## Slush Powder

Great Uses and their Meanings



**WARNING:** Do not ingest, keep out of eyes, noes and mouth. Slush powder is a super absorbent powder polymer that will solidify any liquid with which it comes into contact. The U.S. Government classifies super absorbent polymer as nontoxic but is NOT a food grade product. Do not eat or drink. If it gets in the eyes, flush with plenty of water. **Purchaser accepts full responsibility for its use and misuse.** 

## **Sample Routines**

A Test of Trust - Take a bottle of water and let everyone watch as you pour it into a Styrofoam cup (with a teaspoon of slush powder in the bottom). Ask who believes you can turn the cup upside down without a drop of water coming out. Call up a volunteer and ask if she really believes. Then ask if you can hold the cup over her head while you turn it upside down.

Spiritual Application: This is a great illustration to demonstrate the difference between believing with your head and trusting with your heart. It's also a great tool to explain that you don't need all the answers in order to keep trusting. Bad things might happen and you don't know why but you can still trust God.

**Transformation #1** - Glue a small cup inside a larger Styrofoam cup. Fill the small cup with confetti. Have slush powder on the outside of the small cup. When you pour the water in, be careful not to get any water in the small cup with the confetti. As you pour the water around the small cup, it will get so that when you turn the cup upside down, confetti will fall out. This is a great platform to talk about something being changed from what it was to something entirely different, like what happens when we are saved.

Spiritual Application: Use this to talk about the change that happens when we get saved.

**Transformation #2** - Use a clear cup and let your kids see the transformation. Once the two are mixed, a change happens. Ask if they can separate them. Of course they can't. The change is permanent.

Spiritual Application: Use this as a platform to explain Romans 12:1-2.

**Card in Jell-O** - Have a Jell-O mold out of view with slush powder in it. You will also need a cup of water with food coloring in it. Choose a volunteer to select a card and sign their name on it. Have them give you the card, palm it off and say that you have made some dessert that you want to show everyone. Pour the colored liquid into the mold and drop the card in it. By the time you bring it out for all to see, it will look like Jell-O with the signed card inside.

Spiritual Application: Explain that the card is in the Jell-O. When a person accepts Christ, the Bible says that they are "hidden in Christ." They belong to Him and He will never let go of them.

**Coin in Ice Cube** - Similar to the trick above, have a volunteer sign a coin, use sleight of hand or a coin vanisher to make it disappear and then reveal it inside an "ice cube" by means of the slush powder.

Spiritual Application: Explain that you've been tricking them all since you called up your volunteer. Things aren't always the way they appear. And in life, you have to stay

alert and be careful not to get tricked by the ways of the world. Read and explain 1 Peter 5:8.

**Pencils through Glass of Liquid** - Have some powder in the bottom of a Styrofoam cup. Pour a drink into the cup and then run pencils or spikes through the cup to show that the drink doesn't spill out.

Spiritual Application: This is not what you expected to happen and in life you'll face a lot of things that won't go the way you might expect. But no matter what you face, you can always trust God. Read and explain Romans 8:28. (You can expand this illustration by explaining a difficult situation that goes with each spike you enter. Or, let each pencil represent a different kind of temptation or an excuse for not sharing the Gospel or doing what's right, etc.)

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