



## 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 x 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!