



Sunday School Idea Exchange!

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I love Popsicles. Popsicles are fun—messy, sticky, slurpingly delicious fun. Sunday school can be the same—messy, sticky, deliriously happy fun. Send some jpeg pictures of your Sunday school.



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Tidbits and Tricks with Popsicle Sticks

Puzzles for Memory Verses

You can use as many Popsicle sticks as you like. Place them together side by side and write the memory verse with permanent markers. Color and then disassemble the puzzle. Now take turns putting the puzzle together. For a more challenging puzzle, write another verse on the back side, in a different direction. It will be difficult to figure out which pieces go for which side! Keep a collection in zipper bags for early bird students to review.

Picture Frames

What child has not created a Popsicle stick picture frame? But you can go further than just that. Create one to frame a picture of your Sunday school class. Add a magnet and write your church address and telephone number on the back. At home the frame will stick it to the fridge or to a file cabinet at work. Send home pictures to commemorate a special memory of a special class.

Cute Storage

Glue Popsicle sticks together to make nifty boxes to carry home the verse.

Paint Stirrers

Popsicle sticks are terrific little paint stirrers. When you need to mix colors or just mix the paint in a bottle, a Popsicle stick is the perfect choice! They also apply glue very well, with less sticky fingers.

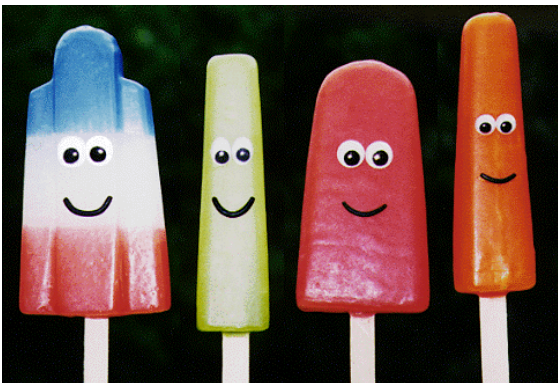
Bible Bookmarks

Popsicle sticks make great bookmarks. Just decorate with markers, write out the memory verse, and pop in your Bible to save your spot.

Pen and Pencil Holders

Glue Popsicle sticks together around a juice can for a crafty pen and pencil holder. Students write one word of the memory verse on each stick before they glue them on. Embellish and decorate after the glue dries.

What kinds of things do you do with Popsicle sticks? Send your ideas and photos to frakefam@bright.net, with jpeg pictures and we'll feature your activity.



1905, eleven-year-old Frank Epperson left his lemonade, which contained a stir stick, out on the porch. That night, temperatures in California reached a record low, and when he awoke the next morning, the lemonade was frozen to the stir stick creating a fruit flavored ice treat named the epsicle. Frank waited eighteen years for the treat to be released to the public.

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Focus on Foreign Missions

Strawberry & Mango Ice Pops from India

It's easier to imagine Indian children and to pray for them with conviction when the taste of mangoes still lingers in your mouth.

Recipe:

2 mangoes—peeled, cut and seeds removed, finely cubed
15 to 20 strawberries—stems removed and cut into half
Sugar to taste
2 tablespoons of lime juice

Blender

Popsicle mold with sticks or [Popsicle sticks](#) and small cups

Refrigerator



1 Prepare Mango Juice: Put mango cubes in a blender. Add a tablespoon of sugar (adjust depending on the sweetness of mangoes) and a tablespoon of lime juice and blend into smooth puree.

2 Prepare Strawberry Juice: Place strawberries in a blender. Add a tablespoon of sugar (adjust depending on the sweetness of strawberries) and a tablespoon of lime juice and blend into smooth puree.

3 Making Popsicles: Pour the juice into Popsicle molds or small cups in a tray. You can prepare at least four different types of ice pops with these two juices: plain strawberry, plain mango, mango (bottom half)-strawberry (top half) and



strawberry (bottom half)-mango (top half) combinations. If you are using the cups, then place Popsicle sticks into cups. Freeze for at least six hours or overnight. For two-toned Popsicles, pour the first flavor halfway into the cup and freeze for a few hours. Then pour second flavor in and freeze.

4 Popsicle time: Place the tray in hot water for few seconds and pull out the pops from the molds or cups. Pray for the missionaries, leadership, and the churches of India, and enjoy!



Try these Popsicle recipes in class as a reward for good listening or participation.

Banana Chocolate Crunch Popsicles

1 banana
chocolate syrup
chopped nuts or granola

Peel banana, place Popsicle stick in one end. Dip banana in chocolate syrup and roll in granola/nuts. Freeze for two to three hours.

Most churches have a freezer, but if yours does not, simply impale the bananas and freeze them ahead of time. Transport them to church in an ice cooler and do the dipping and eating in class.

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My Sunday school class loves Goober!

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Mail!

From Denny Ploch, aka 'Goober'

The Pentecostal Church in Memphis

Here are a couple of pictures of some rooms we just finished decorating. The Veggie-Tale people are made of thick cardboard covered with felt. The building blocks are made of Styrofoam."



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