

SPACE MISSION CRAFT CURRICULUM

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**"The
heavens
DECLARE the
GLORY of
GOD..."**

Psalms 19:1



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Space Mission's Craft Curriculum! This guide contains step-by-step instructions and patterns for the following aspects of the Day:

✧ **E & D Squadrons (Age 2–K) Learning Center Sites:**

These hands-on learning centers help your littlest Astronauts learn in age-appropriate ways. This guide covers two of the Sites:

- the Lesson Handwork Site (*paper-oriented, lesson-reinforcing handwork*)
- the Craft Site (*projects reinforcing the Bible lesson truths or Space Mission theme*)

✧ **A–C Squadrons (Grades 1–6) Craft Time:**

These crafts reinforce the day's Bible lesson truths or Space Mission's theme.

We encourage you to follow these guidelines as you prepare the enclosed projects for your Space Mission week:

- ✧ Read through the portion of this book you are responsible for.
- ✧ Consult with your Director and Squadron Leaders to determine:
 - which crafts will be used for each Squadron each day
 - the estimated number of children expected for each Squadron
- ✧ List general supplies needed for in-classroom craft work (i.e., crayons, washable markers, glue sticks, etc.); check existing supplies.
- ✧ List special supplies needed for each project; check existing supplies.
- ✧ Consult with your Director and the Budget Coordinator to determine:
 - budget for purchasing supplies
 - whether you are to solicit supplies from your congregation, and if so, by what method (bulletin/website/Facebook announcement; "giving tree" listing specific items needed, etc.).
- ✧ Plan and implement the purchase and/or gathering of supplies.
- ✧ Delegate and distribute prep work to others; keep accurate list of those assisting, and make deadlines clear.
- ✧ Place general classroom craft supplies needed for each Squadron in containers and label for Grades 1–6 Craft Site and D and E Squadron classrooms.
- ✧ Prepare daily craft packets (sidebar); place in labeled containers; distribute containers to Craft Site and D and E Squadron classrooms each day.
- ✧ Prepare sample of each craft/Lesson Handwork that will be used; place in appropriate containers.
- ✧ Keep accurate records and prepare final summary report for your Director outlining expenditures, donations, volunteers, number of craft packets prepared/used, list of supplies remaining.
- ✧ Package, label, and return or store remaining supplies.



Bible Lessons

We strongly encourage you to read the Bible Lesson Curriculum in preparation for introducing each lesson-related project.

Materials Lists

Unless otherwise noted, craft specific materials needed are **one per child**.

Streamline Craft Time

Make your craft time flow more smoothly (and monitor the use of supplies) by preparing in advance individual craft packets of materials needed per child for each craft.

Other Craft Resources

For supplies and/or additional craft ideas, check out these websites:

- daniellesplace.com
- mssscrafts.com
- orientaltrading.com
- ssww.com

Crafts in Color

Color photos of these crafts are on our website atreachout.com

E SQUADRON—2's & 3's CRAFT SITE

DAY 1

CREATION PLACEMAT

Objective

To make a placemat that reminds the children that God made all things.

Introduction

“Children, we have just heard Commander Cosmos tell us a most important and exciting story. Do you remember who created our world? Can you tell me some things that He created? (*people, planets, water, animals, plants, sea life, food, etc.*) God is real and He created all these things! He told us about creation in the Bible and what He said is true.

Today we will make a placemat to remind us that God made all things.”



During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on back of placemat.
- 2) Glue “God made all things!” sign onto bottom of placemat.
- 3) Glue all creation pictures onto placemat.

Materials

- cardstock—yellow, other various colors
- patterns (pages 27–29)
 - creation pictures
 - “God made all things!” sign
- 12" x 17" light blue construction paper (placemat)
- glue stick
- scissors (adult use)
- laminating material (optional)

In Advance

- 1) Copy “God made all things!” sign onto yellow cardstock; cut out.
- 2) Copy creation patterns onto various colors of cardstock; cut out.



Using Placemats in

Laminate the placemats to make them stronger and somewhat waterproof, and use them all week to designate a child's work/snack space.

Day 2 Heads Up

Take a photo of each child's small group during **Day 1** and have a copy for each child ready to insert into the picture frame for Day 2's craft.

E SQUADRON—2's & 3's CRAFT SITE

Materials

- craft foam—black
- cardstock—white, bright purple
- patterns (pages 33–34)
 - picture frame
 - “God made us to worship Him!” sign
- silver metallic cord
- craft knife (adult use)
- cutting mat
- hole punch
- scissors (adult use)
- space-themed craft foam shapes
- space-themed stickers
- craft glue
- small container for glue
- cotton swab/brush to spread glue
- washable markers

In Advance

- 1) Take photo of Astronaut’s small group on **Day 1**; print copy.
- 2) Copy “God made us to worship Him!” sign onto bright purple cardstock; cut out.
- 3) Copy one picture frame onto white cardstock for a template; cut out.
- 4) Trace picture frame pattern onto craft foam; cut out.
- 5) Cut 4 ½" x 6 ½" piece from craft foam for frame back; glue onto back of frame leaving top edge open for inserting photo.
- 6) Punch two holes in top of frame for cord.
- 7) Cut metallic cord into 24" length.

