

# Klondike Corner SNACKS

## Leader Guide



MOUTHWATERING RIVER

FLAVORFUL FOREST



# Klondike Corner Snacks

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<b>Treasure Point Lesson Focus</b>	Book of Books  The Bible is the coolest book on the planet, unique in so many ways.	Incredible Impact  The Bible's message has had an incredible impact on the earth.	Bedrock Base  The Bible is the bedrock foundation to build our lives on.	Letter of Love  The Bible has a thrilling theme running throughout its pages.	Exciting to Explore  The Bible is exciting to explore! Let's learn it, love it, and live it.
<b>Bible Passages</b>	The Bible is One-of-a-Kind (Selected Verses)	Saul's Life is Transformed (Acts 9:1–22)	The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock (Matthew 7:24–29)	The Gospel is a Message with Love (Selected Verses)	Mary Loves to Soak in God's Words (Luke 10:38–42)
<b>Bible Gem</b>	All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . 2 Timothy 3:16	Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105	Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24	But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8	I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure. Psalm 119:162
<b>Animal Pal</b>	Blizzard the Polar Bear	Snowball the Arctic Hare	Spike the Narwhal	Shaggy the Musk Ox	Dash the Siberian Husky
<b>Apologetics Focus</b>	Did you know the Bible isn't like any other "religious" book?	Did you know the Bible's teachings have positively influenced cultures around the world?	Did you know science, history, and fulfilled prophecies confirm the Bible?	Did you know the earth didn't start out with polar ice caps?	Did you know we need the Holy Spirit to help us understand the Bible?
<b>Discovery Pass Science and Crafts</b>	Experiment: It's S'now Unique! Main Craft: Icebreaker Fishing	Experiment: Slip and Grip Main Craft: Northern Lightscape	Experiment: Solid Ground Main Craft: Lil' Log Cabin	Experiment: H2Ohhh!!! Main Craft: "White as Snow" Globe	Experiment: Arctic Exploration Main Craft: Amazing ACE Dogsled Race
<b>Glacier Gap Games</b>	Welcome to the Arctic Silly Snowmen	Snowball Fight Mad/Glad Game	Battle for the Base Make It or Break It	Circle Up Finding Your Way	Iditarod Race Broom Hockey
<b>Klondike Corner Snacks</b>	Scripture Scrolls Snowflake Cookies (Psalm 119:18)	Snow Ball Butterflies Tundra Transformers (Psalm 19:7)	Happy Hearts Ocean Jammers (Psalm 19:8)	Gold Nuggets Snow S'Mores (Psalm 19:10)	Treasure Treats Husky Puppy Chow (Psalm 19:11)
<b>Cool Contests</b>	Frosted Food Fun	Chilly Cheers	Polar Dress-Up Day	Bible Books Challenge	Mission Money Mania



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# HANDY HELPS

## LET'S WARM UP!

*Beyond thrilling! Exciting to explore! Breathtakingly beautiful! Full of treasure!* Words that describe the Arctic for sure, a fascinating region like no other in the world. But go back and read those words again—they can also be used to describe the coolest book on the planet—the Bible. It's mind-blowing to think that the God who made the universe wrote us a book—a book that is *beyond thrilling, exciting to explore, beautiful, and full of treasure*. Now if that isn't worthy of our attention, what is? We here at Answers VBS can hardly contain our excitement as we launch the newest VBS—*Operation Arctic*. Get ready for the thrill of exploring this one-of-a-kind treasure as we build on the following BIBLE acronym each day:

**B Book of Books**—The first day, we'll discover there's just no book like it, unique in so many ways!

**I Incredible Impact**—The second day, we'll explore the impact the Bible's teachings have had upon our world!

**B Bedrock Base**—The third day, we'll see there's no shifting sand here—we've got the Rock of God's Word to base our lives on!

**L Letter of Love**—The fourth day, we'll encounter the best love letter ever, written to us by God Himself!

**E Exciting to Explore**—The fifth day, we'll be challenged to learn it, love it, and live it!

Our explorers will begin warming up to the Word from the very first minute they arrive at *Operation Arctic*. The mission begins at **Snowfall Station** with the Opening Assembly, a high-energy opening with entertaining welcomes, rockin' songs, a mission moment, and prayer.

Then we're off to four fun rotation sites:

- **Treasure Point**, the Bible lesson location. Here, explorers discover what a gem God's Word is as they learn important Bible truths in fun and creative ways.
- **Klondike Corner**, the snack spot. Explorers won't want to pass up the cool treats that are waiting to melt in their mouths.
- **Glacier Gap**, the recreation location. At this spot, explorers discover that preparation is "snow" easy and games are filled with chills and thrills.
- **Discovery Pass**, the science, craft, music, mission, and memory verse spot. This location features a wide array

of activities to choose from: science experiments, crafts, songs to sing, memory verse games to play, and a mission time (for those who want to spend more time than is given during the Assembly).

After finishing the day's rotations, everyone heads back to **Snowfall Station** for the Closing Assembly that includes more singing, a Creature Feature, contest results, and the greatly anticipated daily drama, which is a highlight of the kids' day. The drama begins in the city with a high-powered executive who is fed up with the rat race. He decides to move to the wilderness for a quieter, simpler existence. Little does he realize all that's in store—missing treasure, goofy bad guys, unexpected visitors, and plenty of action!

Sound fun? Then let's plunge on in to this cold *world* and God's wonderful *Word*! It promises to be a flurry of fun and excitement at *Operation Arctic*! Let's go!

## OUR GOAL

It's been ten years since Answers in Genesis entered the world of VBS, and we are so thankful for how God has chosen to use these programs! But why did we decide to embark on such an undertaking in the first place, and why are we still at it, by God's grace, ten years later?

Our primary goal has remained the same all these years—to bring God glory by boldly and unashamedly proclaiming Him to a strategic group—young people! From both a biblical and statistical point of view, young people are a big deal! They're not only awesome—we love 'em!—but they're also dearly cherished by our Lord and tend to be soft-hearted toward spiritual things. Researchers generally agree most people become Christians when they're children, so it's apparent this age group is a huge mission field!

Children are loved by their Creator. Jesus said not to hinder the children but to let them come to Him (Luke 18:16). We want children to come to Christ and not be hindered in any way from doing so. To that end, our philosophy has always been to combine a biblically rich VBS loaded with substance with off-the-chart, irresistible fun. In a day and age when content sometimes suffers, it's critically important to us not to sacrifice rich content at the expense of fun. But it's also crucial that the most exciting Book in the world doesn't come across as irrelevant or dry. We want to reflect our creative, inspiring, joy-giving God who made laughter and fun!

So why do we do it? We want kids around the world to hear about and personally meet our awesome God and to

understand how they can receive eternal life through repentance and faith in Christ Jesus. We believe VBS is a great way to introduce them to God, as it is one of the biggest outreaches of the year for most churches.

We pray you will find that every prayer prayed, every minute invested, every dollar spent, and every word spoken will bring God glory as you reach kids for Christ. Just remember—VBS is worth it! May God richly bless your VBS.

## YOUR ROLE

Your role as the Snack Coordinator is outlined in the following pages. Your responsibilities may include:

- Planning snacks for all age levels
- Overseeing others who help with snacks
- Organizing the snack donation sign-up
- Buying supplies that have not been donated
- Preparing daily snacks for VBS and/or overseeing others who are helping with snacks
- Monitoring which children have allergies and planning accordingly

- Coordinating the serving of snacks each day
- Overseeing the cleanup of the snack area(s) each day
- Making sure key lesson themes are reinforced through the snacks
- Praying over all aspects of this job before, during, and after VBS

This is *your* guide. Read it carefully and prayerfully, using our suggestions combined with the ideas the Holy Spirit brings to your mind.

So get ready! Get set! God is about to use you and your church to impact lives.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The content of *Operation Arctic* may be new to you. For a list of helpful articles on the topics covered in this VBS program, please visit [AnswersVBS.com/oafaq](http://AnswersVBS.com/oafaq).

## TERMS TO KNOW

Throughout the VBS curriculum, various terms will be used. Here's a list of some of the most common terms to know.

