

Creation @ Home

Vacation Bible School 2020



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Parents

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Participants:

Welcome

to our pick-up and virtual
VBS program!

Bible Story - Craft - Activity - Scavenger Hunt - Snack

We really miss being able to gather as usual for Vacation Bible School / Camp, but hope that our kit will be a fun alternative in this year when we can't be together in person.

If you have not registered, there is enough information here and on our website at:

<https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/vacation-bible-school-2020.html> for you to gather the supplies yourself and make use of the program as well. Please feel free to use it and share it this way!

Parents / Guardians - as we do not have allergy / sensitivity information from all our registrants, if there are concerns in your household please check the bag prior to beginning to use the contents.

VBS IN A BAG

We have packed your bag with care to prevent virus transmission. In it you will find:

- A booklet for each child for each day with the Bible Story for that day of VBS and an activity related to that. We hope you'll join us August 10 - 14, 2020, but if that doesn't work for you, please use the kit as best for your circumstances.
- Small bags for each child for each of the five days with the materials you'll need for that day's craft & activity. We are assuming that you'll have basic craft supplies, scissors, crayons/markers etc., on hand and clothing and an area that you don't mind getting messy while doing crafts.
- A snack and drink for each child for each day. Sorry, but you'll have to freeze your own freezies and provide your own ice cream! We encourage you to say or sing 'grace' and give thanks to God for the food. If you've been a VBS participant with us before, maybe you remember the 'Superman' theme song 'Thanks you God for ...' grace. We'd love you to record it and share it on one of the daily Facebook posts at <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsAnglicanMinistries/>
- Some bonus summer fun for the family to share
- If there is a toddler in the family, there's are special items for them included

BEYOND THE BAG

The bag contains everything you need for the program, but there's more online if you'd like:

- Each day from August 10 - 14 at 9AM there will be a video, including the story of the day, posted on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZYMAKxAQA1PmdNY7uanaDQ> We encourage you to watch this together as you begin your home VBS time.

- **Update!:** We are grateful to Thy Kingdom Come (www.thykingdomcome.global) for making music resources available to be shared online. We've included 'O Wow! (Awesome God)' in our daily videos, and you can also find it at <https://vimeo.com/352251435>
- The song 'Shalom' has been part of our VBS for a number of years. You can continue this tradition at the end of your VBS time by singing and dancing along with the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4Nk98u0PgA>
- We hope you'll make time to have conversations about the VBS stories. On August 15th we'll have a 'wrap-up' video posted at Noon. If you have any questions that come up during the week, please send them to us by 1PM on Friday, August 14th so that we can do our best to answer them.
- We also invite you to participate online in our Scavenger Hunt. Each day there are items to find. We'll have a Facebook post each day for the hunt and you'll be able to share your photos in the comments section, or you can just enjoy the hunt on your own.

THE BIG PICTURE

Our theme for VBS is 'Creation@Home' and invites us to learn about, think about, pray about and care for God's beautiful creation.

We suggest you begin with the Bible Story. The other activities can be done in whatever order suits you. We'll hear from the Bible and have our eyes open to see and appreciate creation all around us as we focus on:

- Day and Night
- Water
- Vegetation and Plants
- Creatures of Every Kind
- Ourselves as Stewards (Care-takers) of Creation

THE LITTLE DETAILS: Here's all the information you need for the program:

Day 1 - God Creates Day and Night

Craft - Paper plate day-night spinner

Supplies:

- two paper plates
- brad fastener
- crayons/markers/pencils
- scissors

Instructions:

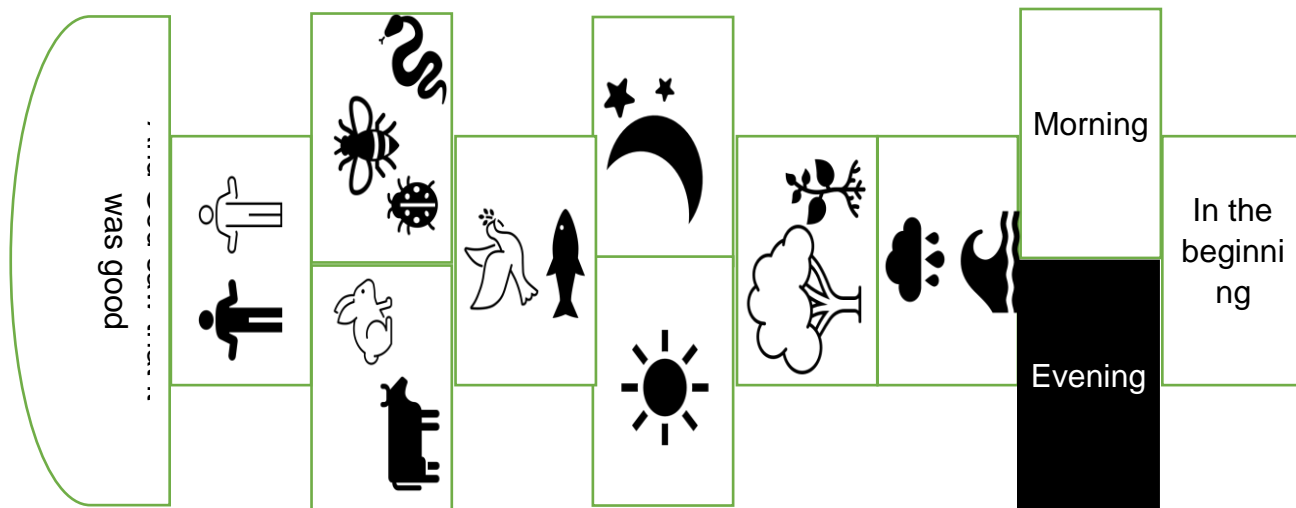
- cut one of the paper plates 1cm larger than in half
- decorate one half of the full plate with a picture of a sunny day
- decorate the other half of the plate with a picture of a starry night (hint - leave a little bit blank near the bottom of each picture)
- punch a hole in the centre of the full plate, and as shown in the half plate, then put a the brad through as shown.



