

DAY 1

GOLD NUGGETS

Ingredients

- ½ cup unpopped popcorn
- Approximately 3 T. cooking oil
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 3 T. powdered cheese sauce mix

Sparkling Lemonade Drink Ingredients

- Powdered lemonade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

Basic Supplies

- Unbleached coffee filters, 1 per child
- Measuring cups
- Tablespoons
- Large saucepan with lid
- Large bowl
- Napkins and cups for serving
- Drink pitchers or coolers
- Stirring spoons

Pre-Prep

1. Cover the bottom of the large saucepan with cooking oil. Heat the oil on high heat and add the popcorn. Put on the lid and shake occasionally, especially when popping begins. When done, pour into a large bowl and pour melted butter over it. Toss to coat. Sprinkle the powdered cheese over it and toss again to coat. Place 1 cup of the popcorn into each coffee filter (“gold pan”) to serve.
2. Prepare drink according to package directions.



Teaching Tie-In

Pray for the snack. As everyone munches, say:

Do any of you have nicknames? (Take responses.) **The miners had several nicknames, one of which was the Forty-Niners. They were called this because they started heading west in 1849. Jesus doesn't have a nickname, but He is called by many names in the Bible. This week, we'll talk about some of His names. Each one teaches us a little more about who Jesus really is. Our theme for this week is "discovering the Rock of Ages." The Apostle Paul, in his book to the Corinthians, describes Jesus as a Rock: "... For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ" (1 Corinthians 10:4).**

Jesus is our Rock! He's the one sure thing in all of life. He'll never leave, He'll never fail, He'll never break a promise or go away. He's our Rock! So as we eat our gold nuggets, remember that He's the Rock to build our lives upon.

Class Time Directions

Pop the popcorn and melt the butter before the kids come. Children can pour on the melted butter and stir to coat, then sprinkle on the powdered cheese sauce and stir to coat. Kids can hold their “gold pans” as a snack server “pans” out 1 cup each.

Tip Corner

- Each ½ c. of unpopped popcorn yields about 12 one-cup servings.
- Do not salt the popcorn before adding the powdered cheese sauce mix.
- Powdered cheese sauce mix can be found in several places: at restaurant supply stores (bags), inside a box of mac-and-cheese (packets), or in the spice aisle or popcorn aisle of the grocery store (shakers). If you are making a lot, go to the restaurant supply store and

buy a small or large bag of it. If you are making a small amount, use one of the other options.

- If you use the packet of powdered cheese flavoring from the mac-and-cheese box, save the macaroni noodles and use later for other things (macaroni salad, casseroles, etc.)
- Add cheese one T. at a time and then stir after each addition to distribute evenly.
- Brown lunch sacks can be used in place of the coffee filters.
- Drink boxes or bags can be used any day this week if you prefer drinks that do not require cups and preparation.

Super Simple Idea

- Buy bags of pre-made cheesy popcorn in the snack section of the grocery store.

DAY 1 OVERVIEW

Meet Jesus: Discover His Bold Claims

Bible Passages	Apologetics Content	Precious Gold Memory Verse
1 John 3:5; John 4:5–26; Mark 2:1–12; John 14:1–6; John 1:1–5	Compared to all others, only Jesus can rightly claim to be God.	Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6
Gem to Treasure	Nugget of Truth Time	Name of Jesus
Don’t be fooled by counterfeits!	Jesus’s impact on education	Rock
24-Karat Craft	Lip-Smackin’ Snack	Rip-Roarin’ Recreation
Prospector’s Pouch	Gold Nuggets and Sparkling Lemonade	Name Game and Claim Jumpin’

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