



# POPCORN PARTY

## Decorations

Buy red and white paper popcorn bags and decorate with red and white items to match them. You can even find popcorn balloons, tablecloths and napkins at party stores or online. Use red and white streamers on the walls to mimic the stripes on the popcorn bags. Decorate the hallway leading up to the room(s) where your club meets as a “Red Carpet.” area. Lay down a red carpet (or red bulletin board paper) along the length or part of the hallway. Hang gold stars from the ceiling.

## Activities

### Make the Snack

Have kids work together to create their popcorn snack, following the instructions under “Snacks.”

### Video

What’s better than eating popcorn while watching a video?

## Songs

Sing songs about how God changes and transforms us.

## Devotional

**We have made some delicious popcorn today.**

- **Can anyone tell me what popcorn is made out of?** (Kernels of corn.)

**Before corn can become popcorn, it is a completely different food. It has a different color, shape, size and taste! Yet, when you put it through heat, it completely transforms into a delicious snack.**

- **Can you think of something else that completely transforms?** (Take responses.)

**Throughout the Bible, we can see that God has transformed the lives of many people. Today we are going to talk about Saul’s transformation.** Read Acts 9:1-2.

- **How did Saul show his anger towards Christians?** (Made threats; Chased them; Planned to arrest them; Tried to kill them.)

**Saul had arrested Christians before! Now he was starting on a long trip to Damascus to look for more believers.** Read Acts 9:3-8.

- **If you were one of the people with Saul, how do you think you would have responded?** (Take responses.)

**Saul was blind and had to be helped into Damascus. He waited and prayed there for three days.** Read Acts 9:10-11.

- **Why do you think Ananias was afraid of Saul?** (Saul hated Christians and hurt them.)

**Ananias obeyed God anyway and went to Saul.** Read Acts 9:17-20.

- **What did God do for Saul?** (Saul could see and was filled with the Holy Spirit.)
- **How much had Saul changed—a little (show me with your hands close together) or a lot (hands wide apart)? Explain Why.** (A lot; Stopped chasing Christians, started preaching.)

**Saul was totally transformed—and it showed! But Saul was going to continue to change. And change can take time. I’m going to read some Bible verses. Listen carefully to how Saul needed to change or grow.** Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16.

- **What did Saul need to change?** (He was the worst of sinners.)
- **How was God helping him?** (Mercy; Patience.)



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Growing might mean learning new things. Stand up if you can answer “Yes” to a question.

- Can you ride a bike?
- Dribble a soccer ball?
- Play a musical instrument?
- Jump rope?
- Tie your shoes?
- How did you learn to do those things? (By making mistakes; By falling down; By doing it wrong; By learning to do it right.)

**God helped Saul change and grow in his faith by having Saul teach people about Jesus and God’s Word. Saul started churches, taught God’s Word and shared the Gospel. Saul’s name even changed to Paul.**

**At the end of Pauls’ life, he was in prison because he was talking about Jesus! Read 2 Timothy 1:7.**

- How was God helping Paul in prison? (He Gave Paul the Holy Spirit to help him not be afraid.)
- When someone becomes a Christian, do they become perfect right away? (No.)

**We receive a new life when we believe in Jesus—but we’re not perfect until we get to heaven someday. We keep growing and changing while we live here on earth. It’s great to know that God keeps working in us and never gives up!**

## Bible Memory

Memorize 1 Timothy 1:16. Sit in a circle. Kids will go around in the circle saying the next word of the verse. When it is their turn to say the next word, they will jump up like they are a kernel of popcorn that has just popped. For the first round, each kid says one word. Continue around the circle until you have said the whole verse. For the second round, each kid will say the next two words of the verse. For the third round, each kid will say three words of the verse and so on.

## Games

### Popcorn

Your youngest kids will enjoy this jumping game. Have them all crouch down and be ready to leap up like popcorn when you call out, “1-2-3 pop!” Trouble is, you get confused sometimes and count “1-2-3 pig!” or “1-2-3 pickle” or “1-2-21/2-15-3 pop!”

### Cornhole

Bring the beanbag tossing game known as “Cornhole” or “Bags” for kids to try out.

### All—Popcorn!

Players roam around the playing area until you call a number and an item, such as “3—horse!” Players quickly form groups of three and each group uses their bodies to form a horse. (Items may be formed upright or lying down.) Comment on their efforts and have them roam again. Call other combinations. Every so often, call out, “All—popcorn!” and let everyone have fun jumping up and down.

#### Ideas:

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| • Train           | • Dinosaur        |
| • Washing machine | • Dump truck      |
| • River           | • Bulldozer       |
| • Bridge          | • Basketball hoop |
| • Bicycle         | • Power drill     |
| • Ice cream cone  | • Popcorn Toss    |

Players stand behind a start line and throw a piece of popcorn as far as they can. It’s surprisingly hard!

### Popcorn Egg Toss

Players pair up, each holding a small paper cup. Give each pair a piece of popcorn. Starting close together, one partner tosses the popcorn and the other catches it in the cup. Partners take one step back if successful.



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Then the catcher tosses the popcorn to the first player and so on.

## Popcorn Truck

Mark a start line with large bag(s) of plain popcorn nearby. Mark a finish line with a large empty box for each pair. Players pair up. One partner gets on hands and knees behind the start line—this is the popcorn truck. The other partner puts as much popcorn onto the truck's back as possible. On "Go," the truck drives to the finish line as fast as he or she thinks is reasonable to keep the popcorn on the truck. He or she dumps the popcorn into the box and runs back. The second partner is now the truck and the first partner loads the truck. Time three minutes and see how much popcorn each pair has moved. Bring plenty of brooms and have everyone help sweep and pick up spilled popcorn.

## Snacks

### Popcorn Balls

Help kids make popcorn balls.

Recipe:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 4 cups mini marshmallows
- 12 cups popped popcorn

Microwave butter on high for 1 minute or until melted. Stir in marshmallows. Microwave until melted when stirred, stirring occasionally. Pour marshmallow mixture over popcorn and mix with a spoon to coat. Let mixture cool just enough to handle. Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray. Form mixture into 8-10 balls. Place on pieces of waxed paper and drop into paper popcorn bags.

### Flavored Popcorn

Help kids make several toppings for popcorn. Put

popped popcorn in large bowls. Drizzle it with melted butter and let kids mix to coat. Put buttered popcorn in paper popcorn bags. Let kids use 1/8 teaspoon measuring spoons to sprinkle on seasonings of their choice. Ideas:

### Cinnamon Sugar

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- cinnamon chips

### Ranch

- 1/4 cup dried buttermilk powder
- 1 teaspoon dried dill
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

### Mexican Chocolate

- 1/4 cup hot chocolate powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- pinch of cayenne pepper, if you're brave!

### Italian

- 2 tablespoon basil
- 2 tablespoon parsley
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt

### Taco

- 2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)

# Popcorn Party NIV Bible Memory Cards



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