



Snoop Snacks Leaders Guide

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Introduction

Snack is a great opportunity for the kids to rest and have a bit of a quiet time. It is also a great opportunity to build relationships with kids. Your snack station should be in a relatively quiet place where kids can be encouraged to sit for a few minutes, enjoy a delicious snack, and talk with their leaders and each other. Supply lists (daily and alphabetical) are available in the supplementary resources folder. Many of the snacks can be made ahead of time and frozen. Some of the snacks can be baked by volunteers. Recipes are available in the supplementary resources folder for you to give to baking volunteers.

Week at a Glance

Theme Verse - Here is a saying that you can trust. It should be accepted completely. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15 NIrV

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Day One	Spy Identity	Chocolate Pinwheel Cookies
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Tips:

1. Asking for volunteers to bake certain snacks is a great way to get more people from the congregation involved in VBS.

Give the bakers a recipe to follow so that all the snacks are the same and remind bakers to use clean utensils when baking and that all snacks are nut-free for the safety of our kids.

2. Make an ingredient list of all snacks that will be provided.

Some parents might want to know what's in the snacks we are providing for their kids, so it's a good idea to have an ingredient list prepared ahead of time. If parents ask about the snacks, you can give them a copy of the ingredient list. Having an ingredients list available shows parents that you are aware of food allergies and food sensitivities.

3. Serve Water.

It can be tempting to serve fancy drinks during VBS, but water is free and the best way to quench thirst. Any kids coming from the games station will definitely be thirsty! Water is also easy to clean up when there is the inevitable accident.

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Day 1 – Spy Identity

Daily Theme – Jesus is both God and Human

Bible Passage - In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became a human being. He made his home with us. John 1:1&14a NIrV

Connection to Theme – These cookies remind us that Jesus is 100% God and 100% human at the same time, sort of like how the cookie is both chocolate and vanilla.

Chocolate Pinwheel Cookies

<http://sugarywinzy.com/chocolate-pinwheel-cookies/>

- This recipe has detailed, simple instructions as well as lots of pictures.

This dough freezes well. People can make it ahead of time, bring it to the church and throw it in the freezer. When you are ready to make the cookies, thaw, slice, and bake!

Ingredients:

- 6 tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 2 egg yolks
- 4 tsp vanilla
- 2 tbsp milk

Prep: Bring butter to room temperature.

Instructions:

Melt the butter and add the milk. Stir well. Add the cocoa powder. Stir with a rubber spatula. You should now have an almost dough-like mixture. Set aside. This is your chocolate mixture.

Add baking powder to flour. Set aside. Using a mixer beat room temperature butter at medium speed until light and creamy. Gradually add sugar and beat until fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla and milk and beat until incorporated.

At low speed, gradually add the flour and baking powder mixture. Increase speed to medium and beat until the dough comes away from the sides of the

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bowl. Remove about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the dough and set aside. This is your vanilla mixture.

Add the chocolate mixture to the remaining dough in the bowl and mix.

Shape both the vanilla and chocolate dough into two separate balls. Slice each dough ball into equal halves.

On a sheet of waxed paper, roll out half of the vanilla dough into a rectangle roughly 7 inches by 8 inches. Do the same for one half of the chocolate dough.

Flip the rolled chocolate dough onto the vanilla dough, and then peel the waxed paper off of the chocolate dough. Lightly press by gently running your rolling pin on the surface to remove any air pockets and ensure both are adhered.

Starting with the short end facing you, tightly roll the dough into a log.

Repeat the same steps with the other half of the chocolate and vanilla dough so you get two cookie dough logs.

Wrap each log tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes. Remove from refrigerator then roll each log on the counter to retain a round shape and prevent one side from flattening. Tightly wrap again in plastic wrap and place in a freezer-safe container. Freeze for about an hour or store in freezer and bake as needed.

When ready to bake, slightly thaw the dough just enough so you can easily slice it cleanly with a sharp knife. Each slice will measure approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in thickness.

Place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper allowing each cookie enough space to expand. The cookies will expand quite a bit when baked.

One recipe will yield about 40 cookies. Bake at 325 F for 15 to 20 minutes.

Note: Recipe cards are available in the Supplementary Resources file for you to pass out to your bakers.

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Day Two – Disguises

Daily Theme – Jesus Came to Take Our Sins Away

Bible Passage - But you know that Christ came to take our sins away. And there is no sin in Him. 1 John 3:5

Connection to Theme – To disguise ourselves is to conceal our identity by changing our dress or look. Disguises are often clothes, but we can disguise ourselves by changing our hair color, wearing wigs or fake beards, or mustaches! Today's snack are totally fun edible disguises. Yesterday we learned that Jesus is totally God and totally human at the same time. Jesus didn't use disguises. People who didn't understand who Jesus was may have thought that he was disguising the fact that He was God by appearing as a man. But Jesus isn't one or the other. He is both God and human and He came to take our sins away.

