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Candy Firing Catapult ©

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Overview

For this task the children will make a 'Candy Firing Catapult'. Then have a little competition using them.

Materials Needed Per Catapult

- 10 x Craft sticks
- 4 x Rubber bands
- Craft paint & foam paintbrush
- 1 x Bottle cap
- Hot glue gun or glue
- Large bowl for each team of two-four depending on how large your group is
- 'Ammo' – these can be marshmallows/pom-poms/or any other kinds of small candy (at least 10 each – you will need more if you play two rounds)
 - Warning if you are using hard candy make sure everyone is firing away from where the children are and only at their targets



Preparation At The Meeting

1. Lay out the materials for each child on their tables

Making the Catapult Directions

1. Paint all the craft sticks; they can be the same colour or different colors. Let the paint dry completely
2. Tie a rubber band around two sticks at the end, then set aside



3. Stack the remaining eight sticks and rubber band them together at both ends
4. Slide the stack of eight sticks in between the two sticks that you already banded together



5. Use the fourth rubber band to secure all of the craft sticks together by making an x in the centre



6. Now using your glue secure the bottle cap to the end of the catapult. This is a perfect spot to place the candy or pom-pom
7. To fire place once finger on the bottom stick then using the other hand hold down the top stick and let go.

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Direction** - Have a quick dry run putting together the catapult before your meeting
2. **Speak** - The next task you need to do for your 'Creative Badge' is to try a craft. So what we are going to do tonight is make a 'Candy Firing Catapult'. Once we've made them we will fire candy into a bowl and the ones you get in you can eat!
3. **Action** – Do a quick demonstration of how to make the catapult then get the children to follow your directions step by step
4. **Direction** - Once the catapult is built. Use one of the children to test how far the candy will fly so you can get an idea of how far away to place the bowls
5. **Direction** - Then space out the bowls at your chosen distance
6. **Direction** - Arrange the children into teams of 2-4 depending on how large your group is and give each child 10 candies. The first child in each team fires their first candy then the second child will go. Once all team members have fired their first one they can fire their second and so on
7. **Direction** - Once everyone has fired all their candies each team can go to their bowl and split the candy between their team (if your floor is clean I guess they eat the ones that didn't get into the bowl)
8. **Note:** If you've decided to use pom pom's maybe you could have a little prize for the team that has the most in their bowl at the end
9. **Direction** - If they are enjoying themselves play a second round