- **Explorers:** Children at VBS. Explorers will be put in teams named after animals they may see on an Arctic exploration (e.g., polar bears, beluga whales, snowy owls, harp seals, caribou).
  - **Guides:** Team leaders who lead the teams from place to place during VBS. No teaching is required of this position.
  - **Exploration Leaders:** Teachers at the Treasure Point Lesson Time.
  - **Treasure Point:** Rotation site where Bible and apologetics teaching occurs.
  - **Snowfall Station:** Spot where everyone joins together for the opening and closing assemblies.
  - **Discovery Pass:** Rotation site where crafts are made, science experiments are performed, music is sung, memory verses are learned, and missions around the world are explored.
  - **Klondike Corner:** Indoor or outdoor site where snacks are served.
  - **Glacier Gap:** Indoor or outdoor site (outdoor is preferred) for game time.
  - **Bible Gem:** Daily memory verse.
  - **Animal Pals:** Friendly animal mascots used to emphasize the key point of each day's lesson.
  - **Creature Feature:** Daily time during the closing assembly when we marvel together at God's design of various Arctic animals.
  - **Toddlers:** Ages 2–4 years.
  - **Pre-Primaries:** Ages 4–6 years, or age 4 through children who have completed Kindergarten.
  - **Primaries:** Ages 6–9 years, or children who have completed grades 1–3.
  - **Juniors:** Ages 9–12 years, or children who have completed grades 4–6.
- For multi-age K–6th teams, we recommend using the material for the Primaries.

# TOP 20 TIPS FOR KLONDIKE CORNER SNACKS

1. Pray! Study God's Word and the VBS lessons! This is your most important preparation. Give all concerns to the Lord, and watch *Him* do great things.
2. After reading the daily snack choices, including the additional ideas listed in the Tip Corner, Super Simple Options, Healthy Options, and Toddler Options, decide which snack you will serve each day. Keep in mind that the Toddler snack ideas can also be fun choices for older kids and vice versa. There are also yummy additional snack ideas at the back of the book you may want to incorporate. Test each recipe ahead of time to learn how to prepare the snack efficiently. Also, check out [Pinterest.com/AnswersVBS](https://www.pinterest.com/AnswersVBS) for great pictures of the snacks and fun ways to present them at meetings and VBS.
3. Calculate your portions based on the snack supply list. (See back cover for the main snack options. The other ideas in this book are not included on the back cover supply list.) Make a snack donation list based on what you've chosen, and share it with those in your organization.
4. Don't forget to include VBS workers in your calculations! Offer munchies for adult and teen helpers to grab on the run.
5. Plan two snacks per day for Toddlers. (See "Toddler Snacks" on page 7.)
6. Don't use small objects that may be choking hazards for young children (e.g., whole grapes, peanuts, marshmallows, raisins, or round candies).
7. Check with area restaurants for donations of cups, napkins, or lemonade mix.
8. Set up a collection area for incoming supplies. Label the supplies for VBS to prevent hungry people from opening unlabeled food. Stockpile your items in a safe place.
9. Assess your stock often. As VBS approaches, purchase what has not been donated.
10. Prepare as much as you are able to ahead of time. Use zippered baggies when possible to hold individual snacks for each child.
11. Be aware of allergies. Some common allergies include nuts (e.g., peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, and tree nuts), red dyes, milk, eggs, berries, gluten, and wheat. Keep a list of children with allergies and monitor what is being served to them. Plan alternate snacks, or ask parents to provide an alternative. It's also good to make a list of all the ingredients used in each snack so parents can see if there will be any problem ingredients. Post the daily list in a good spot (on the entry doors, at the snack location, at the info counter) and/or in your Caretaker Handbook.
12. Class time directions include optional suggestions for kids' hands-on involvement. Decide if you have the time and space to have the kids involved in snack preparation or if it is more practical for the snack workers to prepare the snacks completely beforehand. If involving the kids, see the Class Time Directions each day for their role.
13. Enlist help for the preparation station in the kitchen and the serving station at the refreshment area. If involving the kids in preparation, the ratio should be 1 adult (including group guides) for every 6–8 children at the serving station. Provide a sample snack and adequate table space for the children to work on.
14. Set up the serving station away from kitchen knives, hot pans, and potentially slippery floors. Serving outside can make cleanup easier. Place a table inside a canopy. Decorate the space so it has kid appeal, and hang the "Klondike Corner Snacks" sign. Play the VBS music CD. Post a sign announcing the featured food and drink of the day. Check "Decorating Decisions" in the *Director Guide* for more decorating ideas.
15. Check the daily attendance to get an accurate number of children. Make extra for latecomers.
16. Use good hygiene. Adults must wash their hands before preparing food, and children should take a quick bathroom break and wash their hands before refreshment time. Rubber gloves should be worn by food staff, and long hair should be pulled back. Use wipes or hand sanitizer for quick hand cleanup.
17. Keep drinks in large coolers (e.g., ten-gallon coolers with a pour spigot) so they will stay cold.
18. Pray and thank God for the refreshments before eating.
19. Reinforce the day's lesson while the children are eating, using the teaching tie-in given for the snacks. Important—make sure to have a Bible to read the featured Bible verse to them each day! Try to engage the kids in discussion about the topic. Adjust to fit the age level.
20. Place large, wheeled trash cans with trash bags in the area for quick cleanup.

*Snacks*  
***SHOPPING LIST***


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# TODDLER SNACKS

With this age group, it's especially important to check with the parents about allergies, as little ones will not be able to communicate such things. Also make sure all food is safe and in bite-sized pieces.

For a morning VBS, consider offering a breakfast snack shortly after arrival (e.g., mini-muffins, half a banana, doughnut holes, or toasted oat cereal).

For the main snack time, arrange with the Toddler Coordinator to serve the snack at the appropriate time and for the appropriate numbers. Serve smaller portions of what the "big kids" are having, or serve one of the optional ideas listed below. (These optional ideas are not included in the snack supply list on the back cover.) Remember to use the teaching tie-ins listed on this page rather than the "big kids" teaching tie-ins. There are other options in this book that would work for toddlers, too, such as some of the healthy alternatives listed on page 29, so check them out for additional ideas. And of course, pray before eating!

## Day 1

### SCRIPTURE SCROLLS

See Day 1 in this guide for directions.

**Teaching Tie-In:** The Bible looks like this now. Hold up a Bible. But it used to be in a different shape called a scroll, which was rolled up and looked a little like our snack. The shape of the Bible may look different on the outside, but the words in the Bible haven't changed. They will never change. They are the same forever!

### GOD'S WORD SCRAMBLE

Bag Alpha-Bits cereal into individual snack baggies.

**Teaching Tie-In:** What book is written by God? The Bible! What book is the greatest book ever? The Bible! What book is a treasure? The Bible! Let's see if we can find a letter B in our snack letters. B stands for "Bible" and "Book of Books." Then we'll pray and eat!

## Day 2

### SNOW BALL BUTTERFLIES

See Day 2 in this guide for directions, but make the portion size a bit smaller for the toddlers.

**Teaching Tie-In:** Hey, our snack looks a little like a butterfly, doesn't it? God changes caterpillars into beautiful butterflies, and He can use the Bible to change us into more kind and loving people. As we take our little snow balls (cheese balls) and use them to change our crackers from plain to extra yummy, let's thank God that His Word can change us!

### ARCTIC HARES

Serve small cups or zippered baggies of Annie's Bunnies snack crackers, found at most grocery stores or online.

**Teaching Tie-In:** Today's animal pal is Snowball, the Arctic hare. Snowball changes colors at different times of the year! Sometimes she's brown and sometimes she's white!! Isn't that cool? It reminds me that God can change us, too. We won't change colors, like Snowball, but God can change us so we are more loving and kind and good. Let's pray and thank God that He can change us, and let's thank Him for our Arctic Hares snack!

## Day 3

### HAPPY HEARTS

See Day 3 in this guide for directions, but cut the bread dough in half and form into a smaller heart shape.

**Teaching Tie-In:** The Bible tells us in Psalm 19:8 that following God's rules can make us happy. Did you realize your heart will be happy if you're following God's rules, by His grace? Let's thank God that He gave us the Bible and showed us how to live a joy-filled life, and let's thank Him for these Happy Hearts!

### COOL STICKS

Serve yummy GO-GURT® sticks, one per child.

