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Little Light of Mine

Many kids in developing countries don't have electricity. Candles can help these kids read and find their way in the dark. Try making your own candle!

Supplies

- scissors
- wick or cotton string
- wax (use melted wax from old candles or buy wax at craft store)
- baby bottle or other plastic bottle with wide opening
- 4 c. water

Directions

1. Cut the wick so that it's at least 4" longer than the bottle.
2. Fill the plastic bottle almost all the way to the top with pieces of wax.
3. Bring water to boil in a large pot. Place the bottle of wax in the water. When the wax has melted, place the bottle on your work surface.
4. Lower the wick all but about 4" into the wax. Remove, count to 5, dip again.
5. Repeat until you're happy with how your candle looks.
6. Hang the candle by its wick and let it dry at least 3 hours. Then trim the wick to about a half-inch long.