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VBS 2021 | VIRTUAL CRAFTS



CRAFTS | DAY 4

Bible Story: Zacchaeus, Part 2 • Luke 19:8-9

Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I can change.

Memory Verse: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NIV)

BORAX CRYSTALS (GRADES K-5)

Kids will get to watch crystals grow in a day. We have been learning all week that we can be confident in Christ. Today we have learned about Jesus' life-changing forgiveness. Kids will create and watch a borax solution change and into crystals.

What You Need:

- ½ cup Borax
- 3 cups boiling water (Keep out of the reach of the children.)
- Pipe cleaners
- Cookie cutters (in any shape you like)
- Thin ribbon or string
- Popsicle sticks
- Mason jar
- Scissors

What You Do:

- **Step 1:** Take a pipe cleaner and bend it around the cookie cutter you've picked. Once the pipe cleaner is wrapped around the cutter, twist the two ends together. Cut off the excess pipe cleaner.
- **Step 2:** Tie one end of a piece of thin ribbon or string around your shaped pipe cleaner.
- **Step 3:** Hang the string over a popsicle stick, and dangle the pipe cleaner inside a 2-cup mason jar. You can grow two crystals in one jar.
- **Step 4:** Boil a pot of water.
- **Step 5:** Mix the borax and boiling water until the borax is completely dissolved.
- **Step 6:** Pour the boiling water into the mason jars until the tops of the pipe cleaner shapes are covered. The crystals will grow on the ribbon as well, so don't fill the jars completely.
- **Step 7:** Repeat the process if you want to grow multiple crystals.
- **Step 8:** Wait 24 hours and check, you should have crystals! Remove, pat dry with a paper towel, and enjoy.

What You Say:

"It's amazing to watch things change and grow. God wants us to change and grow as we follow Him. We learned in today's lesson that meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus. In what ways have you changed while doing Push Play VBS? (allow for responses) **[Make it Personal] (Talk about a time in your life when you changed as a person because of Jesus.)** Let's say today's **[Bottom Line]** together: **"I can have confidence because I can change."**