

# Get Started Guide

Welcome to the Early Childhood Digital Activity Kit for Fall! This kit includes activities for children to do with their families to explore the changing seasons we encounter in nature and in our lives.

# What's Included

- Frolic Coloring Pages.
- Two Mini Devotional Booklets—one for starting preschool and one for starting kindergarten.
- Frolic Story Puppets to help families retell the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Jonah, and Jesus Blesses Children.
- A Mini Lesson for the book Porcupine's Pie that engages children in the story.
- A Frolic Friends Paper Craft Guide that encourages fine-motor development and sensory engagement.
- A recipe for Fall-Spiced Play Dough.
- An interactive **Prayer Booklet**.
- A Science Experiment that explores the rain cycle.
- A Paper Craft Activity to explore changing seasons.

# **Kit Preparation Supplies**

You'll need these basic supplies to print and prepare the activities for a kit for each family.

- Color printer or copier
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Craft sticks

# **Kit Activity Supplies**

Some of the activities require basic supplies that you can include in the kit or encourage families to acquire on their own.

- Crayons or markers
- Frolic First Bible, Frolic Preschool Bible, or other Bible
- Porcupine's Pie book
- Plastic fork
- Paper plates
- Paintbrush
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Fabric (red and blue)
- Craft feathers (white)
- Frolic books (optional)
- Flour

- Salt
- Vegetable oil
- Cream of tartar
- Food coloring (red, yellow, and blue)
- Airtight container
- Pumpkin pie spice
- Apple pie spice
- Fall items (apple, leaves, acorn, pumpkin, etc.)
- Shaving cream
- Clear jar or cup
- Scissors
- White paper
- Painter's tape

# Assembling the Kits

Follow the steps below to prep each activity included in the Digital Activity Kit. Then put it all together in a kit for each family in your church with children ages 1–5 years old.

#### **Coloring Pages**

- 1. On 8.5 x 11-inch paper, print one set of coloring pages for each child.
- 2. If desired, include washable markers or crayons for kids to use.

#### Mini Devotionals for Preschool and Kindergarten

- 1. Print out a copy of the devotional that's appropriate for each child.
- 2. Encourage the families to follow the instructions at pocketmod.com/howto to cut and fold their devotional into a booklet.

#### **Frolic Story Puppets**

- 1. On cardstock, print a set of puppets for each family, along with the list of stories.
- 2. If desired, cut out the puppets and tape them to craft sticks, or include tape and craft sticks for families to cut out and assemble the puppets at home.
- 3. Provide a Frolic First Bible or Frolic Preschool Bible for each family, depending on the age of their kids.

#### Porcupine's Pie Mini Lesson

- 1. Print a copy of the Mini Lesson for each family.
- 2. Provide each family with a copy of *Porcupine's Pie* (Beaming Books, 2018).

#### Frolic Friends Paper Craft Guide

- 1. Print out the activity instructions on white paper and the Frolic animals on cardstock for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide the supplies so families can add texture to each animal.
- 3. Optional: Provide Frolic books so families can use their animal friends to retell the stories.

#### Fall-Spiced Play Dough

- 1. Print out the recipe for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide the recipe ingredients and supplies.

#### Little Kids Prayer Booklet

- 1. Print out a copy of the Prayer Booklet for each child. Set your printer settings to doublesided, flip on the short edge.
- 2. Fold the booklet pages in half and staple along the fold in the middle.

#### **Rain Cloud Science Experiment**

- 1. Print out a copy of the experiment for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide the experiment supplies.

#### Changing Seasons Activity

- 1. Print a copy of the activity for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide the supplies needed for the activity.

### **Delivering and Using the Kits**

Decide on a safe, socially distanced way of delivering the kits to families, and encourage them to share pictures of their projects and updates with you!



# Get Started Guide

Welcome to the Children's Digital Activity Kit for Fall! This kit includes activities for children to do with their families to explore the changing seasons we encounter in nature and in our lives.

