



SPECIAL TOUCHES:

BOLDLY SHINE

Finishing the class with a memorable activity that includes a keepsake provides participants with a tangible reminder of all they've learned. Both activities listed below have proven to be impactful, with many participants sharing years later that they still cherish the rock or vial they received. Since both activities require advance preparation, be sure to plan accordingly. **Only have time for 1 activity? Go with the rock (#2)!**

1. Line in the Sand Activity

Objective: Allow participants who feel led to “draw a line in the sand” to move forward with intention.

Materials Needed:

- Small vials (one for each participant)
- Sand (to fill the vials)
- Permanent markers for writing – black sharpies work best

Implementation Steps:

1. **Preparation:** Before the class, fill each small vial with sand.
2. **Action:** At the end of the class, invite participants who feel led to draw a “line in the sand” to signify a decision or commitment to move forward differently to come forward.
3. **Action:** Have participants each select a vial and write the date or specific action on it.
4. **Conclusion:** Encourage participants to keep the vial as a personal reminder of their commitment.

2. Rock Affirmation Activity

Objective: Celebrate participants' growth and provide a tangible reminder of God's support.

Materials Needed:

- Smooth rocks (one for each participant)
 - We typically use dark rocks, though any kind will do
- Permanent markers or paint pens (for writing the scripture verses)
 - If using dark rocks, use silver or white paint pens. If using light rocks, use black or dark sharpies.

Implementation Steps:

1. **Preparation:** Write one of the following verses on each rock in advance:

"Honey from the Rock" (Deuteronomy 32:13)

"There is no rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2)

"My God is my rock" (2 Samuel 22:3)

"Be my rock of refuge" (Psalm 31:2)

"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Psalm 61:2)

2. Introduction

At the end of the class, express the joy it has been to witness each participant's growth throughout the program. Let them know that you have something special for each of them.

3. Distribution

Hand out one rock at a time, sharing specific observations about how you've seen each individual grow as you present their rock. Continue this process until every participant has received their rock and has been acknowledged for their journey.

Alternate: Don't have time to create the rocks in advance? You can still share how special it has been to witness everyone's growth throughout the Boldly Shine classes. Then, distribute the rocks to each participant. Provide them with a list of potential scriptures and encourage them to personalize their individual rocks as a touchstone of God's faithfulness in their lives.