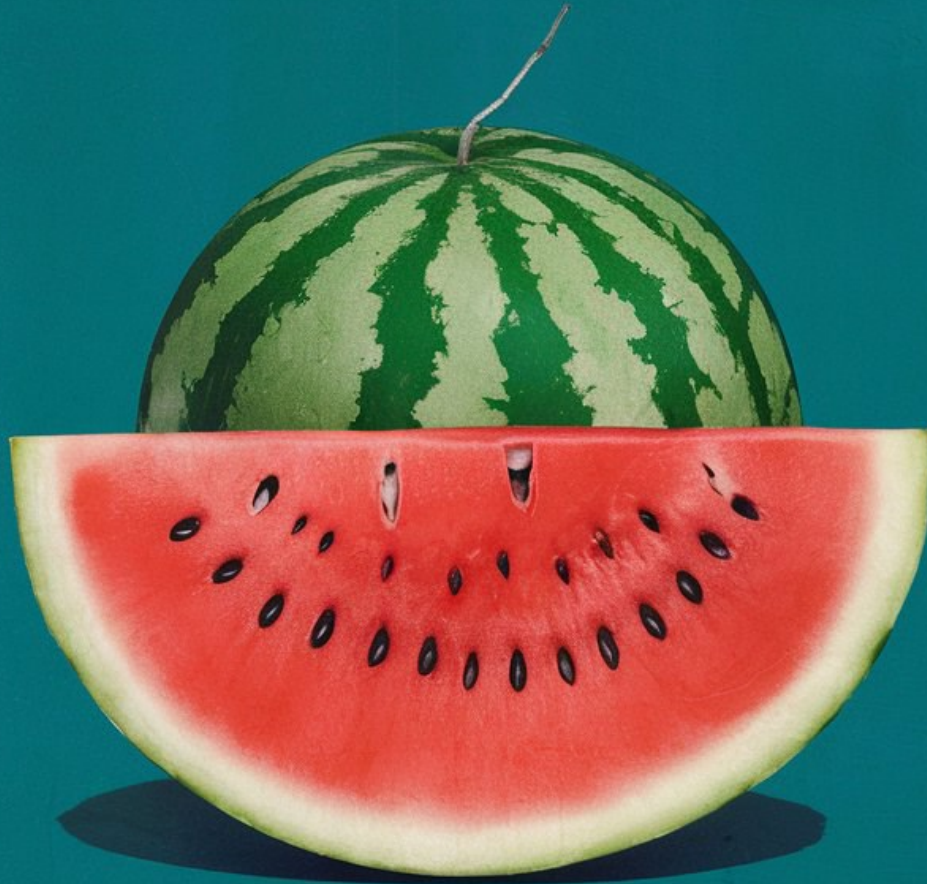


THE SECRET OF THE WATERMELON



Using Every Day Objects
to Share My Faith



The Secret of the Watermelon

Bible Lesson

Cut open a watermelon. (Or show a picture of a watermelon slice.)

Explain the five colors found in a watermelon. Each of the colors represents some part of the watermelon. The blossom is yellow, seeds are black, the watermelon center is red, green also on outside and white- the rind.

After you have explained the colors of the watermelon, explain the colors of the gospel. This is what the colors stand for:

Yellow or Gold: Is a reminder of the streets in heaven, paved with gold:

Black: Is a reminder of our sin.

Red: Jesus' blood, which was sacrificed for us.

White: Reminds us of a clean heart.

Green: Things that grow. (We grow through prayer and Bible study.)

Continue on by explaining God's plan to rescue us.

After you have explained the colors and the need for Christ, provide an opportunity for those in your class to respond to Christ through prayer.

Take time to lead any child/children who responds in a prayer to invite Jesus to be their Savior. Keep your prayer simple to model for them how to pray with their friends. Tell those who respond that now their sins are forgiven, they are God's child, He will never turn His back on them, and their names are written in God's book

Power Point

Tell the good news until everyone has heard.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19,
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.