**Teaching Tie-In:** Let's pray and thank God for all the cool animals He made that live in the Arctic, like the polar bear and the narwhal! And let's thank Him for our Cool Sticks, too!



## Day 4

### SNOW S'MORES

See Day 4 in this guide for directions. Substitute marshmallow cream or icing for the whole marshmallow so it will not be a choking hazard.

**Teaching Tie-In:** Did you know the Bible is a much greater treasure than all the gold in the world or all the greatest sweets? It's more precious than any other book or thing on earth, and we should grow to love it s'more and s'more! Let's thank God for the Bible and for our sweet Snow S'Mores.

### HONEYCOMB CEREAL

Serve small cups or zippered baggies of Honeycomb cereal.

**Teaching Tie-In:** God wants us to enjoy our yummy Honeycomb cereal, but He tells us we should care more about the Bible than sweet honey. Let's pray and ask God to help us love the words of the Bible more and more, and let's thank Him for this Honeycomb cereal!

## Day 5

### HUSKY PUPPY CHOW

See Day 5 in this guide for directions, but serve a smaller portion. Leave off the powdered sugar coating if you want a healthier version.

**Teaching Tie-In:** Today's animal pal is Dash the dog. Dash is always eager and excited to go exploring! Wouldn't it be great to be excited like Dash, but our excitement would be about the Bible? Let's pray and ask God to help us love Him and His Word more and more, and let's thank Him for our Husky Puppy Chow!

### GO BANANAS FOR THE BIBLE

Serve whole bananas with the peels still intact. Write "Go bananas for the Bible!" on the peel with a skinny permanent marker or pen.

**Teaching Tie-In:** It says, "Go bananas for the Bible" on our banana peels. That means we want to be excited about God's Word. It's a treasure!! Let's pray and ask God to help us love the Bible, and let's thank Him for the bananas He's made.

# Day 1

## SCRIPTURE SCROLLS

### Ingredients

- Pretzel rods or cracker sticks (3–5 inches long), 2 per child
- Thin ham or turkey slices (preferably square or rectangular), ½–1 slice per child (see Tip Corner)
- Thin slices of cheese (any kind), 1 per child

### Glacier Punch Drink Ingredients

- Blue-colored powdered drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

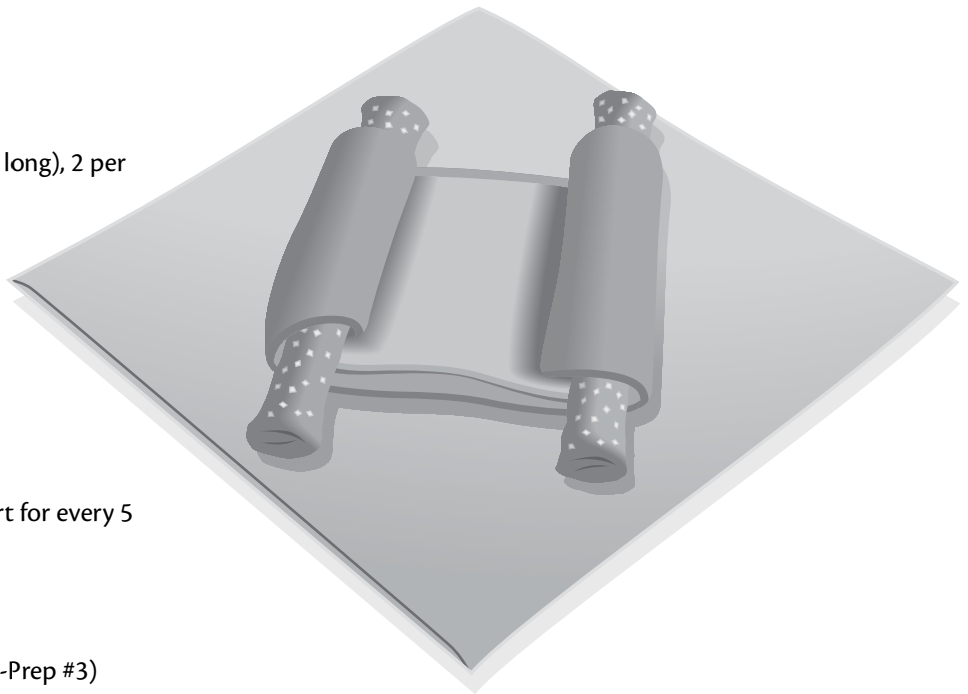
- Optional: twine and small plates (see Pre-Prep #3)
- Cups and napkins, 1 per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### Pre-Prep

1. If using rounded slices of meat and cheese, cut the edges to create a square. If using rectangular slices, cut the rectangles in half lengthwise.
2. Place the cheese on top of the meat and roll onto the pretzel or cracker rod from each end to form a scroll.
3. Optional: scrolls can be tied with twine to hold them together then placed on a small plate.
4. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

### Teaching Tie-In

Today's snack is called a Scripture Scroll. The word *Scripture* is another name for the Bible. Thousands of years ago when the Bible was being written, paper like we know it didn't exist. So people wrote on scrolls, which were made from animal skin or plants that were sewn together and rolled up. Eventually the books of the Bible were copied onto paper and finally made into book form like our present-day Bibles. But whether the words are on olden-day scrolls or in our modern-day Bibles, they haven't



**changed. They are still the same amazing words, written by God. Let's pray that God will open our eyes this week and help us to see the wondrous things in His Word, as it says in Psalm 119:18!**

Pray for the Scripture Scroll snack and eat. As everyone munches, have them share things that have changed in their lives—for example, perhaps they've moved homes or schools or states, they've gotten taller, their family now has a baby brother or sister or a new pet, they like a food they didn't used to like. Re-emphasize that many things in our lives change, but the Bible never changes. Its words are the same now as they were thousands of years ago, and they are just as meaningful, important, and true.

### Class Time Directions

If time allows, have the kids assemble their own Scripture Scrolls.

### Tip Corner

- Another way to make Scripture Scrolls is to use fruit leather rolls (e.g., Fruit by the Foot™) and small pretzel rods instead of the ham, turkey, and cheese. Roll the fruit

leather onto the pretzel rods instead of the meat and cheese.

- We used Kroger honey wheat pretzel rods. Their size is in between a typical pretzel rod and a pretzel stick. They're shorter than a pretzel rod but thicker than a pretzel stick. But in a pinch, you can use pretzel rods and break them in half.
- Thin lunch meat rolls better than thick slices.
- If you want to make this gluten free, use gluten-free pretzel rods, such as Glutino®. Use two pretzel rods on each side. Make sure your lunch meat is gluten free as well.

- If you want to simplify, eliminate the cheese. They still taste good!
- Make sure to check out the Super Simple Options, the Healthy Options, and the Toddler Options on page 12. Any of these can work for Day 1 or other days or meetings.
- If you prefer individual drinks any day, substitute juice boxes, pouches, or water bottles that are labeled "Melted Snow." (See the back of the book or the DVD-ROM for a pattern.) They're more expensive but require no prep and no cups.