Edible Disguises

This is a really fun snack! Edible disguises are chocolate mustaches on sticks. All you need is a mustache mould and someone who can make chocolate. You can make all the mustaches plain chocolate or you can make additional flavors like vanilla.

Ingredients: Melting Chocolate Wafers, Mustache mold, Lollipop sticks

Prep: No prep required.

Instructions: Melt the chocolate wafers on the stovetop over low heat or in the microwave (stirring periodically). Pour the melted chocolate into the mold and gently tap out the air bubbles. Add the sticks and twist each a few times to ensure that the chocolate fully covers the stick. Put the mold in the freezer until set. Turn the mold upside down and tap out on the table when it is ready.

Optional: Add flavors to the chocolate after it has melted.

Note: If possible, put the stick slightly off center so that you can hold the mustache up to your face without covering your mouth.

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Day 3 – Trailing and Surveillance

Daily Theme – God Sent Jesus Because He Loves Us

Bible Passage - God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life. John 3:16 NIrV

Connection to Theme – In our Bible story today we hear/heard about Nicodemus who went to see Jesus at night. That kind of seems like a covert operation. Maybe he had been trailing and surveilling Jesus for a while. We do know that he had questions. Jesus didn't need to trail or surveil Nicodemus to know what Nic needed to hear – God send Jesus because He loves us. Today's snack is Hot on the Trail Mix. Spies need to keep their strength up when they are trailing people.

Hot on the Trail Mix

Here are some ideas for your mix: rice Chex, corn Chex, Cheezits, mini pretzels, mini marshmallows, plain M&M's, goldfish crackers, gummi candies.

Ingredients: Rice Chex, Corn Chex, Cheezits, Mini Pretzels, Mini Marshmallows, Plain M&M's, Goldfish Crackers, Gummi Candies.

Prep: Mix your ingredients in a bowl and serve on a napkin or in a paper cup.

Instructions: This is a really easy snack to make. Use the ingredients listed above or choose other favorites. Dried fruit is good – raisons, dried cranberries, dried bananas, etc.

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Day 4 – Secret Messages

Daily Theme – The Gift of Salvation is Offered to Anyone Who Puts Their Faith in Jesus

Bible Passage - God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it.
Ephesians 2:8&9 NIrV

Connection to Theme – In today's Bible story the father welcomes home the son and forgives him. The son didn't deserve it. All the son could do was accept this gift of forgiveness his father offered him. This story that Jesus told is called a parable. Parables are stories with a deeper meaning; kind of like a secret message. Today you can use your snack to make secret messages. We are serving Alphabits and Fruit Roll-ups. Use your Alphabits to spell out a message. Roll out your fruit roll-up and use the popsicle stick to write a secret message on it and then roll it back up.

Secret Messages

Ingredients: Alphabits cereal; fruit roll-ups

Prep: Portion the cereal into cups or napkins.

Instructions: This is an easy snack. Put out the cereal in cups or napkins. Hand out the fruit roll-ups one per child.

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Day 5 – Gadgets

Daily Theme – The Holy Spirit Helps Us Grow to Be More Like Jesus

Bible Passage - But the Father will send the Friend in My name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 NIV

Connection to Theme – Sometimes spies need help. They use gadgets to get them out of sticky situations. Today’s snack is Spy Glass cookies. A spy glass (or magnifying glass) is a gadget spies use to help them see things they wouldn’t be able to see by themselves. We need help too to obey Jesus and live the way He wants us to. Jesus promised to give us a Friend to help us. This friend is the Holy Spirit.

Spy Glass Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Popsicle Sticks
- Red String Licorice

Icing

- 3 cups Icing sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup butter, softened
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla
- 1-2 tbsp milk
- Blue food colouring

Prep: Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Instructions: Stir flour, baking soda, and baking powder together in a bowl and set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and the sugar until smooth. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Gradually add the dry ingredients.

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Roll the dough into balls and place a popsicle stick into each one. Place on cookies sheets and put in oven. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until golden.

Using a mixer, beat together the icing sugar and butter. Gradually add vanilla and 1 tbsp of milk. Add small amounts of milk until the frosting reaches a spreadable consistency. Add blue food colouring and stir in with wooden spoon or rubber spatula.

Let cookies cool completely. Add icing around the outer edge of the cookie and place a red string licorice on top of the icing. Voila! A spy glass!

Makes about 48 cookies.

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