

# **Get Started Guide**

Welcome to the Early Childhood Digital Activity Kit for Summer! This kit includes activities for children to do with their families to explore the theme of God's Big, Beautiful World.

#### What's Included

- Twelve **Frolic Feelings Cards** to help young children talk about and recognize emotions in themselves and others.
- A Christmas Cookie recipe to celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth in July (or June or August).
- An **All God's Children—and Animals** activity to engage children with the Creation story using animal toys they have at home.
- Frolic Story Puppets to help families retell the stories of Creation, Noah, and Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
- A Summer Memory Booklet to help families catalogue their summer adventures.
- A set of Frolic Memory Game Cards for kids and families to play a memory matching game.
- A **Mini Lesson** for the book *The Fabulous World That God Made* that engages children in the story.
- A **Nighttime Prayer** to remind children of God's love for creation before they go to sleep.
- A Star Twirler Art Project to bring the beauty of God's night sky inside.

# 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 or printable postcard sheets (4 per page like Avery 8387)
- White paper

- Stapler
- Rubber bands or small envelopes
- Printable business card sheets (10 per page, like Avery 5371 or 28371)

# **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
- Sugar cookie dough (storebought or homemade)
- Christmas cookie cutters
- Powdered sugar
- Milk
- Light corn syrup
- Vanilla or almond extract
- Food coloring
- Clean, unused paintbrushes
- Small bowls
- The Fabulous World That God Made book

- Paint (yellow, gold, or silver; blue, purple, black, and white)
- White paper plates
- Glitter (yellow, gold, or silver) (optional)
- Glue sticks
- Paintbrushes or painting sponges
- String or yarn
- Scissors
- Single-hole punch
- Craft sticks
- When Day Is Done book (optional)
- Sleep Tight Tonight book (optional)
- Glow-in-the-dark stars

# **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 one to five years old.

## **Coloring Pages**

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

## Frolic Feelings Cards

- 1. Print a copy of the Frolic Feelings Cards for each family on cardstock or Avery postcards.
- 2. Cut or tear the cards apart.

## Christmas Cookies in July (or June or August)

- 1. Print a copy of the cookie instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, include the cookie ingredients for families to make the cookies.

#### All God's Children—and Animals

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions for each family.
- 2. Make sure each family has a Frolic First Bible, Frolic Preschool Bible, or other Bible.

## 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.

## **Summer Memory Booklet**

- 1. Print out a copy of the booklet for each family. Set your printer settings to double-sided, flipping on the short edge.
- 2. Fold the booklet pages in half and staple along the fold in the middle.

## Frolic Memory Game Cards

- 1. On a perforated business card template, print a set of cards for each family.
- 2. Separate them and rubber-band them together or put them into envelopes.

#### The Fabulous World That God Made Mini Lesson

- 1. Print a copy of the mini lesson for each family.
- 2. Provide each family with a copy of *The Fabulous World That God Made* (Beaming Books 2019).

## Nighttime Prayer

1. Print out a copy of the prayer for each child and give them one glow-in-the-dark star for each member of their family. (Provide multiple sets for kids living in more than one household or for households with more than one kid.)

## Star Twirler Art Project

- 1. Print out a copy of the instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, include the supplies to make the twirlers 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 Children's Digital Activity Kit for Summer! This kit include activities to do with their families to experience the theme of God's Big, Beautiful World.

#### What's Included

- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Coloring Pages
- A Summer Activity Paper Chain to inspire activities to do throughout the summer
- A list of Nature Exploration Art Projects to help kids admire and reflect on God's creation
- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Reading Guides for Bible stories about God's Big, Beautiful World
- A Summer Bingo sheet to inspire families to enjoy fun summer activities
- A DIY Constellations activity to bring the beauty of God's creation inside
- A Christmas Cookie recipe to remember the joy of Jesus' birth during the summer
- A Fact-Finding Challenge to help kids engage with The World of the Old Testament: A Curious Kid's Guide to the Bible's Most Ancient Stories
- A Funny Faith Joke Book to entertain kids and their families with Bible-themed jokes
- A set of sixty Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Memory Game Cards for kids to play
- A Nighttime Prayer to remind children of God's love for creation before they go to sleep
- A Photo Scavenger Hunt list to help kids explore God's creation and around the house
- A set of Family Prayer Cards for families to use at home
- A roll-and-write game called POTLUCK! that kids can play together or with their families

## 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
- White paper

- Cardstock
- Scissors

- Envelopes
- Rubber bands or small envelopes
- Printable business card sheets (10 per page, like Avery 5371 or 28371)

# **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.

- Holy Moly Bible Storybooks (Year 2 Unit 1 and Year 2 Unit 3), 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
- Crayons or markers
- Tape
- Air-dry clay
- Watercolor paints
- Forks
- Toothpicks
- Scissors
- Found elements from nature
- Leaves
- Paintbrushes
- Writing utensils

- White cardstock
- Flashlight
- Pushpins
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Cardboard
- Unsweetened cocoa powder
- All-purpose flour
- Baking powder
- Salt
- Butter
- White sugar
- Vanilla extract
- Eggs
- · Powdered sugar
- Dice
- Glow-in-the-dark stars

# 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 five to thirteen years old.

## **Coloring Pages**

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

## **Summer Activity Paper Chain**

- 1. Print a set of activity strips for each family and cut them apart.
- 2. Put them in an envelope for each family.
- 3. If desired, provide tape for families to create a chain out of the strips.

## **Nature Exploration Art Projects**

- 1. Print out instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, include the supplies needed for the activities.

## Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl God's Big, Beautiful World 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.

## **Summer Bingo**

- 1. Print a copy of the Summer Bingo cards for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide writing utensils.