## **DAY 1 OVERVIEW**

### **B—Book of Books**

Lesson Focus		Bible Passages	
The Bible is the coolest book on the planet, unique in so many ways.		The Bible is One-of-a-Kind (Selected Verses)	
Bible Gem	Animal Pal	Cool Contest	
2 Timothy 3:16	Blizzard the Polar Bear	Frosted Food Fun	
Discovery Pass Science and Crafts	Klondike Corner Snacks	Glacier Gap Games	
Experiment: It's S'now Unique! Main Craft: Icebreaker Fishing	Scripture Scrolls Snowflake Cookies	Welcome to the Arctic Silly Snowmen	

### NOTES

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# Day 1

# **SNOWFLAKE COOKIES**

## **Cookie Ingredients** (serves 36)

- Your favorite sugar cookie recipe or store-bought sugar cookie dough or the following recipe:
- 1 C. butter
- 2 C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 t. vanilla
- 1 C. sour cream
- 1 t. salt
- 2 t. baking soda
- 5½ C. flour

## **Icing Ingredients** (serves 36)

- Your favorite vanilla icing recipe or store-bought icing or the following recipe:
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 2 large egg whites or 3–5 T. meringue powder
- ½ t. vanilla
- ¼–½ C. water

## **Glaze Ingredients** (serves 36)

- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 6 T. whole milk
- 6 T. corn syrup
- 1 t. vanilla
- Optional: blue food coloring, white or light blue sugars, and/or white or light blue sprinkles

## **Glacier Punch Drink Ingredients**

- Blue-colored powdered drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

## **Basic Supplies**

- Mixing bowls and mixer



- Optional: paddle attachment on mixer (if making icing from scratch)
- Spatula
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Rolling pin
- Snowflake cookie cutter(s)
- Cookie sheet(s)
- Optional: parchment paper or vegetable oil spray
- Plastic squeeze bottles or piping bags (see Tip Corner)
- Small paper plates, cups, and napkins, 1 each per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

## **Pre-Prep**

1. If making cookies using our recipe, put parchment paper on the cookie sheets or spray them. In a mixer, cream the butter and sugar, then add the eggs and vanilla. Add the sour cream. Combine salt, soda and flour, and add to the wet mixture. Roll dough to ¼–½ inch thick and cut into snowflake shapes using the cookie cutters. Place on cookie sheets and bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes.
2. If making icing using our recipe, combine the sugar, egg whites (or meringue powder), and vanilla in the bowl

of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mixing on low speed, add a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$  C. water. Mix until the icing holds a ribbonlike trail on the surface of the mixture for 5 seconds when you raise the paddle. Put icing in a plastic squeeze bottle or a piping bag and outline the cookies. (See Tip Corner.)

3. If making glaze using our recipe, mix the ingredients together and stir until blended. Put in a plastic squeeze bottle or piping bag and fill inside the outlined area on each cookie.
4. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

## Teaching Tie-In

**Today's snack is a snowflake cookie. You know, each snowflake is unique. And like snowflakes, the Bible is a unique book. There is no other book like it—a true treasure from God! Let's pray that God will open our eyes this week and help us see the wondrous things in His Word, as it says in Psalm 119:18!**

Pray for the Snowflake Cookie snack and eat. As everyone munches, talk together about favorite winter activities they've experienced. Do they like to play in the snow? What do they like to do? Have they ever gone ice skating or skiing? Have they ever caught a snowflake on their tongues? Re-emphasize that each snowflake is unique just as they are each a unique creation of God, and the Bible is God's unique Book of books.

## Class Time Directions

If using store-bought frosting, have kids frost and decorate their own snowflake cookie. (You may want to include white or light blue sugars or sprinkles.)

## Tip Corner

- Plastic squeeze bottles or zippered storage bags snipped on an angle at one bottom corner work well for piping bags.

- Make sure to check out the Super Simple Options, the Healthy Options, and the Toddler Options that follow. Any of these can work for Day 1 or other days or meetings.
- Juice boxes or water bottles can be substituted any day if you prefer individual drinks. They are more expensive but require no prep and no cups.

## Super Simple Options—Grab and Go

**Polar Pops**—Serve popsicles or freezer pops. If serving freezer pops, you may want to cut the plastic top off and put them in a galvanized pail for quick grab and go.

**God's Word Scramble**—Put Alpha-Bits cereal into individual snack baggies. As kids are munching, have them try to spell words with their cereal (Bible, God's Word, etc.).

## Healthy Options

**Glacier Grapes**—Take grapes off the stems, wash, and let air dry. Put in the freezer. Shortly before serving, take them out and put some in a small cup for each child. For an extra-special presentation, you can serve them in mini organza drawstring favor bags, found online.

**Icicles**—Serve white string cheese sticks, such as mozzarella.

## Toddler Options

- Check the toddler snacks section for suggested snacks and teaching tie-ins. Keep in mind, however, that most of the above Day 1 suggestions can work with slight modifications.
- If serving Polar Pops, cut part of a mini cup off so it's shorter and put it over the stick so it can catch drips.
- If serving Glacier Grapes, cut into thin slices and don't freeze.
- If serving Icicles, cut/pull the string cheese into long thin strings, then cut the strings into bite-sized pieces.

## Day 2

# SNOW BALL BUTTERFLIES

### Ingredients (serves 32)

- 2 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened
- ½ C. grated mozzarella cheese
- ¼ t. salt
- ½ C. finely grated parmesan cheese
- Crackers, approximately 5 per child

### Cool Quenchers Drink Ingredients

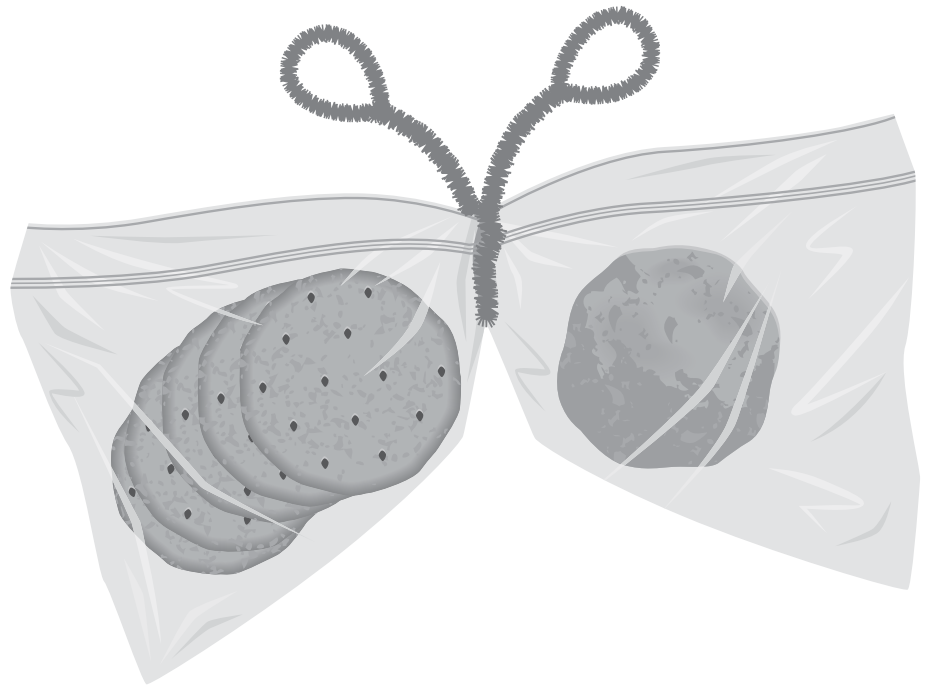
- White grape juice mixed with ginger ale (equal parts of each), 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Mixing bowl and spoon
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Snack-size zippered baggies and chenille stems, 1 each per child
- Plastic spoon or knife for spreading cheese onto crackers, 1 per child
- Napkins, 1 per child
- Regular cups or “earmuff cups” (see Tip Corner), 1 per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### Pre-Prep

1. Mix together the softened cream cheese, mozzarella cheese, and salt. Form into 1-inch balls, roll, and coat with parmesan cheese. These are your “snow balls.”
2. Put one snow ball in one side of the zippered baggy and the crackers in the other side. Take the chenille stem and twist in between, forming to look like the body and antennae of a butterfly. (See illustration.) Keep refrigerated until near serving time.
3. Prepare the drink.



### Teaching Tie-In

**Did you know the Bible tells us there are many benefits in understanding and obeying God’s Word?** Read Psalm 19:7.

**So God’s Word can convert us, which means change or transform us, and it can make us wise.**

**We know God transforms caterpillars into butterflies, doesn’t He? Of course, we won’t change like that, but for those who are God’s children, God the Holy Spirit does a great work in us to make us grow to be more like Jesus. Let’s thank God that His Word can change us and for our snack!**

Pray for the Snow Ball Butterflies snack and eat. As everyone munches, brainstorm as a group about things that change in some significant way. (Examples: caterpillars to butterflies, animals that change color, babies that grow to be adults.) Remind them that God is the One who is able to change us. People are sinful by nature, but when we repent of our sins and believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, paying the penalty for sin on our behalf, we become God’s child. And that means He has changed us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

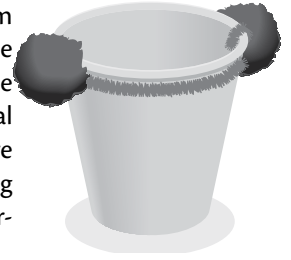
## Class Time Directions

Have the kids gather the crackers and cheese ball and package it to look like a butterfly in the zippered baggies.

