



## GRADES 1-3 VBS CRAFTS 2021

# DAY 1 (MONDAY): “CONSTELLATION BOX”

**STORY:** Abraham & Sarah

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 12-21

**VIRTUE:** Patience

### SUPPLIES:

- Paper box (1 each)
- Tealight (1 each)
- Scissors (shared)
- Hole punchers (shared)
- Markers (shared)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture (listed above) and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Fold the bottom/base of your box together (have volunteers demonstrate throughout the room so kids can see how to do this close up).
2. Cut off the two side flaps that would normally be folded down under the lid (so the kids don't have to hole punch through two layers of box).
3. Turn your box around and write your name on the back (the space just below the lid).
4. Use the hole punchers to make holes throughout the sides and top of your box.
5. Decorate the remaining areas with markers.
6. Add the tealight to your box, close the lid and check out the stars shining through!

### LEARNING OUTCOME:

Abraham and Sarah had to learn patience with God as he made them wait for years before he gave them what they asked. We like to run ahead of God sometimes, but when we have patience, God will show us all he has promised. Just like God blessed Abraham and Sarah for their patience and he multiplied their descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore!

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

Encourage kids to make many holes so they can see more light coming through.



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# DAY 2 (TUESDAY): “ANOTHER IN THE FIRE”

**STORY:** Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego

**SCRIPTURE** Daniel 3

**VIRTUE** Faithfulness/Trust

### SUPPLIES:

- Plastic baggie (1 each)
- Black flame cutouts (2 each)
- Red, orange and yellow tissue paper pieces (10 of each color)
- Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego cutout (3 each)
- Sharpies (for names; shared)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Place your baggie in between the two black flame cutout papers, staple each corner to secure in place.
2. Write your name with a sharpie somewhere on the baggie so it is visible.
3. Open your baggie and add 10 separated pieces of each color tissue paper (red, yellow, orange).
4. Add the Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego cutouts (3 total) to your baggie.
5. Next, close your baggie just enough that your straw can still fit through.
6. Blow through the straw to make the inside of your furnace move!

### LEARNING OUTCOME:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into the blazing furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar because they wouldn't worship his idols. They had to have faith and trust that God would save them and in the end, they were able to walk out of the fire unharmed!

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

When transporting, make sure kids put straws all the way in their baggies and seal the baggies completely shut.



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# DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY): “WIND CHIME”

**STORY:** Jesus Calms the Storm

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 8

**VIRTUE** Peace

### SUPPLIES:

- Plastic cup (1 each)
- String (1 each)
- Pipe cleaners (3 each)
- Bells (3 each)
- Pearl Pony Beads (30 each)
- Sharpies (for names; shared)
- Stickers (1 each)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Write your name on the side of your plastic cup.
2. Thread your piece of string through the hole in the bottom of your cup. This is what you will use to hang your wind chime.
3. Thread one pipe cleaner through each of the three holes on the sides of your cup, twisting the pipe cleaner to secure it in place.
4. Add 10 beads and a bell to a pipe cleaner.
5. Twist the end of the pipe cleaner to secure the bell in place.
6. Repeat steps four and five with the remaining two pipe cleaners.
7. Place your sticker on the side of the cup and your wind chime is complete!

### LEARNING OUTCOME:

Jesus was sleeping on the boat when a fierce storm arrived. His disciples were scared they would drown. Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the waves giving peace to his disciples. When we have “storms” in our lives we can trust that Jesus will give us peace.

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

- Make sure kids don't cover their names when adding stickers to the cup!
- Double check the ends of pipe cleaners are twisted properly to avoid bells/beads from falling off during transport.



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# DAY 4 (THURSDAY): “PLANET SUN CATCHER”

**STORY:** Resurrection

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 23:26-Luke 24:12

**VIRTUE** Peace

### SUPPLIES:

- Plastic lid (1 each)
- Glass beads (varies)
- Clear glue (shared)
- Sharpies (for names; shared)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Write your name on the bottom (non-shallow side) of your lid.
2. Craft volunteers put a very thin layer of clear glue in each lid, covering the entire surface.
3. Kids place glass beads in a single layer in lid.
4. When finished, kids raise hand to signal they are ready for their top coat of glue.
5. Craft volunteers carefully add another thin layer of glue to the tops of the beads. (It's really easy to overflow the glue, so the thinner each coat, the better!)
6. Shepherds bring their kids' finished lids to designated drying area - kids will bring these home tomorrow, along with a set of instructions and string to hang up their sun catchers.

### LEARNING OUTCOME:

The same God that created the heavens, the earth, the planets, and the sky, loved us so much that he sent us his son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.

Just like our prayer song ("So Will I") lyrics say:

And as You speak

A hundred billion galaxies are born

In the vapor of Your breath the planets form

If the stars were made to worship, so will I!

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

Make sure kids only place a single layer of glass beads into the glue to ensure we have enough supplies for all three sessions.



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# DAY 5 (FRIDAY): "SPIRIT BRACELET"

**STORY:** Pentecost

**SCRIPTURE** John 15 & Acts 1-5

**VIRTUE** Goodness

### SUPPLIES:

- Pack of S.P.I.R.I.T beads (1 each)
- Red beads (6 each)
- Orange beads (6 each)
- Yellow beads (6 each)
- String (1 each)
- Sharpies (for signing shirts; shared)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Thread 3 beads of each color onto your string
2. Thread the S.P.I.R.I.T beads onto your string
3. Thread the other 3 beads of each color onto your string
4. Carefully tie 4 knots with the ends of the string to complete your bracelet! (Make sure to mention this string will come undone if multiple knots are not added)

*Note: Remind shepherds to get their group's sun catchers from yesterday and send them home with the instruction sheet and string.*

### LEARNING OUTCOME:

We have all been given the power of the Holy Spirit and we are God's witnesses telling everyone about him everywhere, even to the ends of the earth!

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

- Shepherds and craft volunteers will likely need to help kids tie these bracelets as they will need at least 3-4 knots to keep from slipping.
- Kids will likely have more time after finishing their craft today, so the remainder of class will be free time to sign each other's T-shirts.