

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

Springtime brings lots of opportunities for giving gifts and celebrating life. Sweet Treats are easy for kids to make and great for giving as gifts and awards.

Sweet Treat

What You'll Need

- poster board or corrugated cardboard
- pencils
- scissors
- card stock (green and other colors)
- lollipops and old-fashioned candy sticks
- colored markers
- chenille wires
- glue or glue sticks
- tape
- (optional: stickers)

What to Do

1. Draw and cut from poster board or corrugated cardboard simple patterns, such as butterflies, circles, daisies, tulips, hearts, and leaves.
2. Let kids select patterns and trace the shapes onto card stock. Then have kids cut out and decorate their shapes as desired.
3. For butterflies, fold a butterfly shape in half and cut two ½" cuts across the middle of the folded seam. Open the shape and slide a candy stick through the slots. Make antennae by winding a chenille wire around one end of the candy stick and curling the ends.

For flowers, glue a lollipop to the center of the flower shape. Fold a leaf shape in half and cut two ¼" slots across the middle of the folded seam. Open the leaves and slip the stick of the lollipop through the slots.

You can secure the candy sticks and lollipops by adding a small piece of tape on the backside of the butterflies and flowers.

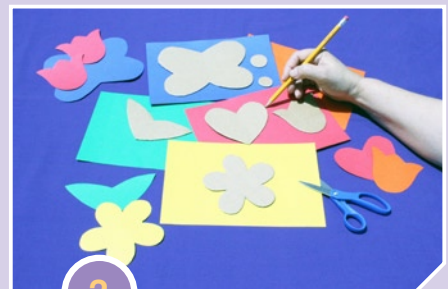
Have kids write messages on the backs of their treats and give them as Mother's Day gifts or gifts to family and friends.

Another Idea!

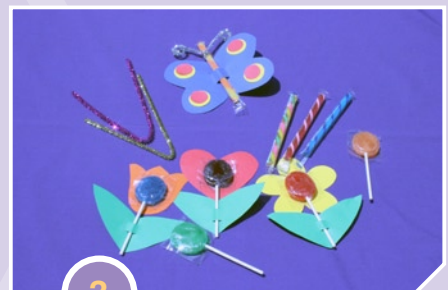
Letter "Jesus Gives New Life!" on a classroom bulletin board. Make extra Sweet Treat flowers and butterflies and decorate the bulletin board with them. At the end of the quarter, give a treat to each child in your class. Or use the treats as welcome gifts for guests who come to your class during the quarter.



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