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A Note for Parents

The fourth of July is an American holiday where we celebrate our independence and freedom. While it's a secular holiday, it's also a great time to talk about the freedom we receive from Jesus.

This resource was created so that parents can openly discuss Jesus... His life on this earth, His death on the cross, and His ascension to heaven. All of these things can be discussed with your children to help them understand that because of Jesus' sacrifice, we are given the freedom from sin and death. The best freedom we can ever receive!

This resource has four different parts to it:

- Family Faith (family devotion and Scripture readings)
- Family Crafts (hands-on crafts for your kids)
- Family Activities (fun events for you to do together as a family)
- Family Food (some dessert ideas for your kids).

You can choose one element from each part, complete them all, or mix and match what works best for your family. Enjoy mixing faith into your 4th of July celebration!

Scripture Stars

Supplies Needed: red, white, and blue cardstock, star templates, gluestick, markers, magnet strips

Using the Scripture verses from the Finding Freedom activity, create Scripture stars. Use these stars to decorate your house for the 4th of July!

Search the internet for star templates. Print and cut out stars of different sizes onto the red, white, and blue cardstock.

Layer the stars by gluing a smaller star on top of a larger star. Then write the Bible verses from the Finding Freedom activity onto the stars. Decorate each star as you like. If you would like to make these into magnets, attach a magnetic strip onto the back. Hang these on your fridge. Or use the stars to decorate any part of your house!

Patriotic Slime

Supplies Needed: Elmer's glue, liquid laundry detergent, white shaving cream, star confetti, red and blue food coloring, mixing bowl, measuring cup, spoon

There are a couple of ways you can make this slime. You can do one that is white with red and blue confetti stars OR you can make one that is red, white, and blue. Here are directions for both options:

Star Slime

In a large bowl, mix together one 4oz bottle of Elmer's glue and 1 cup white shaving cream. Stir till well blended. Add 2 Tbsp liquid laundry detergent and stir well. You can add more detergent if necessary but you don't need a lot. Then add in your star confetti. Knead the slime with your hands to continue making it fluffy. Have fun with the slime!

Red, White, and Blue Slime

In three separate bowls, combine one 4oz bottle of Elmer's glue and 1 cup white shaving cream. Stir well. Next add 2 Tbsp. liquid detergent. You may add more detergent if needed but you won't need a lot. Add red food coloring to one, blue to another, and leave the third one white. Stir together well. Knead the slime with your hands to continue making it fluffy. You can then add the different colors together and enjoy creating patriotic shapes!

Flag Fruit Pizza

1 roll sugar cookie dough 8 oz cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup powdered sugar 1 tsp. vanilla Blueberries Strawberries, sliced Bananas, sliced

Glaze

3/4 cup sugar2 Tbsp. flour3/4 cup orange juice

Roll cookie dough onto a cookie sheet (round or rectangle). Follow baking directions on dough packaging. Cool completely.

In a bowl, combine cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Using hand mixer, whip until well blended. Spread over cookie.

Place blueberries, strawberries, and bananas in the shape of a flag on top of the crust.

Combine ingredients of glaze: sugar, flour, orange juice. Cook on stovetop until thick. Spoon over fruit pizza. Serve immediately or cover and chill in fridge.



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