



CRAFT

Grace-Filled Cocoa

[20 min]

Supplies

- snack-size resealable plastic bags (2 per child, plus a few extra)
- confectioners' sugar (1¼ cup for every 5 kids)
- unsweetened cocoa powder (½ cup for every 5 kids)
- powdered milk (1 cup for every 5 kids)
- large bowls (1 for every 5 kids)
- mixing spoons (1 for every 5 kids)
- ¼-cup measuring cups (1 for every 5 kids)
- mini marshmallows
- "Grace-Filled Cocoa" handouts (1 for every 5 kids) (download [here](#))
- scissors
- markers
- tape

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.
- Cut out the labels on the "Grace-Filled Cocoa" handouts.



Tip

- Can't find enough measuring cups? Use 1 to pour some sugar into a clear plastic cup. Then use permanent marker to mark where the sugar line is. Give each group of 5 kids a marked cup, and tell them to fill to the line to measure ¼ cup.

Make Hot Chocolate Packets

Show kids the sample craft you made. Have kids form mixed-age groups of five. Set out the supplies to share, and have kids follow these instructions to make two hot chocolate packets each.

- Each group will mix together 1¼ cup of confectioners' sugar (that's five ¼ cups), ½ cup of unsweetened cocoa powder (that's two ¼ cups), and 1 cup of powdered milk (that's four ¼ cups).
- Each child will get two bags. In each bag, put ¼ cup of your hot chocolate mix. Each group should have an extra ¼ cup, so you can make extra bags to distribute to another class or to adults in the lobby after church.
- Add a few marshmallows.

- Seal the bags.
- Take two labels from the “Grace-Filled Cocoa” handout.
- Decorate the labels, and tape one on each of your bags.

Talk About It

Ask: • **When do you like to drink hot chocolate?**

• **Who else do you know who likes hot chocolate?**

Say: **God shows grace**. In the Israelites’ case, he showed grace by making their water taste good.

Adding hot chocolate mix is a way to make hot water taste really good! This week, pass on God’s grace by giving your hot chocolate mixes to two people who seem to need grace. They might be feeling sad, complaining a lot, or going through a hard time. Maybe it’s even someone who’s mean to you! Reflect God’s grace by sharing your hot chocolate!

Have kids take their hot chocolate packets home and share them to show God’s grace.