## Tip Corner

- You can also substitute mini pretzels for the crackers.
- If you want to make “earmuff cups,” which are super fun, get white paper cups, punch two holes at the top of each cup across from each other, and thread a chenille stem through to make the “headband” part of the

earmuffs. Then glue a pom pom over each hole. Rest the pipe cleaner against the rim of the cup. Now you have your earmuff cup! Drink from the side without the chenille stem. (The chenille stem and pom poms should be the same color. We used bright blue 1-inch pom poms and normal 12-inch chenille stems that were 6 mm thick, but most anything works except extra fuzzy or sparkle ones.)



# DAY 2 OVERVIEW

## I-Incredible Impact

Lesson Focus		Bible Passage	
The Bible’s message has had an incredible impact on the earth.		Saul’s Life is Transformed (Acts 9:1–22)	
Bible Gem	Animal Pal	Cool Contest	
Psalm 119:105	Snowball the Arctic Hare	Chilly Cheers	
Discovery Pass Science and Crafts		Klondike Corner Snacks	Glacier Gap Games
Experiment: Slip and Grip Main Craft: Northern Lightscape		Snow Ball Butterflies Tundra Transformers	Snowball Fight Mad/Glad Game

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# Day 2

## TUNDRA TRANSFORMERS

### Ingredients

- Chocolate sandwich cookies, 2 per child
- White chocolate chips, 1 oz. per child
- White sprinkles, 1 t. per child

### Cool Quenchers Drink Ingredients

- White grape juice mixed with ginger ale (equal parts of each), 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Microwave-safe bowl
- Parchment paper
- Napkins, 1 per child
- Regular cups or “earmuff cups” (see Tip Corner), 1 per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

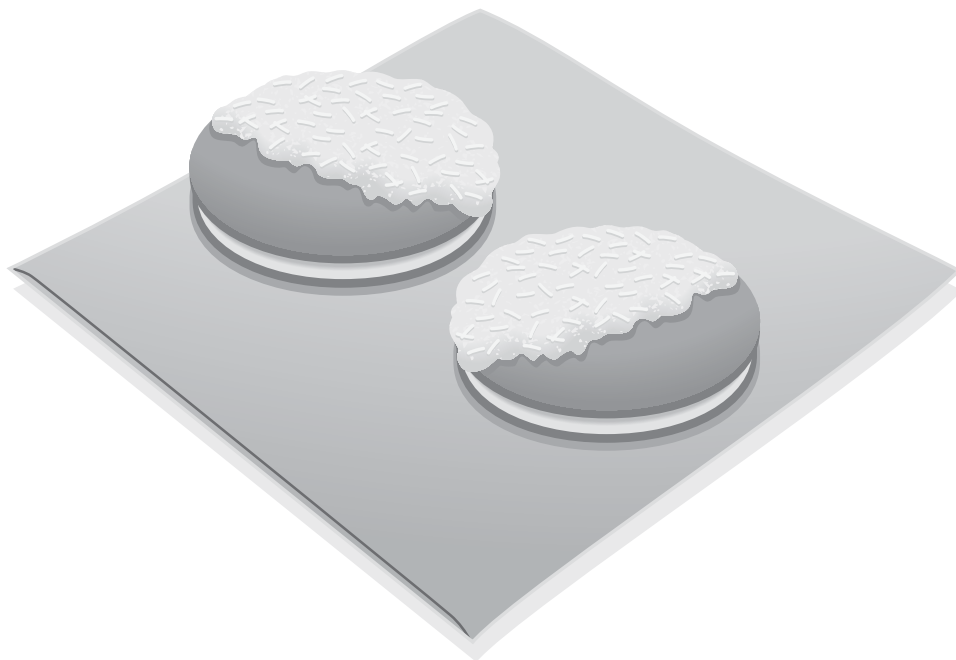
### Pre-Prep

1. Melt the white chocolate chips in the microwave for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat at 10–15 second intervals until melted.
2. Dip half the cookie in the melted chocolate.
3. Sprinkle with the white sprinkles.
4. Lay on parchment paper until dry.
5. Prepare the drink.

### Teaching Tie-In

**Did you know the Bible tells us there are many benefits in following God’s Word?** Read Psalm 19:7.

**This means the Holy Spirit can use God’s Word to convert us, which means change or transform us, and it can make us wise. As we eat our Tundra Transformers, which are changed from dark to light, let’s thank God that His Word can change us and deliver us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light!**



Pray for the snack and eat. As everyone munches, brainstorm about inventions that have changed our world, like electricity, computers, cars, etc. Remind them that the best change of all is when we go from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light when we become God’s child. We need to repent of our sins and believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, paying the penalty for sin on our behalf.

### Class Time Directions

Have the kids dip their cookies in the melted white chocolate chips and then sprinkles if time. Make sure the melted chocolate is not too hot. They will need to wait until it has hardened to eat it.

### Tip Corner

- A quicker option than buying chocolate cookies and dunking them in white chocolate is to buy Double Stuf Oreo Heads or Tails sandwich cookies, which are Oreos® that are part vanilla, part chocolate. Or buy chocolate sandwich cookies and a can of vanilla icing and dip the cookies halfway in the vanilla icing.



- Another option for dipping is to use Wilton bright white Candy Melts® and just frost on top rather than dip. Sprinkle the top of each with white sparkling sugar.
- To make “earmuff cups,” see the Tip Corner on page 14.

## Super Simple Options—Grab and Go

**Mini Snowballs**—Serve individual boxes of white yogurt-covered raisins.

**Hostess SnoBalls®**—Serve these pre-packaged cakes.

## Healthy Options

**Northern Lights Fruit**—Cut up four frozen or fresh fruits and mix together in small clear punch cups. Northern Lights

colors include green, blue, pink, and purple, so any fruits in those colors work well. Give each child approximately 8 oz.

**Ski Poles**—Serve pretzel rods (regular or whole wheat), either straight from the package (2 per child) or with the bottom tips dipped in yogurt to represent snow.

## Toddler Options

- Check the toddler snacks section for teaching tie-ins and suggested snacks, including smaller Snow Ball Butterflies and Arctic Hares.
- If serving Northern Lights Fruit, use a smaller cup and serve a 4 oz. portion.
- If serving Ski Poles, serve just one pretzel rod per child.

# Day 3

## HAPPY HEARTS

### Ingredients (serves 12)

- 1 package Pillsbury® bread dough, cut into 12 strips
- 1 12 oz. jar marinara sauce, 1 oz. per child

### Land of the Midnight Sun Sippers Drink

#### Ingredients

- Drink pouches in any flavor, 1 per child

### Basic Supplies

- Cookie sheets
- Optional: small portion cups for marinara sauce
- White cookie bags or small plates or napkins with heart stickers on them, 1 per child

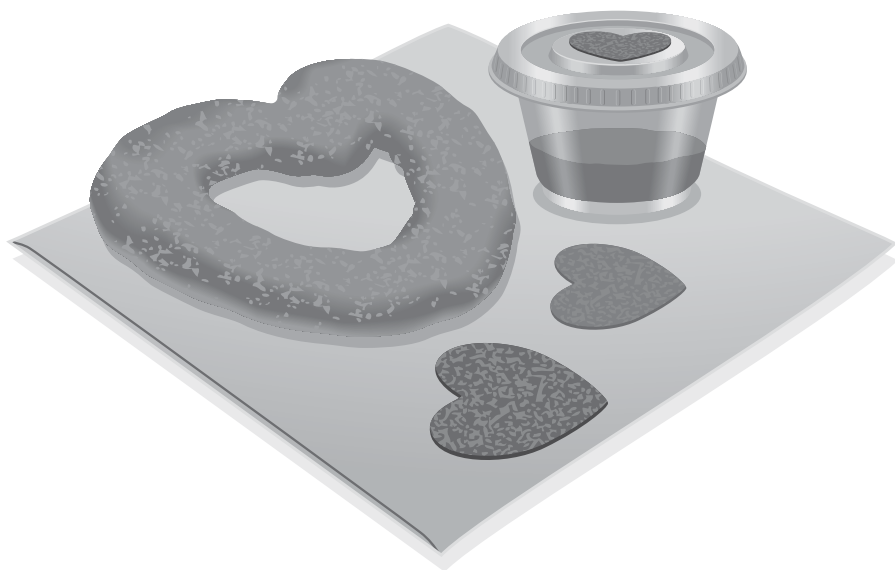
### Pre-Prep

1. Form strips of dough into heart shapes.
2. Bake according to package directions and let cool.
3. Optional: put 1 oz. of marinara in individual portion cups. Otherwise, just put on small plates.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the Happy Heart snack. As everyone enjoys their treat, have them share times they felt really happy. Maybe it was on vacation, at an amusement park, or when they had their birthday.

