

## Seeing God in Creation

**Bible Story:** Seeing God in Creation • *Romans 1:20*

**Bottom Line:** FOCUS on what you can see.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." *Hebrews 12:2a (NIRV)*

**Life App:** Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

## Focus Spinners

**Watch the "Focus Spinners 'how-to' video in the email**

- Markers
- Print the "Focus Spinner Template" Activity Page (below); one page for each kid
- 28-inch lengths of nylon twine; one for each kid (*Note: If you have time, burn the ends of the twine to keep them from unraveling.*)
- Six-inch cardboard squares; one for each kid
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Wooden skewers; one for each Small Group Leader

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Focus Spinner Template" Activity Page, and set out the markers and scissors.
- Encourage kids to create colorful designs on their circles. Explain that the more colorful they make them, the better the spinner will look when it spins.
- When they're finished coloring, they can cut out their circles.
- Tell kids to take one of their circles, trace its outline on a cardboard square, and cut out the cardboard circle.
- Instruct kids to glue one paper circle on each side of the cardboard circle.
- An adult should then use a wooden skewer to poke two holes through each spinner on the dots in the middle of one of the circles.

- Show kids how to run a piece of twine through the two holes, leaving the same amount of twine sticking out of both holes on both sides of the spinner.
- Tell kids to tie the loose ends together in a tight knot. A Leader can assist and check that the knots are tight.
- Show kids how to spin the spinners.
  - Take one end of the strings in each hand.
  - Rotate the strings like a jump rope, which will twist the strings.
  - When the strings are fully twisted, pull your hands outward and then relax them. Continue to pull and relax while the spinner spins and creates a fun design.

**What You Say:**

*[Make It Personal] (Tell a story about a spinning toy you had as a kid.)* "Have you ever been mesmerized by something spinning? 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. When we see what God has made, it can help us trust God more, because we see how powerful and creative and thoughtful and kind He is. When we see the things He has made, they point us to Him. As you play with this awesome craft, focus on the designs as they spin. When it's not spinning, you can only see what you drew, but when it spins you can see new magical designs. Sometimes in life if we look at things from a different perspective, we can see just how amazing God is. It's important to FOCUS on what you can see."

## STEAM OPTION

### Balloon Cup Launcher

**What You Need:** Plastic cups, balloons, ping-pong balls, duct tape, scissors, permanent markers, "Target" Activity Pages (*below optional*), painter's tape lines on the floor (*optional*), tape measures (*optional*)

#### What You Do:

##### [Watch 'how to' Video here](#)

- If the bottoms have not yet been cut off the cups, guide kids to cut them off. (An adult might need to help puncture the cup to help get them started.)
- Instruct kids to use duct tape to wrap around the cut edges of the cups.
- Tell kids to tie off the end of an un-inflated balloon. (An adult might need to help with this.)
- Guide them to cut off a small piece of the top of the balloon.
- Help them stretch the balloon over the end of the cup and tape it in place.
- Give each kid a ping-pong ball, and instruct them to use the permanent markers to write their name on their ball and their launcher. (Leaders may want to do this for younger kids.)
- Allow kids to use their launchers!
  - They can shoot for distance and use a tape measure or tape marks on the floor to see who can launch the farthest.
  - They can shoot at targets and add up their points.

#### What You Say:

"Who knew you can create something this fun from cups and balloons? You need to use your laser focus to hit the targets or to shoot straight and far. You can also use your laser focus to **FOCUS on what you can see** that will point you to God!"



