



START *the* PARTY

Celebrate the Good News

SNACKS

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Matthew's Party
Luke 5:27-32

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Jesus is a good reason
to have a party.**

KEY QUESTION

**What is your favorite
type of party?**

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

1. PARTY MICROPHONES

WHAT YOU NEED: Sugar cones, jumbo marshmallows, silver sprinkles, frosting, small bowls or plates for assembly

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place a jumbo marshmallow on top of the sugar cone, creating the microphone head.
- Use a small amount of frosting to secure the marshmallow onto the cone if needed.
- Carefully roll the top of the marshmallow in the silver sprinkles to give it a microphone-like appearance.
- Gently shake off any excess sprinkles.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Hey friends, while we enjoy these delicious edible microphones, let's remember something awesome: **Jesus is a good reason to have a party.** Just like we're having fun with our snacks, Jesus gives us a reason to celebrate in our lives. Let's think about times when we feel really joyful and excited, where we are having a party with Jesus!"



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jesus' Parable of
the Wedding Feast
Matthew 22:1-14

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Everyone is invited to the party.

KEY QUESTION

How does it feel to be invited?

MEMORY VERSE

"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."
Acts 2:28, NIRV

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

2. PARTY SUNGLASSES

WHAT YOU NEED: Fudge Stripes™ or Oreo™ cookies, Pull'n'Peel Twizzlers™ (any color), small knife or kitchen scissors (if needed)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use two Fudge Stripes or Oreo cookies for the lenses of the sunglasses.
- Gently press the ends of the peel-apart Twizzlers onto the sides of each cookie to create the earpieces of the sunglasses. If the Twizzlers are too long for the earpieces, use a small knife or kitchen scissors to cut them to the desired length.
- Play around with the angle and placement of the Twizzlers to create the look of sunglasses.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"These sunglasses are so awesome! They remind me of something we can wear to a party. Jesus is the best reason to celebrate, and **everyone is invited to the party!** Jesus fills us with His love and joy so we can include everyone in the celebration."



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jesus' Parable of
the Lost Son
LUKE 15:11-32

MEMORY VERSE

"You will fill me with joy
when I am with you."

ACTS 2:28, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can celebrate Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can celebrate Jesus

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

PIG'S FOOD

WHAT YOU NEED: Sun Chips® Minis, Cheerios®, Goldfish® crackers, Pretzel sticks, Craisins®, Rice Chex™ cereal, Clear punch cups; one per child, Spoons; one per child, Serving bowls, Serving spoons, *Optional: Resealable sandwich bags; one per child, Optional: Permanent marker*

WHAT YOU DO:

Before Snack Time:

- Cover the tables in your snack area with butcher paper or plastic tablecloths.
- Place each item in a serving bowl with a serving spoon.

During Snack Time:

- Encourage children to put a spoonful of each item in their cup. Leaders can scoop each item into each child's cup if desired.
- Give each child a spoon and a napkin.
- Explore, eat, and enjoy!
- *Optional: If children have leftovers, make a to-go bag by writing each child's name on their bag.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

Hello, friends! I am so glad you are here today! Today we are going to make Pig Food for our snack. You may take a spoonful of each item and pour it into your cup. *(Pause.)*

"Today our story begins with Jesus. Jesus is God's Son and He did amazing things. Jesus told a story about a dad and his two sons. The younger son asked for money from his father, and when he got it, he left home and went far away. The son made some bad choices and spent all his money. He did not have money for food or anything. He was so hungry he even thought about eating pig's food. Yuck! The son went back home to tell his dad he was sorry. His dad was so happy his son had come back home, he threw a party for his son. The dad loved him even though he had made bad choices and spent all his money.

"Jesus told this story because He wants us to know the good news that God will always love us no matter what. God loves us SO much, He gave us His Son Jesus to be our friend forever! That good news is worth celebrating, so let's start the party! **Who can celebrate Jesus? I can celebrate Jesus!**"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can be a party starter.

KEY QUESTION

How can YOU start the party?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

1. PARTY STARTER HEADPHONES

WHAT YOU NEED: RITZ® crackers, Oreo® cookies, or circular apple slices; Twizzlers™ (any color)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Choose the base for your headphones: RITZ crackers, Oreo cookies, circular apple slices, or any other circular snack.
- Cut a piece of Twizzlers to your desired length and gently insert each end into the center of the base. This will represent the headphone wires and overhead attachments.
- Play around with the angle and placement of the Twizzlers to create the appearance of headphone speakers.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"These headphones look like they would be so cool to wear at a party! Jesus gives us such an awesome opportunity to celebrate and start the party. Remember, **you can be a party starter!** We can share the love of Jesus with everyone around us."

