Learn by Doing

Choice Edible Pillars of Cloud and Fire



The pillar of fire and cloud protected the children of Israel throughout their journey. Help children remember that the Lord protects us all the time by making two edible pillars that are fun to eat! Decide ahead of time whether the children will eat the pillars in class or take them home to eat later.

1. We are going to make two pillars—a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire. Since they will be edible, we will start by washing our hands. Once hands are washed and thoroughly dried, give each child 2 pretzel rods.
2. To make the pillar of cloud, dip one rod into the frosting, or coat it with frosting using a knife or spoon.
3. Cover the frosting with popcorn or mini-marshmallows. Put on a plate to set. If the frosting is runny, you may need to put it in a refrigerator to set.
4. If you have fruit leather, start the pillar of fire by making “flames”. Cut the fruit leather into flame-shaped pieces. *Hint*: If the candy is very sticky, put plastic bags over the children’s hands to make this easier.
5. Cover the second rod with frosting, and then stick the flames on or stick on the other kinds of red candy.
6. Put the pillar of fire on the plate with the pillar of cloud. Enjoy eating in class or cover with plastic wrap to take home.
7. Review the fact that the children of Israel followed the pillar of cloud during the daytime, and the pillar of fire at night.

Materials Needed

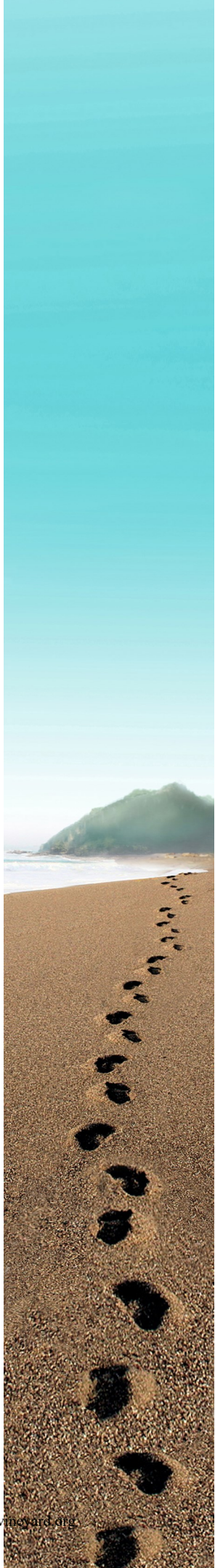
2 large pretzel rods for each child (*note*: gluten free rods may be available if needed); frosting; mini marshmallows or popcorn; fruit leather, red licorice “shoe laces”, or other red candy; paper plate, plastic wrap; table cover; hand wipes if sink is not available

Prepare in Advance

Purchase supplies. Cover the table. Lay out supplies, dividing portions if necessary. If using fat-based frosting, make sure it is room temperature for easy use.

New Church Concept Fire and Cloud

The "cloud appearing by day, and the fire by night," represented the Lord's protection of heaven and the church. For "the day when there was the cloud" signifies Divine truth in light, and the "night" signifies Divine truth in shade. *Apocalypse Explained* 504.10



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