Brmmm-eaking news! It’s The Big Freeze week here at Victory Junction and we’ve got a cool activity for you today. On a hot summer’s day we dream of just a minute of cold weather to cool down, but did you know that while it’s hot in the summer here in America, half of our world is experiencing the winter season? While most of us experience summer and hot temperatures May-August, countries in the southern hemisphere of our planet (like Australia) experience winter and cooler temperatures during these same months. Earth’s tilted axis causes us to have different seasons. Throughout the year, different parts of Earth receive the sun’s most direct rays, making it warmer in those places. Right now we are experiencing summer because in our part of the world, we are receiving the sun’s most direct rays. Regardless of what season you’re currently experiencing, I think we can all agree that snow cones are a treat at any time of the year and that’s exactly what we’ll be making today!

Below you will see a list of suggested materials, but please get creative and use what you have on hand at home! There is no single way to do this craft!

**Materials:**

- Ice
- Flavored liquid (juice, syrup, or liquid of any kind)
- Food processor, blender*, OR 2 plastic baggies and a heavy utensil (like a potato smasher)
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*adult supervision advised
Let's get STARTED!

Step 1
Scoop about 2 cups of ice into a blender or a gallon size plastic baggie. If you choose to use baggies, please make sure to double bag the ice by putting the ice into one baggie then putting that baggie into another. This will ensure that there are no leaks and you have all of your crushed ice for your snow cone!

Step 2
Blend or smash the ice until the particles are very small. You want your ice to have a snow like consistency – think about what it feels like to make a snowball!

Step 3
Transfer your crushed ice into a bowl or cup. Pour your liquid of choice on top of your ice. You can add as much or as little liquid as you like, but be aware that the more liquid you add the more your ice will melt! Experiment with different liquids like juice, store bought snow cone syrups, or try coming up with your own concoction!

Step 4
Enjoy your homemade snow cone and stay cool!

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All finished? We want to see it! Share your snow cones with us @victoryjunction or by using the hashtag #VJatHome