

“In the world but not of it.”

Materials needed:

A jar (or some type of clear container)

Water

Oil

Food coloring (red is best)

A spoon or something to stir the ingredients together

Step 1: Pour water in a jar

SAY: The water in the jar represents THE WORLD
(meaning the things of this world, pride, basically the things that are not of the Lord).



Step 2: Pour oil into the jar of water.

SAY: The oil in the jar represents US.



READ:

1 John 2: 15-17:

¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Romans 12:1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.^[b] ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

ASK: What are some things that are of the world?
How can we offer our bodies to God as a holy sacrifice?

Step 3: Add the food coloring

SAY: The food coloring represents THE THINGS OF THE WORLD.



Step Four: Stir all together

SAY: Sometimes we sin and we become like the "world". Then we need to repent.



READ:

John 3:16:

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave[a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 1:19

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Step Five: Shine a Flashlight behind the jar. The lights won't cut through the bottom part but really lights up the oil.

SAY: We are not “of the world” but we still go into the world to share our light, to share the love of Jesus.



Read:
Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

ASK: How can we let our light shine so that it cannot be hid? How can we share the love of Jesus with those around us?

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