**There's a difference between being happy and being joyful. We can be happy when things are going well. But we can be joyful in both good times and hard times. The Bible tells us a benefit of following God's Word is it can make our hearts joyful!** Read Psalm 19:8.



**Statutes are God's rules. So it says God's rules are right and will make our hearts rejoice, or be joyful! Did you realize your heart will be happy if you're following God's rules, by His grace? How thankful we should be for God's Word and how it benefits us!**

### Class Time Directions

Have the kids decorate their bags or napkins with heart stickers before eating.

### Tip Corner

- Find the small portion cups for the marinara sauce at a restaurant supply store.
- Find cookie bags at craft stores or online if using them for the bread hearts. These look great with heart stickers or heart fun foam stickers decorating them!
- Hawaiian Punch® Polar Blast drink pouches are a fun and thematic choice.

# DAY 3 OVERVIEW

## B-Bedrock Base

Lesson Focus		Bible Passage	
The Bible is the bedrock foundation to build our lives on.		The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock (Matthew 7:24-29)	
Bible Gem	Animal Pal	Cool Contest	
Matthew 7:24	Spike the Narwhal	Polar Dress-Up Day	
Discovery Pass Science and Crafts	Klondike Corner Snacks	Glacier Gap Games	
Experiment: Solid Ground Main Craft: Lil' Log Cabin	Happy Hearts Ocean Jammers	Battle for the Base Make It or Break It	

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# Day 3

## OCEAN JAMMERS

### Ingredients (serves 24)

- Fresh blueberries, blueberry jam, or blueberry sauce (see recipe below)
- 32 oz. vanilla yogurt or pudding
- 12 oz. whipped topping
- Optional: white or light blue sugars or sprinkles

### Blueberry Sauce Ingredients (serves 24)

- 1½ pints fresh blueberries, rinsed
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. water
- 1 T. fresh lemon juice
- Optional: corn starch and water (see Blueberry Sauce Pre-Prep #6)

### Land of the Midnight Sun Sippers Drink Ingredients

- Drink pouches in any flavor, 1 per child

### Basic Supplies

- If making the blueberry sauce: heavy saucepan, measuring cups and spoons, fine sieve, and plastic wrap
- Plastic squeeze bottle or piping bags (see Tip Corner)
- Clear punch cups or parfait dessert cups, 1 per child (see Tip Corner)
- Plastic spoons, 1 per child
- Napkins, 1 per child
- Stirring spoons
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### Blueberry Sauce Pre-Prep

1. Combine the blueberries and sugar in a heavy saucepan.
2. Add 1 C. water and the lemon juice and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring occasionally.



3. Reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes or until the mixture begins to thicken.
4. Remove from the heat and strain through a fine sieve.
5. Cool to room temperature, cover, and refrigerate.
6. If it's too thin, make a corn starch slurry of corn starch and water. Bring the sauce to a boil and stir in the slurry until it gets to the consistency needed.
7. Cool and put in a piping bag.

### Pre-Prep

1. Put a layer of blueberries, blueberry jam, or blueberry sauce into punch cups.
2. Put the yogurt into a plastic squeeze bottle or piping bag and squeeze the next layer on top of the blueberry sauce.
3. Put the whipped topping into a plastic squeeze bottle or piping bag and squeeze the last layer on top of the yogurt.
4. Optional: add the sugars or sprinkles to the top and garnish with a couple blueberries.

## Teaching Tie-In

Yesterday, we talked about a benefit of God's Word being it can change us (transform us, convert us) and make us wise. The Bible tells us another benefit in Psalm 19:8. Read Psalm 19:8.

Statutes are God's rules. So it says God's rules are right and will make our hearts rejoice, or be joyful! Did you realize your heart will be happy if you are following God's rules, by His grace? Let's thank God that He gave us the Bible and showed us how to live a joy-filled life, and let's thank Him for these Ocean Jammers!

Pray for the snack. As everyone enjoys their treat, have them share times they felt really happy. Maybe it was on vacation, at an amusement park, or when they had their birthday. Remind them that there's a difference between happiness and joy. We can be happy when things are going well. We can be joyful regardless of the circumstances, in both good times and bad. Following God's Word no matter what can make our hearts joyful!

## Class Time Directions

Have the kids make their own layered Ocean Jammer parfaits by first putting some of the blueberry sauce or blueberries in the bottom of their cups, then some yogurt, then whipped topping, then the optional sugars or sprinkles or blueberry garnish.

## Tip Corner

- For extra snazzy containers for your Ocean Jammers, check Gordon Food Service stores or online for the PacknWood Mini Angle Cut 5 oz. Parfait Dessert Cups or Mini Ware Plastic Disposable Angled Cup Clear containers.
- For garnish, add a couple blueberries to the top of each Ocean Jammer.

## Super Simple Options—Grab and Go

**Narwhal Tusks**—Serve Bugles® corn snacks in individual bags.

**Heart-Shaped Goodies**—Serve individual bags of mini pretzels.

## Healthy Options

**Healthy Hearts**—Cut watermelon into half inch slabs, then use a heart cookie cutter to cut each into a heart shape. Put each heart on a tongue depressor craft stick or cookie pop stick. For small hearts, give each child three to four. For larger hearts, give each child two. Serve on small plates.

**Polar Dips**—Serve fruit with vanilla yogurt to dip it in.

## Toddler Options

- Try any of the suggested snacks of the day, just serving smaller portions.
- Cool Sticks—Serve yogurt packaged in individual tubes (e.g., GO-GURT®).

# Day 4

## **GOLD NUGGETS**

### **Ingredients**

- Store-bought bags of cheesy popcorn (yellow cheddar), 8 oz. per child

### **Icy Cold Lemonade Drink Ingredients**

- Lemonade powdered drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### **Basic Supplies**

- Zippered baggies or drawstring gold favor bags, 1 per child
- Cups and napkins, 1 each per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### **Pre-Prep**

1. Put the cheesy popcorn in the individual bags. If doing this the day before, store all the individual bags in airtight containers to retain freshness.
2. Make the drink mix according to package directions.

### **Teaching Tie-In**

Pray for the snack. As everyone munches, ask what they would want if they could have any treasure in the world. Then say:

**Today's cheesy popcorn reminds me of gold nuggets you might find in a gold mine in the Arctic! Mining for gold is a big deal in the Arctic! It's not easy—workers have to be flown in, temperatures can be 50 degrees below zero, polar bears are on the prowl, and storms make it hard to see. But the riches are so great, the workers press on and are finding great riches!**

**Did you know the Bible tells us God's Word is to be desired more than any other treasure—even gold?** Read Psalm 19:10.



**God's Word is a much greater treasure than all the gold in the world or all the greatest sweets. It's more precious than any other book or item on the earth! We should be so thankful God gave us this priceless treasure!**

### **Class Time Directions**

Have the explorers bag their own popcorn if you have time.

### **Tip Corner**

- Drawstring gold favor bags can be found online. We used organza 5 x 7 bags with satin ribbon ties from [efavormart.com](http://efavormart.com), but there are numerous online places that carry food-safe favor bags.
- Another option for serving is to just use zippered baggies. If using sandwich-sized snack baggies, serve at least 1 cup per child. If using snack-sized, use about half a cup.

