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A Note for Parents

The fourth of July is an American holiday where we celebrate our independence and freedom. While it's a secular holiday, it's also a great time to talk about the freedom we receive from Jesus.

This resource was created so that parents can openly discuss Jesus... His life on this earth, His death on the cross, and His ascension to heaven. All of these things can be discussed with your children to help them understand that because of Jesus' sacrifice, we are given the freedom from sin and death. The best freedom we can ever receive!

This resource has four different parts to it:

- **Family Faith** (family devotion and Scripture readings)
- **Family Crafts** (hands-on crafts for your kids)
- **Family Activities** (fun events for you to do together as a family)
- **Family Food** (some dessert ideas for your kids).

You can choose one element from each part, complete them all, or mix and match what works best for your family. Enjoy mixing faith into your 4th of July celebration!

FAMILY FAITH

Finding Freedom

This activity is designed to help children open their Bibles and practice finding Bible verses. This is also a great way for families to sit down and read the Bible together!

Grab a Bible and search the verses below for the words "freedom" or "free". After you have found each one, read them out loud to your whole family and discuss. (You will use these verses to create Scripture stars in the next activity).

- **Romans 6:22**
- **2 Corinthians 3:17**
- **John 8:36**
- **Galatians 5:13-14**
- **Psalms 119:41-45**
- **Acts 13:38-39**
- **Luke 4:14-22**
- **James 1:25**



FAMILY CRAFT

Patriotic Slime

Supplies Needed: Elmer's glue, liquid laundry detergent, white shaving cream, star confetti, red and blue food coloring, mixing bowl, measuring cup, spoon

There are a couple of ways you can make this slime. You can do one that is white with red and blue confetti stars OR you can make one that is red, white, and blue. Here are directions for both options:

Star Slime

In a large bowl, mix together one 4oz bottle of Elmer's glue and 1 cup white shaving cream. Stir till well blended. Add 2 Tbsp liquid laundry detergent and stir well. You can add more detergent if necessary but you don't need a lot. Then add in your star confetti. Knead the slime with your hands to continue making it fluffy. Have fun with the slime!

Red, White, and Blue Slime

In three separate bowls, combine one 4oz bottle of Elmer's glue and 1 cup white shaving cream. Stir well. Next add 2 Tbsp. liquid detergent. You may add more detergent if needed but you won't need a lot. Add red food coloring to one, blue to another, and leave the third one white. Stir together well. Knead the slime with your hands to continue making it fluffy. You can then add the different colors together and enjoy creating patriotic shapes!

FAMILY FOOD

Homemade Ice Cream

1 can evaporated milk

1 can sweetened condensed milk

Milk (enough to fill container)

1 Tbsp. vanilla

3 cups sugar

Homemade ice cream maker

Rock salt

Ice

In your homemade ice cream maker, mix together evaporated milk and sweetened condensed milk. Add milk, filling to the "fill" line inside your ice cream maker and stir.

Add vanilla and sugar. Stir until well blended. Add more vanilla and sugar if desired.

Follow the directions for your ice cream maker and let it churn until ready.