

# The Beat

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Ordinary things can produce amazing results. Take, for instance, the humble Diet Coke®—plus a Mentos® candy. Drop the Mentos into the soda and watch out! Safety goggles and a safe distance are highly recommended. Since science teacher Steve Spangler introduced the Diet Coke and Mentos Eruption in 2002, people all over the world have tried it. YouTube holds over 12,000 videos of it. One such video, viewed more than 10 million times, earned the people who posted it \$50,000 from their hosting service.

Ordinary people keep working together using these two ordinary things to do the extraordinary. On June 20 of this year, Louisville, Kentucky, students earned a new Guinness World Record by setting off 1,800 Coke and Mentos geysers at the same time. Their glory was quickly gone. On June 24, students in Latvia grabbed the prize with 1,911.



## THINK ABOUT IT

- For what purposes are Diet Coke and Mentos typically used?
- Why is it helpful to have someone like Steve Spangler to show you extraordinary uses for ordinary things?

## Ordinary People

Each person is created by God with extraordinary talents and hidden potential that can be triggered with the right ingredients. What “ingredients” could help your gifts overflow like a Coke and Mentos eruption? Brainstorm a list of different talents you and your friends have. Talk about how you can work together to provide the ingredients needed to help each person be who God created him or her to be.



Name a situation in which you will try to let God use you in His way this week.