



**"Sheriff's Hacienda"
Vacation Bible School**

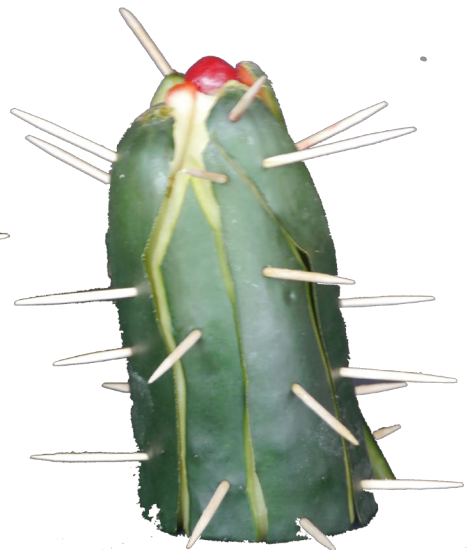
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Lesson 1: Wanted

Cucumber Cactus

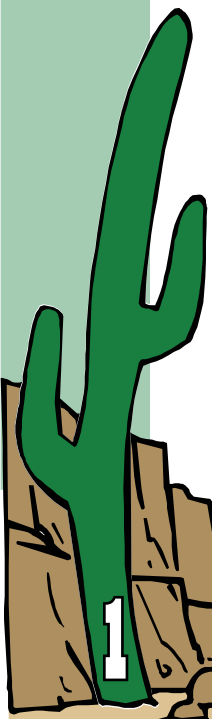
Today's snack is an adorable cactus made from a cucumber! First, cut the cucumber in half and then add a bunch of toothpicks, sticking out on all sides. This makes a prickly cactus like those that the cowboys avoided. Make one for each child, or slice the cucumbers lengthwise and have several children share a "cactus." The cucumber is peeled and the toothpicks are holding up the green outside and the lengthwise slices inside. Have chili pepper and lime available for spicing up their cacti.



Lesson 2: Jailed

Cupcakes with Cacti

Today your students will enjoy a delicious cupcake with a cactus on top, with or without frosting. The cactus is made of green jelly beans and sliced green jelly candy. You can also make the cactus with green grapes held together with toothpicks. A red candy on top adds interest. You can bake cupcakes or you can go to your local bakery and pick up some easy muffins, as shown in the picture.



Lesson 3: Bailed

Cookie Cowboy Hats

Today your students can easily make their own cowboy hat snacks! They are just cookies with a gumdrop placed on top with frosting. Enjoy!