### What's Included

- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Coloring Pages.
- **Family Activity Sticks** to help families engage with their faith and each other throughout the season.
- Affirmation Cards kids can hand out to encourage friends, family, and even people they don't know very well.
- An Apple Seed Science Experiment to explore how seeds turn into plants and trees.
- Shrinky Dink Backpack Tags to help get ready for back-to-school.
- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl **Bible Reading Guides** to read about people experiencing change in the Bible.
- A Fact-Finding Challenge to help kids engage with The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century.
- An Instrument Craft so kids can strum along with their favorite songs.
- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Sunday School Invitation Postcards.
- A Pet Blessing for St. Francis of Assisi Sunday.
- A Roasted Pumpkin Recipe so families can get a taste of the season.
- An Art Project that helps kids explore the season.

## **Kit Preparation Supplies**

You'll need these basic supplies to print and prepare the activities for a kit for each family.

- Color printer or copier
- Scissors
- Avery pre-perforated business cards

### **Kit Activity Supplies**

Some of the activities require basic supplies that you can include in the kit or encourage families to acquire on their own.

- Washable markers or crayons
- Holy Moly Bible Storybooks (Year 1 Unit 1 and Year 2 Unit 1), Whirl Kids Story Bible, Whirl Lectionary Story Bible, or Spark Story Bible
- Whirl Kids Study Bible, Whirl Lectionary NRSV Bible, Connect Bible, or Spark NRSV Bible
- Craft sticks or tongue depressors (red, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple)
- Jar or cup
- Plastic sandwich-size zipper bag
- Paper towel
- Apples
- Paring knife
- · Shrinky dink sheets
- Single-hole punch
- String, ribbon, or key rings

- Baking sheet
- The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century book (Beaming Books, 2017)
- Empty tissue box (with a "pop-up" top)
- Empty paper towel tube
- Thin rubber bands
- Paint and paintbrushes (optional)
- Box cutter
- Pencils
- Tape
- Pie, or sugar, pumpkin
- Oil (canola or olive oil work well)
- Salt
- Nontoxic paint (brown, green, blue, red, orange, pink, and white)
- Round painting sponge

- Envelopes or rubber bands
- Avery postcard template or cardstock

# Assembling the Kits

Follow the steps below to prep each activity included in the Digital Activity Kit. Then put it all together into a kit for each family in your church with kids ages 5–13 years old.

#### **Coloring Pages**

- 1. Choose the coloring pages that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
- 2. On 8.5 x 11-inch paper, print one set of coloring pages for each kid.
- 3. If desired, include washable markers or crayons for kids to use.

#### Family Activity Sticks

- 1. Print the pages of activities for each family.
- 2. Place one craft stick or tongue depressor of each color (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) into a cup or jar.

#### Affirmation Cards

- 1. On a perforated business card template, print one set of Affirmation Cards for each kid.
- 2. Tear the cards apart and put each stack into an envelope or wrap a rubber band around them.

#### Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Bible Reading Guides

- 1. Choose the Reading Guides that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
- 2. Print a copy of the Reading Guide for each family.
- 3. If desired, provide Spark, Whirl, Holy Moly, or Connect Bibles for families to use at home, if they don't already have one.

#### Apple Seed Science Experiment

- 1. Print a copy of the science experiment for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide the supplies needed for the activity.

#### Handprint Seasons Art Project

- 1. Print out a set of instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide the supplies needed for the activity.

#### The World Jesus Knew Fact-Finding Challenge

- 1. Print a copy of the activity for each child in each family.
- 2. Provide a copy of *The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century* (Beaming Books, 2017) for each family.
- 3. If desired, provide writing utensils.

#### Instrument Craft

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, include all supplies needed to make the tissue box guitar.
- 3. Consider providing recommendations for music families can enjoy together at home.

#### Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Sunday School Invitations

- 1. Choose the Sunday School Invitations that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
- 2. Print the invitations on an Avery postcard template or on card stock.
- 3. Cut or separate the invitations.
- 4. Fill in the appropriate information on the invitations and give to families to invite someone new to church.

#### **Pet Blessing**

- 1. Print the blessing for families to use at home.
- 2. Encourage them to take videos or pictures of themselves blessing their animals to share.

#### **Roasted Pumpkin Recipe**

- 1. Print a set of instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide ingredients and supplies for families to make the recipe at home.

#### Shrinky Dink Backpack Tags

- 1. Print a set of activity instructions and design templates for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide shrinky dink sheets and markers for each family.

### **Delivering and Using the Kits**

Decide on a safe, socially distanced way of delivering the kits to families, and encourage them to share pictures of their projects and updates with you!



# Get Started Guide

Welcome to the Youth Digital Activity Kit for Fall! This kit includes activities for youth to do alone or with their families to explore the theme of changing seasons.

## What's Included

- A **Bible Reading Plan** that takes students through stories about change in the Bible.
- An activity, family liturgy, and blessing for All Saints.
- A Dehydrated Fruit Recipe so students can explore an old method for preserving food.
- Two **Mini Devotionals**—one for students entering middle school and one for those entering high school.
- Twelve sets of Journal Pages to get students thinking about change and transitions.
- A **Paint with Bob** art activity that can be done solo, with an in-person a group, or through video conferencing.
- A Sabbath Activity to help students find moments of rest during a hectic and busy season.

# **Kit Preparation Supplies**

You'll need these basic supplies to print and prepare the activities for a kit for each family.

- Color printer or copier
- Glue
- Composition notebooks
- Scissors

# **Kit Activity Supplies**

Some of the activities require basic supplies that you can include in the kit or encourage youth to acquire on their own.

- Colaborate Student Bible, Connect Bible, or other Bible
- Writing utensils
- Fruit (strawberries, bananas, apples, peaches, pineapples, pears, kiwis, mangoes, etc.)
- Metal baking sheets
- Lemon juice
- Small bowl
- Mandolin slicer or paring knife

- Oven or food dehydrator
- Large canvas, 24 in. x 30 in.
- Oil paint (red, white, blue, black, green, yellow)
- Large paintbrush
- Small paintbrush
- Paint palette or paper plate
- Writing paper
- Scissors

# Assembling the Kits

Follow the steps below to prep each activity included in the Digital Activity Kit. Then put it all together in a kit for each family in your church with youth in grades 6–12.

#### All Saints Family Activity

- 1. Print the activity for each family.
- 2. Encourage families to do the exploration, liturgy, and blessing together.

#### Fall Changing Seasons Reading Guide

- 1. Print a copy of the Reading Guide for each student.
- 2. Make sure each student has a Colaborate Student Bible, Connect Bible, or other Bible.

#### **Dehydrated Fruit Recipe**

- 1. Print a copy of the recipe for each family.
- 2. If desired, include the ingredients for students to make the dried fruit.

#### Mini Devotionals for Middle and High School

- 1. Print out a copy of the devotional that's appropriate for each student.
- 2. Follow the instructions at pocketmod.com/howto to cut and fold each devotional into a booklet. Give a devotional to each student beginning middle or high school.

#### **Journal Pages**

- 1. Print one set of the Journal Pages for each student.
- 2. Cut out each page and glue them in order into a composition notebook. Make one notebook for each student.
- 3. If desired, include writing utensils for each student.

#### Paint with Bob Art Activity

- 1. Print out the activity instructions for each student.
- 2. Provide the supplies to do the activity.
- 3. Communicate whether this activity will be done individually or as a group.

#### Sabbath Activity

- 1. Print the instructions for each student.
- 2. Follow up to check in on how students are finding sabbath during a busy time of year.

### **Delivering and Using the Kits**

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