

Activity: **Make a Piñata**

Discussion: Mission Day Activity

Scripture : Acts 1:8

YOU WILL NEED: On large paper sack, an assortment of candy, staples or tape to close the bag, glue, streamers, and any other decorations you desire to put on the piñata. You will also need a bandana, a stick with which to hit the piñata, and a string or another way of hanging the piñata.

Make the Piñata

Make a piñata in the following way: Take a large paper bag. Help your students to fill it with candy. Then fold the top over a few times and staple or tape it down. Then let the students use glue and torn up streamers to decorate the outside. Your students can also draw pictures on it or color it. Let them be creative and if you have a large class, you might want to make a piñata for every 5 to 7 kids.

While the students are making this craft, also take opportunities to review and reinforce your lesson or Bible verse. This is also a great time to take prayer requests and to have casual conversation with your kids about what is going on in their lives and where they are spiritually with Christ.

Break the Piñata

Use a bandana to blindfold students one at a time, spin them around and give them one swing (using the wooden stick) at the piñata. Be careful that all the students are far from the person swinging and that the person swinging doesn't let go of the stick. Beforehand tell the students that they all may not get a turn. You might even draw names to see who gets to go first. Again, be sure to tell your swingers to be sure *NOT* to let go of the stick they are swinging. Also, let the kids know in advance that you are going to equally distribute the candy after the piñata is broken, so there's no need to rush headlong down for it.

After the piñata is broken, equally distribute the candy and let the kids eat it. While they eat, take prayer requests and pray or discuss your lesson further.

NOTE: This is a great craft/activity for a mission's day, using Acts 1:8 as a key verse. If you want to do a Mexican Mission Day, along with this craft, let the kids hear John 3:16 in Spanish. You could also lead them in a Spanish song or a game that Mexican children play. By the way, the popular sport in Mexico is...soccer.