Lesson 4: Branded

"S'mores" on a Stick

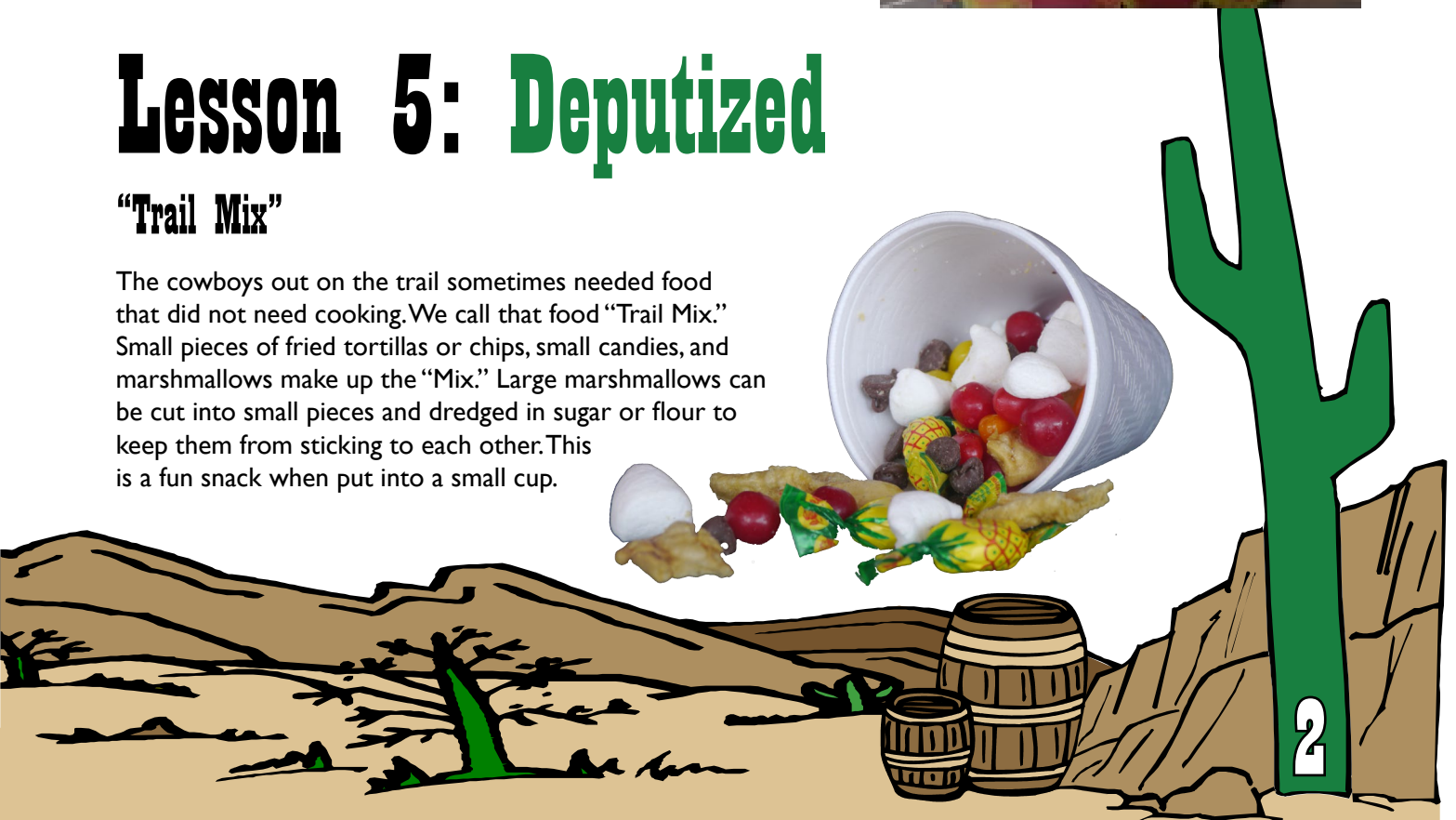
The cowboys would often sit around a fire at night chatting and sleeping. I bet they enjoyed the classic "s'more" snack by the campfire. Your students will enjoy this version of the "s'more" with marshmallows on a stick dipped in melted chocolate (a chocolate candy) then dipped in cookie crumbs. The stick could also be a plastic fork.



Lesson 5: Deputized

"Trail Mix"

The cowboys out on the trail sometimes needed food that did not need cooking. We call that food "Trail Mix." Small pieces of fried tortillas or chips, small candies, and marshmallows make up the "Mix." Large marshmallows can be cut into small pieces and dredged in sugar or flour to keep them from sticking to each other. This is a fun snack when put into a small cup.



Extra Ideas



Horse Snack

Horses are loved by all children. These are special decorations on the top of cupcakes, however, they could stand alone as a fun snack.

Start with wafer cookies and use frosting to attach the head and neck as shown. Use a piping bag or a plastic bag with a tiny hole in the corner to squeeze frosting onto the cookie. Swirl a mane and tail onto the cookie with white frosting. The nose, eyes, and ears are chocolate frosting. If the finished horse is being pushed onto a cupcake, some sprinkles add a fancy touch.

Watermelon Cactus

Decorate your snack table with a big western cactus.

Start with a large watermelon, cutting off the end so it can stand and remain stable on a plate or platter. Toothpicks stuck into the melon give the appearance of cactus spines. The arms are cucumbers attached with skewers or toothpicks. Decorate the tips with fresh flowers or imitation flowers. Surround the gigantic cactus with fruit kabobs made with fruit that is seasonally available in your area. In the picture the skewers have watermelon, pineapple, strawberries, and grapes, but you can use any fruits or vegetables that your students enjoy.