Craft: Paper Plate Watermelon Slice

Items Needed: Paper plates and markers or crayons.

Provide one paper plate for each child.

Show them how to fold it in half to look like a watermelon slice.

Then let them color the outside edge green.

Tell them to leave a thin white stripe and then color the middle red.

Next, have them color in black seeds all over the red part.





The Idea: Have J-A-M (Jesus And Me) events once a quarter for your students to invite their friends to. Promise that their friends will be given an opportunity at the event to hear the gospel. Provide simple event cards for students to use in inviting friends and family to the event.

Snow J-A-M as a day retreat with speaker on friendship, self-image, knowing God.

St. Patrick's J-A-M wear green, make three-leaf clover crafts to represent the Trinity.

Make a Movie J-A-M wear Bible costumes, reenact biblical stories, video them, show them on the big screen, give plastic "Oscars," serve popcorn.

Game Day J-A-M at a city park with games of tug-o-war, frisbee golf, watermelon, etc.

Music Day J-A-M where kids bring their own instruments, have a recital, or a kazoo marching band, snacks, etc.

Art J-A-M, Cookie J-A-M, Pizza J-A-M, Jingle J-A-M, Circus J-A-M

Be creative, but plan out your event year so you can reserve spaces, recruit helpers, print invitations, have someone to share the gospel, and make each of your events fun.

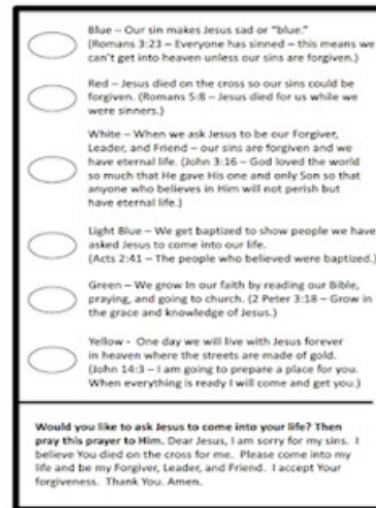
This gives your students something to invite their friends and family to and will help to grow your church ministry.

Jelly Bean Gospel Tool

Copy the sheet on the supplement page and teach the kids what the jelly bean colors mean. Have the kids color the jelly beans in those colors on the paper. Also give them baggies of real jelly beans that they can use with this paper. Give them at least 2 of each. 1 to eat and 1 to give to the person they share their faith with.

Challenge them to take the jelly beans and share them with someone as they explain the Gospel using the colors. The challenge is to share this with someone who doesn't attend church. It might be a neighbor, a school mate, someone on their sports team, a family member or someone else in their life.

When the kids do this, it strengthens their faith and gives them boldness to share the Good News of the Gospel.



(Template on the supplement page)





Blue – Our sin makes Jesus sad or “blue.”
(Romans 3:23 – Everyone has sinned – this means we can’t get into heaven unless our sins are forgiven.)



Red – Jesus died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. (Romans 5:8 – Jesus died for us while we were sinners.)



White – When we ask Jesus to be our Forgiver, Leader, and Friend – our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life. (John 3:16 – God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son so that anyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.)



Light Blue – We get baptized to show people we have asked Jesus to come into our life.
(Acts 2:41 – The people who believed were baptized.)



Green – We grow in our faith by reading our Bible, praying, and going to church. (2 Peter 3:18 – Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.)



Yellow - One day we will live with Jesus forever in heaven where the streets are made of gold.
(John 14:3 – I am going to prepare a place for you. When everything is ready I will come and get you.)

Would you like to ask Jesus to come into your life? Then pray this prayer to Him. Dear Jesus, I am sorry for my sins. I believe You died on the cross for me. Please come into my life and be my Forgiver, Leader, and Friend. I accept Your forgiveness. Thank You. Amen.