

## **Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum**

### **(Prague, Czech Republic)**

#### **Take a trip to Prague, and make your own Czech bead necklace**

*60 minutes prep, 30 minutes of class time*

In this lesson, your class can be taught about the Czech Republic, its castles and history. Then they can learn about the czech tradition of making glass beads. They will be able to make their own necklaces with straw beads.

#### **Required Materials:**

1. Premade Necklaces or Precut twine to fit
2. 50 Pack of multi-colored drinking straws, cut into 1/4 portions

**Preparation:** If using twine, Precut twine to appropriate length. Put ¼ inch portions of multi-colored drinking straws and set them in a bowl on the tables.

#### **Lesson Plan:**

1. Begin by asking the children what country we live in, and then help them locate that country on a map or globe. Then show them where the Czech Republic is on a map/globe. (5 mins)
2. Use the powerpoint or printed images to take the children on a tour of the Czech Republic, emphasizing that they have a history of building beautiful and impressive castles. (5 mins)
  - a. First half of the powerpoint highlights the castles of the Czech Republic then show some traditional czech clothes and czech food. (notes on powerpoint)
  - b. Second half of the powerpoint concentrates on bead making and the process of traditional glass bead production.
3. Explain the craft activity to the class (10 mins):
  - a. The students will have a bowl of 1/4 inch colored straws and either a premade necklace with clasps or precut twine with knots for the necklace.
  - b. Students will place the straw beads on the thread/necklace until they are satisfied or there is no room left.
  - c. If time allows, adults can assist the students in putting their necklaces on.

