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## Influenceable (red cabbage in different colors)



A juice made from red cabbage has a completely different color in an alkaline and acidic environment. This shows how the smallest influences can have a big effect and how creative God is in creation.

## Material

- ¼ head of red cabbage
- Vinegar
- Baking soda (or baking powder)
- Washing powder
- Other acidic or alkaline substances (toilet cleaner, bile soap, etc.)
- Knife
- Cutting board
- Mortar (or other container such as a bowl or similar with blunt wood to reduce the red cabbage pulp)
- Sieve or, even better, funnel with filter paper
- At least four glasses

## **Carrying out the experiment**

- 1. Cut the red cabbage into fine, small pieces.
- 2. Using a little warm water, crush the red cabbage with a mortar in a sturdy bowl. Alternatively, simply crush the pieces in the bowl with a blunt wooden stick and mix. Add a little more water and mix well.
- 3. The red cabbage water can now be distributed into the jars through the sieve or using the funnel with filter paper.
- 4. Now you can carefully add a few drops of the following to the jars:
  - Vinegar
  - Baking soda or baking powder
  - Washing powder
  - Other acidic or alkaline substances (toilet cleaner, bile soap, etc.)
  - Perhaps the children have other ideas..

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Left (red): acidic; center (purple): neutral; right (green): alkaline (basic)

## **Biblical statement**

Everything shapes us: It is important to let Jesus shape us.

God was incredibly creative in creation (e.g. Psalm 139:14, Genesis 1:31)

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#### Proof of source

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