# DAY 4 OVERVIEW

## L-Letter of Love

Lesson Focus		Bible Passage	
The Bible has a thrilling theme running throughout its pages.		The Gospel is a Message with Love (Selected Verses)	
Bible Gem	Animal Pal	Cool Contest	
Romans 5:8	Shaggy the Musk Ox	Bible Books Challenge	
Discovery Pass Science and Crafts	Klondike Corner Snacks	Glacier Gap Games	
Experiment: H <sub>2</sub> Ohhh!!! Main Craft: "White as Snow" Globe	Gold Nuggets Snow S'Mores	Circle Up Finding Your Way	

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# Day 4

## ***SNOW S'MORES***

### **Ingredients**

- Keebler® Deluxe Grahams cookies, 2 per child
- Marshmallows, 1 per child

### **Icy Cold Lemonade Drink Ingredients**

- Lemonade powdered drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### **Basic Supplies**

- Handheld lighter (adults only)
- Small plates, cups, and napkins, 1 each per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### **Pre-Prep**

1. Take the fudge graham cookies and lightly melt one side of each of them (the flat bottom side) with a handheld lighter, then quickly place a marshmallow in between and hold together to set.
2. Slightly char the marshmallow to give it a toasted feel.
3. Continue in like manner to make the number needed.
4. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

### **Teaching Tie-In**

Pray and thank God for the Snow S'More snack. As everyone munches, ask what they would want if they could have anything their heart desires. Then say:

**Did you know the Bible tells us that God's Word is to be desired even more than gold or sweets, like honey?** Read Psalm 19:10.

**So God's Word is a much greater treasure than all the gold in the world or all the greatest sweets. It's more precious than any other book or item on the earth! Our Snow**



**S'Mores can remind us that we should ask God to help us love His Word s'more and s'more and s'more!**

### **Class Time Directions**

Have the kids assemble their Snow S'Mores themselves, but make sure an adult is the only one using the handheld lighter.

### **Tip Corner**

- These can be made a day ahead of time and stored in an airtight container.

### **Super Simple Options—Grab and Go**

**Honey Buns**—Buy individually wrapped boxes of Little Debbie® Honey Buns. God's Word is sweeter than honey!

**Honey Maid Honey Teddy Grahams**—Buy individual serving bags of Teddy Grahams or any other honey-based snack.

### **Healthy Options**

**Snow Trail Mix**—Mix toasted oat cereal, yogurt-covered raisins, and dried cherries together. (We served ours in small silver food-safe boxes from efavormart.com, but zippered baggies or small plates work, too!)



**Arctic Apples**—Using a melon baller, cut small balls from apples. To avoid browning, soak in water with lemon juice added. Give each child approximately 4 oz. in small cups or on plates.

### **Toddler Options**

- Check the toddler snacks section for suggested snacks and teaching tie-ins.
- Popcorn is a choking hazard for young kids, so skip the Gold Nuggets for toddlers.
- If making the Snow S'mores, make sure to substitute marshmallow cream or icing for the whole marshmallow so it will not be a choking hazard.
- Honeycomb Cereal—Serve a small portion of Honeycomb cereal. Remember that God's Word is sweeter than honey!

# Day 5

## TREASURE TREATS

### Ingredients

- ½ C. ice cream per child
- Crushed chocolate sandwich cookies
- Gummy bears (or other candies)
- Mini marshmallows
- Sprinkles

### “Melted Snow” Drink Ingredients

- Water bottles (or water in pitchers)
- “Melted Snow” labels (see back of book or DVD-ROM)

### Basic Supplies

- Ice cream scoops
- Rolling pin or food processor to crush cookies
- Zippered baggies or 1.5 oz. portion cups (see Pre-Prep #3)
- Styrofoam bowls or small silver cups, 1 per child (see Tip Corner)
- Spoons, 1 per child
- Napkins, 1 per child

### Pre-Prep

1. Optional: scoop the ice cream ahead of time if you have lots of kids or very limited time. Keep it in cups on trays in the freezer.
2. Crush the chocolate sandwich cookies.
3. Put the toppings into 1.5 oz. portion cups or zippered baggies. Otherwise, just put in bowls and let kids choose their toppings when they go through the snack line.
4. Get the water bottles ready with the “Melted Snow” labels.



### Teaching Tie-In

God uses His Word to change us and make us wise. The Bible is greater than all the gold or sweets in the world. Did you know another wonderful benefit from God’s Word is that God promises great reward to those who keep His commands? Read Psalm 19:11.

This doesn’t mean that by trying to obey God’s commands and be “good” we can earn our way to heaven. But if you are a child of God, He will give you the desire to obey Him, and you can rest in the promise of great reward for your obedience to His Word, even when it’s hard to obey. Sometimes people pressure us to do things we shouldn’t, or we just don’t feel like doing what we should. But remember that God promises great reward to those who keep His commands! He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us obey and love Him. Let’s thank God for the wonderful treasure of His Word and for our Treasure Treats.

Pray for the Treasure Treat snack. As everyone eats, have them share what they’ve enjoyed this week at VBS.

**Class Time Directions**

Decide ahead of time how many toppings each explorer may choose. To simplify, you may want to allow just one topping per child or one topping plus sprinkles per child.

- If using small silver cups, you can find them online at [efavormart.com](http://efavormart.com).
- Small styrofoam bowls can be found at restaurant supply stores.
- Gummy bears and marshmallows can be choking hazards.

**Tip Corner**

- A quicker option is to buy individual vanilla ice cream cups to eliminate scooping, or buy Klondike® bars.

**DAY 5 OVERVIEW**  
**E—Exciting to Explore**

Lesson Focus		Bible Passage	
The Bible is exciting to explore! Let’s learn it, love it, and live it.		Mary Loves to Soak in God’s Words (Luke 10:38–42)	
Bible Gem	Animal Pal	Cool Contest	
Psalm 119:162	Dash the Siberian Husky	Mission Money Mania	
Discovery Pass Science and Crafts		Klondike Corner Snacks	Glacier Gap Games
Experiment: Arctic Exploration Main Craft: The Amazing ACE Dogsled Race		Treasure Treats Husky Puppy Chow	Iditarod Race Broom Hockey

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# Day 5

## HUSKY PUPPY CHOW

### Ingredients (serves 9)

- Frosted toasted oats cereal, 12 oz. box
- Chocolate Chex™ cereal, 12 oz. box
- Regular popcorn, 12 oz. bag
- Optional: mini M&M's®, 1 t. per child (see Tip Corner)
- 1 lb. powdered sugar

### “Melted Snow” Drink Ingredients

- Water bottles (or water in pitchers)
- “Melted Snow” labels (see back of book or DVD-ROM)

### Basic Supplies

- Mixing bowl and mixing spoon
- Styrofoam side dish containers or “dog dishes” (see Tip Corner), 1 per child

### Pre-Prep

1. Mix all the ingredients except the powdered sugar together.
2. Toss with powdered sugar. If making before the day of use, store in airtight containers until serving day.
3. The day of, put approximately 4 oz. of the chow into each cup or bowl.
4. Get the water bottles ready with “Melted Snow” labels.

### Teaching Tie-In

God uses His Word to change us and make us wise. The Bible is greater than all the gold or sweets in the world. Did you know another wonderful benefit from God’s Word is that God promises great reward to those who keep His commands? Read Psalm 19:11.

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people pressure us to do things we shouldn’t, or we just don’t feel like doing what we should. But remember that God promises great reward to those who keep His commands! And He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us obey and love Him. Let’s thank God for the wonderful treasure of His Word and for our Husky Puppy Chow.

Pray for the snack. As everyone eats, have them share what they’ve enjoyed this week at VBS.

### Class Time Directions

Have them make their own “dog tag” to put on their “dog dish” if time. Then they can put a scoop of Husky Puppy Chow in the “dog dish.”

### Tip Corner

- It’s fun to serve the husky puppy chow in pretend “dog dishes.” The kids loved them! We tried it two ways. One uses a 4 oz. size styrofoam side dish container (available at Gordon Food Service). The other uses a disposable aluminum cupcake liner found online. These are quite sturdy—not the typical cupcake liners. On Amazon.com we ordered liners made by Durable Packaging. Around the rim of each liner, put silver elastic cord, a silver dog paw tag, and a small bell. The cord and bells can be found at craft stores or online. (We used silver liberty

bells 14 mm.) The dog paw tag is Avery metal rim key tags (1¼ inch in diameter) found at office supply stores or online. You'll also need a small dog paw rubber stamp and stamp pad for stamping the dog paw on the key tag.