#### **DIY Constellations**

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions for each family.
- 2. Print a copy of the Constellation Sheet on cardstock for each family.
- 3. If desired, provide the other supplies needed for the activity.

## Christmas Cookies in July (or June or August)

- 1. Print a copy of the recipe for each family.
- 2. If desired, provide premeasured ingredients for families to use to make the cookies at home.

## The World of the Old Testament Fact-Finding Challenge

- 1. Print a copy of the activity for each child in each family.
- 2. Provide a copy of *The World of the Old Testament: A Curious Kid's Guide to the Bible's Most Ancient Stories* (Beaming Books, 2019) for each family.
- 3. If desired, provide writing utensils.

## Funny Faith Joke Book

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions for each family.
- 2. If desired, include scissors for kids to make their PocketMod books.

## Spark, Whirl, and Holy Moly Memory Game Cards

- 1. Choose the Memory Game Cards that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
- 2. On a perforated business card template, print one set of Memory Game Cards for each family.
- 3. Tear the cards apart and put each stack of sixty into an envelope or wrap a rubber band around them.

## Nighttime Prayer

- 1. Provide a copy of the Nighttime Prayer for each child.
- 2. Provide one glow-in-the-dark star for each member of kids' families. (For kids who live in more than one household or for families with more than one kid, provide multiple sets.)

## **Photo Scavenger Hunt**

1. Print a copy of the list for each family, and encourage kids to share photos with you.

## Family Prayer Cards

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

## POTLUCK! Board game

- 1. Print Player Sheets, a Rondel, and an instruction sheet for each family. Provide several copies of the Player Sheet for each person, so families can play multiple rounds, if desired. Make sure they have writing utensils.
- 2. If desired, set up a time to play the game virtually as a group or together in a safe and socially-distanced manner.
- 3. Encourage kids to send photos of their families playing this game at home.

# 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 Summer! This kit includes activities for youth to do alone or with their families to experience the theme of God's Big, Beautiful World.

#### What's Included

- A Bible Reading Guide that takes students through the stories about God's creation
- Two **Beyond Worship Notes** to get kids thinking about how their faith is interwoven with their physical body and their family life
- A Christmas Cookie recipe to remember the joy of Jesus' birth in the summer
- A Marshmallow Constellation activity to help students explore star formations
- A Biblical Fashion Show to get to know biblical figures in a fun and engaging way
- Twelve sets of **Journal Pages** to lead students through the season
- A **Nighttime Prayer** to help students connect the beauty of God's creation to God's love before they go to sleep
- An activity to Recreate Classical Biblical Paintings and experience biblical images in a new way
- A roll-and-write game called POTLUCK! that students can play together or with their families
- A **Reader Guide** for *Queerfully and Wonderfully Made*, a book to help LGBTQ+ and all teenagers engage with their identity
- A **Remote Scavenger Hunt** activity students can do during a virtual meeting or on their own with their families
- A **Sound Scavenger Hunt** to get youth out exploring and using their ears to find sounds in God's creation
- Twenty Trivia Cards with faith- and summer-based questions

# 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
- 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
- Unsalted butter
- Sugar
- Eggs
- Vanilla extract
- Salt
- Baking powder
- · All-purpose flour
- Red or green gel food coloring

- Holiday-colored nonpareil sprinkles
- Wax paper
- Toothpicks
- Mini marshmallows
- Timer
- Notepad or scrap paper
- Video-conference system
- Dice
- Glow-in-the-dark stars
- Queerfully and Wonderfully Made books

# **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.

## Summer Reading Plan

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

## **Beyond Worship Notes**

- 1. Print a copy of the Bodies and Families Beyond Worship Notes pages for each student.
- 2. Set up a time for students to discuss their completed Beyond Worship Notes with you and/ or their youth group.

## Christmas Cookies in July (or June or August)

- 1. Print a copy of the cookie recipe for each family.
- 2. If desired, include the cookie ingredients for families to make the cookies.

#### Marshmallow Constellations

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions and the constellation cards for each family.
- 2. If desired, include the materials needed for this activity.

#### **Biblical Fashion Show**

- 1. Print a copy of the fashion show instructions and inspiration for each family.
- 2. Decide if this will be a virtual gathering activity for your youth group, or if students will do this on their own or with their individual family.

## 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.

## Nighttime Prayer

- 1. Print one copy of the Nighttime Prayer for each student.
- 2. Provide one glow-in-the-dark star for each member of students' families. (For youth who live in more than one household or for families with more than one kid, provide multiple sets.)

## **Recreating Classical Biblical Paintings**

- 1. Print one copy of the instructions and a few of the paintings for each family.
- 2. Encourage students to share their recreations with the youth group or with you.

#### POTLUCK! Board Game

- 1. Print Player Sheets, a Rondel, and an instruction sheet for each family. Provide several copies of the Player Sheet for each person, so families can play multiple rounds, if desired. Make sure they have writing utensils.
- 2. If desired, set up a time to play the game virtually as a group or together in a safe and socially distanced manner.
- 3. Encourage students to send photos of their families playing this game at home.

## Queerfully and Wonderfully Made Reader Guide

- 1. Print a copy of the Reader Guide for each student.
- 2. Provide a copy of Queerfully and Wonderfully Made for each student.

## Remote Scavenger Hunt

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions for each student.
- 2. Decide if you will use this activity during a virtual gathering or if students will do this on their own with their families.

## Sound Scavenger Hunt

- 1. Print a copy of the instructions and list for each family.
- 2. Encourage students to share how many sounds they captured with you and the youth group.

#### Trivia Cards

- 1. Print and separate a set of trivia cards for each family.
- 2. Encourage students to keep these handy in the car, at the table, or at other times to play with their family.

# Delivering and Using the Kits

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