

Approximate Time: 15 minutes

Prep Time: 5 minutes **Cook Time:** 10 minutes

Caramel Popcorn Homes

1 c. brown sugar
1 cube butter or margarine
1/4 c. white corn syrup
1 tsp. vanilla extract.
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt (omit salt if using salted popcorn)

2 bags of microwave popcorn or 4 quarts of regular popped corn

Treat Time:

Show your family the ingredients for the popcorn houses. Explain that each ingredient is important for the recipe to come together to make the yummy popcorn homes. Explain that each family member is like the ingredients. Each of us has our own strengths and talents. By ourselves we can do many things, but when we come together we can shape our house into a home and help each other follow God's plan.

Cook popcorn according to package directions. Pour into an extra large bowl. Remove any unpopped kernals. Place brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and vanilla in a 2 quart glass bowl. Microwave on high for three minutes. Remove from microwave oven and stir. Return to microwave and cook on high for an additional one and one half minutes. Stir in baking soda (this is fun for children to watch the chemical change that takes place). Pour over popcorn. Stir until popcorn is evenly coated. Give each family member a handful of caramel corn to shape into a "Popcorn Home."

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.