Bonus what-do-I-do-with-it: keep this planner in the place where you usually pray and change it as a reminder to take time for morning and night prayer.

Activity- Seven day creation hop scotch

Begin drawing your hopscotch outline with sidewalk chalk. Fill in the first three squares (In the beginning, Evening, Morning). Continue filling in squares throughout the week.



Scavenger Hunt Items

- clouds moon stars

Snack

- Juice box
- Cracker cheez sandwiches
- Fruit to go (Cut fruit to go in triangles to place around the cracker sandwich sun)
- Freezie



Day 2 - God Creates the Waters and the Sky

Craft - Folded paper ark

Supplies:

- 12x18 paper
- Tealight wax candle Instructions:
- Take a tealight out of its container and use it to 'colour' the paper on both sides. Be sure to cover the whole area so it will be waterproof.
- Follow the steps provided with the paper to create an origami 'ark'. If you get stuck, you can find a video here: <https://youtu.be/hiAWx8odStA>

Bonus what-do-I-do-with-it: Make some paper animals to put in your ark, or see how many marbles you can put in before it sinks, or have an 'ark race' with a friend

Activity

Observe how rain falls and pools. Here's a great video by Canadian Space Agency astronaut David St. Jacques on the Water Cycle: <https://youtu.be/rp-Me9vswEU>. He tells us how rain forms and how that forms rivers and lakes that flow into oceans.

You can observe the water cycle at home:

- Add a small amount of water to a sandwich bag and seal it up (with a little air inside too). tape the bag to a warm window and check back later to see how droplets of water have formed on the sides of the bag from where water has evaporated in the heat and cooled on the sides for the bag – you've just created rain!
- Use a watering can you have at home, or make one by poking holes in the bottom of a used plastic container, to rain on different types of ground surfaces like the sidewalk, grass, dirt. How does the water flow differently on each surface? What happens if you put something (like a small toy block or pile of dirt) in the path of the flowing water?

Scavenger Hunt

water drop puddle lake marsh or wetland

Snack

- Juice box
- Rice krispie squares
- Freezie

Day 3 - God Creates Plants

Craft - Fruitful Healing Tree

Create a tree with fruit for food and leaves for healing

- draw by rubbing collected leaves (use popsicle stick to press leaf colour into paper: **hint - dip leaf in hot water first**, or use a crayon to create a rubbing of a plant beneath paper).

or

- create a sculpture using leaves and twigs

Try to use leaves that have naturally fallen from trees or plants.

Activity

- Take a nature walk – even if it's only in your own yard or neighbourhood.
- How many different trees can you find? Look at the different types of bark, leaves, fruit/seeds of each tree.
- How many different plants can you find? Are they tall/short? What type of leaves and flowers do they have? What plants grow together?

Scavenger Hunt

Plants trees flowers seeds in a growing plant or flower pinecone

Snack

- Juice box
- Freezie
- Fruit roll up
- Potato chips

Day 4 - God Creates Creatures

Craft

Using items provided plus any other recycled items from home, make a unique creature. Draw a background showing what kind of environment it lives in (sea, fresh water lake, rain forest, desert, arctic, Mars...).

Items included:

Pompoms, multi-coloured pipe cleaners, feathers, craft foam shapes, homemade playdough

If you want to make more playdough at home, here is the recipe we used:

In a medium saucepan, mix together 1 cup flour, 1 cup water with a few drops of food colouring, 2 tsp cream of tartar, 1/3 cup salt, and 1 tbsp oil. Cook over low-medium heat and continue stirring until mixture is much thicker and begins to gather around the spoon. Once the dough looks like it is no longer wet, remove it from the heat and put on a plate to cool. After 30 minutes for cooling, knead the dough for a bit and then it's ready for playing. Best stored in an airtight container in the fridge.

Activity

Bug hunt – Encourage kids to hunt for insects or observe other birds, fish and land animals in their neighbourhoods. We have provided a magnifying glass to help you on your hunt.

Scavenger Hunt

Animals birds insects

Snack

- Juice box
- Freezie
- Goldfish crackers
- Bear paw

Day 5 - God Creates Good Stewards

Craft

Try to find light coloured smooth rocks. Use paint or markers to cover your rocks with messages about being good stewards. Rocks can then be distributed around your community.

Activity

- Share messages about caring for creation using sidewalk chalk on your driveway or sidewalk.
- Pick up litter in your neighbourhood if you can do so safely without touching the litter.
- Fill a bag of items you don't need any more to donate to charity.

Scavenger Hunt

A photo of something you LOVE in Creation (for example: tree, flower, lake, pet)

Snack

- Juice box
- Freezie
- Earth Sundae kit (mini-waffle bowl, blue & green sprinkles, gummy worms) – kids need to provide their own ice cream.