

Mission Brief Day 1 Flower Power Instructions

Supplies:

White carnation

Food coloring

Water

Vase or clear cup

Sharp knife or scissors

Instructions:

1. Add 12 drops of food coloring into a small, clear vase or cup. Blue or Green work best.
2. Fill with water. You may need to add more drops of food coloring, depending on the size of the vase. You want a deep, distinct color.
3. Using your scissors cut the stem of a single carnation at an angle and place inside the vase.
4. You will begin to see the carnations changing color. The flower's stem draws up the colored water and distributes to the petals.

This represents the transformation in our life over time when we have accepted Jesus into our lives, begin to drink in His word and pray, and faithfully meet and worship with other Christians. Our lives begin to take on the color and flavor of a life spent with Jesus.

Notes:

- It might be helpful to have an example that has already sat in water to show what it WILL be. The longer the flower sits in the colored water, the more vivid its colors become. Explain this is like the people who have lived a long time loving Jesus. They act like Him and love like He loves. Who do you know who acts like Jesus?
- The green and blue food coloring typically comes out most vivid.
- For a twist, you can actually cut up the stem and put one half in clear water and the other in colored water. You will see only half of the flower turn colors. This is a good experiment to show the older kids what it is like when they try to both act like the world AND then at church act like a Christian.