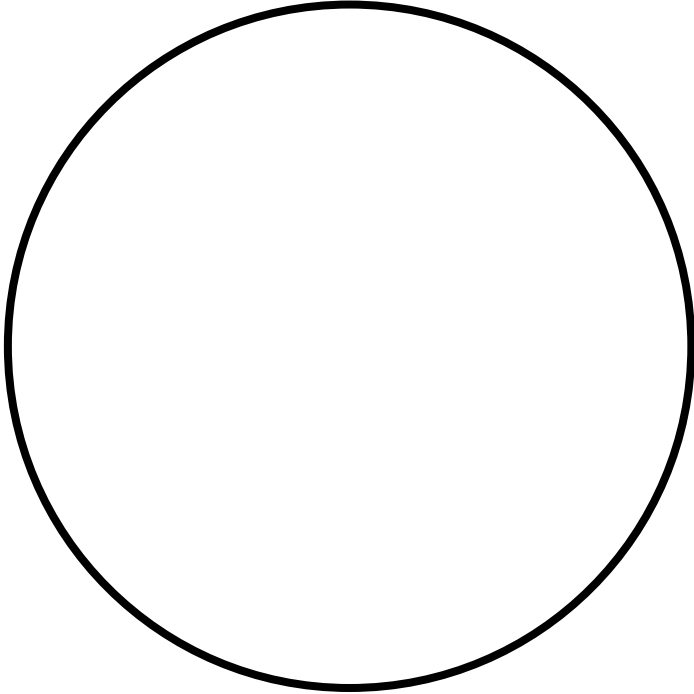
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When white light from the sun shines through the film of the bubbles, the light is reflected and dispersed, splitting white light into its different wavelengths, revealing all the colors of the rainbow!



# The Ultimate Birthday Party

PLANNING


Your DREAM location or place for your party



Your DREAM food for your party



Your DREAM decorations



Your DREAM activities for your birthday party

