

Day 1 Monday

FOCUS on what you can see

Craft: Focus Spinner

WHAT YOU DO:

Create colorful designs on two paper disks and glue them to the cardboard. Poke two holes in the center and thread string through each hole. Tie ends together and pull disk through, so it sits at the center between the two loops of string. Take one loop in each hand, wind up the disk like a jump rope, then pull strings out tight.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Have you ever been mesmerized by something? In the same way we can be mesmerized by God! When we focus on God, we get to experience Him in new ways. And when we focus on the things we see that He has made—the world and everything in it—we can learn amazing things about Him.

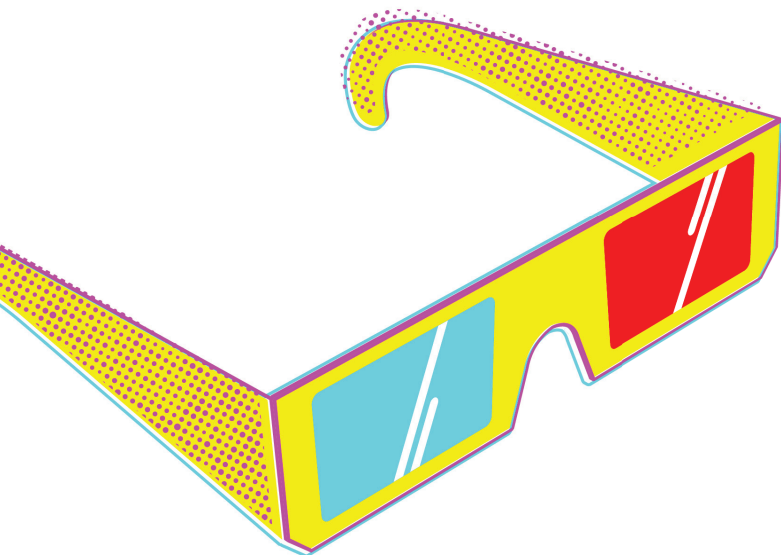
Game: Focus on Me

WHAT YOU DO:

The leader of the game stands and faces the group, choosing a “sign” to use (like binocular hands over eyes, thumbs up, etc.). The leader tells the group to do something that they should only do when the leader gives the sign, similar to “Simon Says.” The kids who do the action without the sign are out and sit down.

WHAT YOU SAY:

In our lives, we are going to have a lot of things that draw our attention away from the things God has for us, but in those times, we need to get our focus back on God. We need to focus on what reminds us of God, who cares for us, who loves us, and who promises to always be there for us.



Serve: Trash Troopers

WHAT YOU DO:

Walk through your neighborhood with trash bags and look for trash, yard debris or anything that cleans up the area and blesses your neighbors. You can designate an area appropriate for your age group, or pre-arrange a particular yard to perform this service for someone who needs it.

WHAT YOU SAY:

When we bless others, we are showing them God's love. We're going to try to do lots of things this week that bless those around us. I can't wait to have a great week with you! This week we're going to FOCUS on what we know about God, so we can learn about believing and trusting in a God we can't see.

Snack: Choose Any Snack You Like

WHAT YOU DO:

Gather the kids around you in a quiet, cool spot that allows for relaxing, thinking and discussion. Have cups of water and the snack ready to distribute when you're ready.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Use the Travel Time questions to go deeper into what you are learning today. Snack time provides a great opportunity for spending quality time as a group.

Travel Time

Conversation topics to discuss as you find spaces of time while walking, taking a break or eating a snack. These questions will keep kids thinking about what they are learning!

- Who do you know that wears glasses?
- What do you see every day that God created? What do you see around you right now?
- What are some of your favorite places to look to remind yourself of how God created the world?
- Where is your favorite place to focus on the things God has done for you?
- What is your favorite place to feel like you experience God in creation?
- What do these things and places tell you about God?

