## **Candied Apples**

## Ingredients:

- 1. 12-14 mini red Gala apples, stemmed
- 2. 1 cup sugar
- 3. 1/3 cup light-colored corn syrup
- **4.** 1/3 cup water
- 5. Bamboo skewers

## Directions:

- 6. Line a large baking sheet with wax paper.
- 7. Insert 1 (6-inch) bamboo skewer, sharp side into stem end of each apple.
- 8. Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, and food coloring in a small heavy saucepan over medium heat.
- 9. Cook until sugar dissolves, stirring occasionally.
- 10.Cook, without stirring, until a candy thermometer registers 300° or until a small amount of syrup dropped into cold water forms hard, brittle threads (about 30 minutes).
- 11. Remove from heat.
- 12. Working with 1 apple at a time, holding apple by the skewer, dip in syrup, tilting pan to cover apple.
- 13. Turn apple quickly to coat evenly with syrup
- 14.Let excess syrup drip back into pan.
- 15. Place apple, dowel side up, on prepared baking sheet to harden (about 5 minutes).
- **16.**The cooked sugar syrup may also be used to create lollipops or candied hearts.