- For a sweet touch, add a teaspoon of mini M&M's® to each cup after the cups are loaded with the mix (so they don't sink to the bottom).
- For a less sticky mix, skip the powdered sugar.
- Serve in zippered snack baggies for a faster option.

### **Super Simple Options—Grab and Go**

**Yukon Nuggets**—Serve individual bags of Cheez-It® crackers.

**Husky Puppy Chow** (version 2)—Serve individual bags of Chex Mix.

### **Healthy Options**

**Go Bananas for the Bible**—Serve whole bananas with the peels still intact. Write "Go bananas for the Bible!" on the peel with a skinny permanent marker or pen.

**Polar Poles**—Buy "crystal" plastic skewers and thread on fresh blueberries, yogurt-covered raisins, and toasted oat cereal. (For "crystal" plastic skewers, we used BambooMN Brand—Triangular Prism Plastic Pick 3.5 inch (9 cm)—300 pcs—Clear, found on Amazon.com.)

### **Toddler Options**

- Check the toddler snacks section for suggested snacks and teaching tie-ins, or try any of the above with slight modifications, except the Polar Poles due to the plastic skewer.
- If serving Treasure Treats, don't use the gummy bears or mini marshmallows.
- If serving Husky Puppy Chow (main snack version), leave out the popcorn.

# HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES AT A GLANCE

## Day 1

Instead of sugary drinks, offer ice water every day.

**Glacier Grapes**—Take grapes off the stems, wash, and let air dry. Put in the freezer. Shortly before serving, take them out and put some in a small cup or bag for each child. (We used mini organza drawstring favor bags available online.)

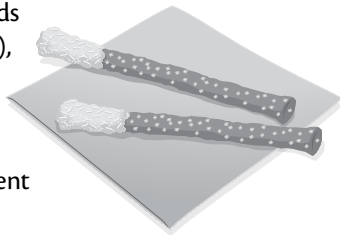


**Icicles**—Serve white string cheese sticks, such as mozzarella.

## Day 2

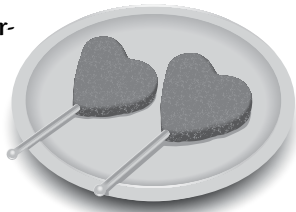
**Northern Lights Fruit**—Cut up four frozen or fresh fruits and mix together in small clear punch cups. Northern Lights colors include green, blue, pink, and purple, so any fruits in those colors work well. Give each child approximately 8 oz.

**Ski Poles**—Serve pretzel rods (regular or whole wheat), either straight from the package (2 per child) or with the bottom tips dipped in yogurt to represent snow.



## Day 3

**Healthy Hearts**—Cut watermelon into half-inch slabs, then cut each into a heart shape with a heart cookie cutter. Put each heart on a tongue depressor craft stick or cookie pop stick. For small hearts, give each child three or four. For larger hearts, give each child two. Serve on small plates.

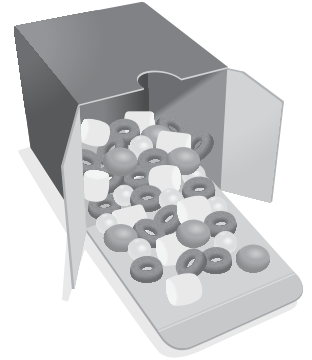


**Polar Dips**—Serve fruit with vanilla yogurt to dip it in.

## Day 4

**Snow Trail Mix**—Mix toasted oat cereal, yogurt-covered raisins, and dried cherries for a fun trail mix!

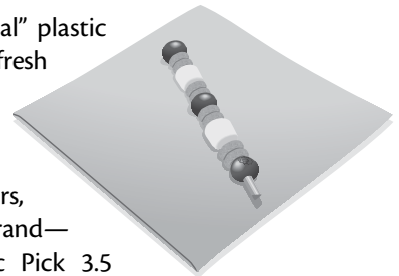
**Arctic Apples**—Using a melon baller, cut small balls from apples. To avoid browning, soak in water with lemon juice added. Give each child approximately 4 oz. in small cups or on small plates.



## Day 5

**Go Bananas for the Bible**—Serve whole bananas with the peels still intact. Write “Go bananas for the Bible!” on the peel with a skinny permanent marker or pen.

**Polar Poles**—Buy “crystal” plastic skewers and thread on fresh blueberries, yogurt-covered raisins, and toasted oat cereal. (For “crystal” plastic skewers, we used BambooMN Brand—Triangular Prism Plastic Pick 3.5 inch (9 cm)—300 pcs—Clear, found on Amazon.com.)



# ADDITIONAL SNACK IDEAS

The snacks suggested here are great to use for meetings, training workshops, the Polar Party, or for VBS week itself. For meetings, make little cards with the snack names to put by each snack on the food table. Serve food on winter-themed plates. See [Pinterest.com/AnswersVBS](https://www.pinterest.com/AnswersVBS) for great pictures of thematically decorated snack tables.

## WINTER-WHITE VEGGIES AND DIP

Load a tray with white veggies, cheeses, and dips. Examples include cauliflower, peeled cucumber, jicama, celery, ranch dip, mozzarella, provolone, and/or white cheddar cheese cubes, and crackers.

## BIBLE BROWNIES

Make brownies according to package directions. When cool, cut into rectangle “books” and pipe a thin line of yellow icing around the edge. Write the word BIBLE or pipe a cross in the middle.

## BUNDLE UP BUDDIES

Cut round salami into thin disks. This will be the “face.” Add a baby gherkin pickle cut in half longway for the scarf and a triangle of cheese for the hat.

## SNOW AND SHOVEL

Serve baked pita chips (the “shovels”) with ranch or veggie dip (the “snow”).

## SNOWBALL COOKIES

Check online for a traditional “snowball cookie” recipe, which is usually a shortbread cookie. Make as directed, except leave out the nuts. For the snowball effect, roll in powdered sugar when cool.

## BLUE AND WHITE DIPPED FOODS

For a beautiful option, especially nice for meetings, dip vanilla sandwich cookies, marshmallows, pretzel rods, or other sweet or salty items in melted white chocolate or in melted white chocolate tinted light blue. Roll in white or light blue sugars or sprinkles if desired.

## POLAR DIP AND CHIPS

Serve potato chips or blue corn chips with ranch dip.

## BUILD-YOUR-OWN BLIZZARDS

Serve cups of vanilla ice cream with a variety of mix-ins such as hot fudge, caramel, crushed cookies, M&M’s®, chocolate chips, and sliced strawberries.

## SNOW CONES

Rent a snow cone machine or buy a small, inexpensive one—available at party stores or online.

Shave ice by putting crushed ice in a blender, adding a little water, and blending it until it’s the consistency of shaved ice. Top with snow cone syrup.

## NORTHERN LIGHTS COTTON CANDY

Rent a cotton candy machine and serve cotton candy in the colors of the Northern Lights (blue, green, pink, purple).

## KLONDIKE® BARS, WENDY’S FROSTYS® OR OTHER ICE CREAM TREATS

Serve Klondike® bars, Junior Frostys®, or other cold ice cream treats.

## SNOWCAPPED MOUNTAINS

Make vanilla cupcakes with white liners and white icing. Top with white sprinkles.

## COOL CANDIES

Make a candy bar with thematic candies such as YORK Peppermint Patties, Swedish Fish, rock candy sticks in blue or crystal, Hershey’s Kisses® in blue or silver foils, blue and white gummy rings, Hershey’s Nuggets in silver foils, and other blue and white candies. If using this with kids, make sure the candies are not hard.

## DELICIOUS DRINKS

**Chilled Chocolate**—Try any iced cocoa, chocolate milk, or iced chocolate frappe.

**Cool “Aid”**—Serve any powdered drink mix.

**Melted Snow**—Wrap water bottles with labels that say “Melted Snow.” See back of book or the DVD-ROM for a pattern.

**Polar Pop**—Wrap any canned carbonated beverage with labels that say “Polar Pop.” See back of book or the DVD-ROM for a pattern.

**Northern Punch**—Try lemonade with cranberry juice ice cubes.

**Cool Quenchers**—Mix white grape juice with ginger ale.

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