

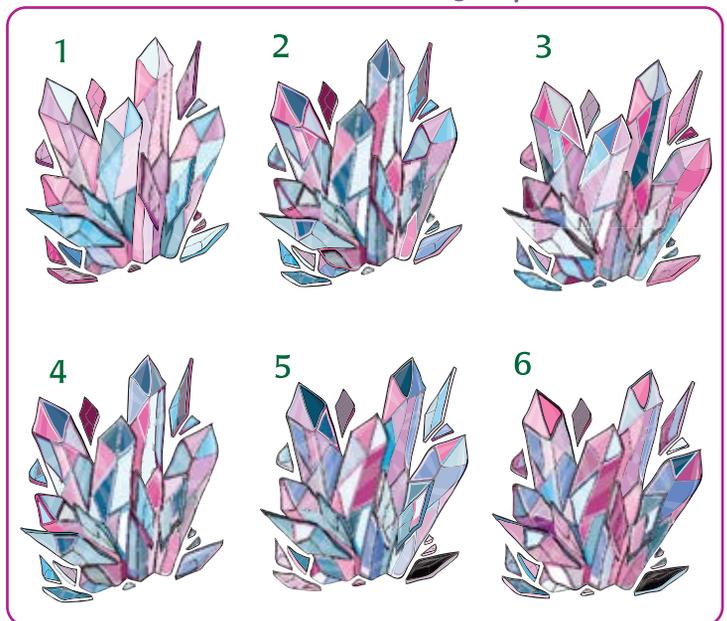
Crystals are like hidden treasures the Lord Jesus placed in nature! Some are precious, like diamonds and emeralds. But the word “crystal” actually describes more than sparkly gemstones. Everything you see is made of tiny particles called atoms. When these itty-bitty units fit together in a repeating pattern, they form a crystal! Did you also know...



Amethyst

- ✓ Gemstone crystals are created by heat, pressure, and/or mineral-rich water.
- ✓ A geode is a rock that looks normal on the outside, but it's lined with crystals like amethyst on the inside.
- ✓ Other examples of crystals include table salt, sugar, and even snowflakes.

Find the two matching crystals.



### Word Scramble

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| 1. yslatrc _____ | 4. eoged _____ |
| 2. omat _____    | 5. tasl _____  |
| 3. ieamnlr _____ | 6. crko _____  |

### Make-Your-Own Rock Candy

Supplies: water, sugar, a glass jar, clothespins, skewers, and food coloring and flavoring (optional)

1. With an adult's help, heat 1 cup of water and slowly add 3½ cups of sugar. Let boil for 10 minutes. Add coloring and flavoring.
2. Dip half of each skewer into the liquid, then coat with sugar. Let dry.
3. Meanwhile, pour the solution into the jar. Let cool.
4. Place the coated skewers into the jar and clamp them with clothespins. Note: the skewers shouldn't rest against the bottom of the jar.
5. Leave the jar alone for 4–5 days to let the crystals grow!



Answers to the matching crystals: 2, 4; word scramble: crystal, atom, mineral, geode, salt, rock