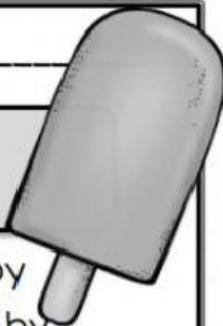


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Popsicles!



Do you like popsicles? Did you know they were invented by a kid? Not only were they invented by a kid, but it happened by accident! One night in 1905, an 11 year old boy from California named Frank Epperson made a drink for himself by stirring some soda powder with a cup of water. Later, he left the drink outside and went to bed. With the stick still inside the cup, the drink froze during the cold night. When Frank woke up, he had a frozen drink on a stick!

Frank continued to make them for others and later started selling them. He called them *epsicles*. Later, his own children changed the name to *popsicles*. As you know, popsicles are still very popular today. The cherry popsicle, the most popular flavor, even has its own day. August 26th is National Cherry Popsicle Day.

1. What did Frank do before he went to bed that cold night?

2. Why is the popsicle called an "accidental invention"?

3. More than 100 years later, popsicle are still popular. Why do you think they are such a popular food?