DAY 2

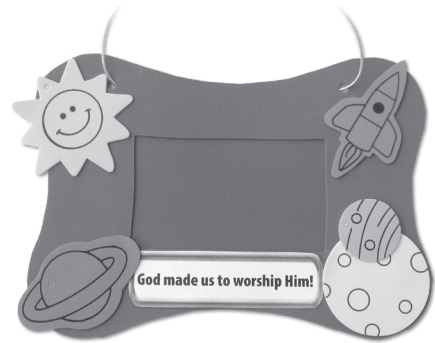
“GOD MADE US TO WORSHIP HIM” FRAME

Objective

To make a picture frame that reminds the children that God, the Creator of the universe, created each one of them to worship and enjoy Him.

Introduction

“Children, remind me who God created. Yes, He made *(name each child and adult in the group)*. He made all of us to be like Him. We are different than the animals because we were made to be like God and to love and worship Him. Today we will make special picture frames to remind us that God made each one of us.”



During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on back of frame.
- 2) Attach “God made us to worship Him!” sign as shown.
- 3) Attach space craft foam shapes and/or stickers to frame.
- 4) String cord through holes; tie with knot to form loop.
- 5) Insert group photo into frame.



Materials Sources

- Pre-cut 6" x 8" foam frames, metallic cord, space-themed stickers available at local or online craft stores.
- Space-themed foam shapes are available at orientaltrading.com or other local or online craft stores.

Out-of-this World Photos!

Take a photo of each child’s small group during **Day 1** and have a copy for each child ready to insert into the picture frame.



E SQUADRON—2's & 3's CRAFT SITE

DAY 3

“HERE’S MY HEART” BRACELET

Objective

To remind the children that we all sin like Adam and Eve, but God has promised that if we put our trust in Jesus Christ—give our hearts to Him—He will forgive our sins and make us His children.

Introduction

“Do you remember what Adam and Eve did in our story today? (*They believed Satan’s lies and disobeyed God.*) How did they disobey? (*Ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.*) We all sin and disobey God. (*Give an example*) But God has promised to forgive our sins when we put our trust in Jesus Christ and give Him our hearts. Today we will make a bracelet to remind us that the most important thing we can do is to give Jesus our hearts!”

During the Craft Site, help children:

- 1) String heart and beads onto beading cord as shown in picture.
- 2) Tie knot in beading cord; place on wrist.
- 3) Read “Here’s My Heart” together.



Materials

- cardstock—red
- pattern (page 36)
— “Here’s My Heart” bead
- laminating material
- scissors (adult use)
- hole punch
- white elastic beading cord
- 10 metallic colored star beads
- 8 neon pony beads
- 3 metal 1/4" washers
- paper plate (to hold beads during craft time)

In Advance

- 1) Copy heart beads onto red cardstock; cut out.
- 2) Laminate both sides of heart; trim with scissors.
- 3) Punch hole in top center of heart.
- 4) Cut beading cord into 12" length.



Materials Sources

- Elastic beading cord and beads are available at orientaltrading.com and other local and online craft stores.
- 1/4" metal washers and laminating material are available at hardware and variety stores.

E SQUADRON-2's & 3's CRAFT SITE

Materials

- cardstock—bright orange, green, blue, yellow
- patterns (pages 42–43)
 - suitcase handle
 - suitcase corner
 - Psalm 95:6 rocket
 - Psalm 95:6 Scripture cards
- scissors (adult use)
- glue stick
- foam tape (to add a 3-D effect)
- space-themed stickers
- crayons

In Advance

- 1) Copy 2 suitcase handles onto green cardstock; cut out.
- 2) Copy 8 suitcase corners onto blue cardstock; cut out.
- 3) Copy Psalm 95:6 rocket onto green cardstock; cut out.
- 4) Copy Psalm 95:6 Scripture cards onto yellow cardstock; cut out.
- 5) Fold one orange sheet of cardstock in half.
- 6) Glue suitcase handles and corners to front of book as shown in picture; repeat on backside.



Materials Sources

Space-themed stickers and foam tape are available at online or local craft stores.

DAY 4

SCRIPTURE SUITCASE

Objective

For the children to make and decorate a “suitcase” to hold their Scripture cards which remind them to always worship the God who made them and cares for them.

Introduction

“Astronauts, do you remember how the two brothers in our story today brought their offerings to God? One brother came to God very sorry for his sin and asking God to forgive him. Do you remember his name? (*Abel*) But Abel’s brother Cain didn’t think he was a sinner or that he needed God’s forgiveness. God didn’t accept Cain’s offering because Cain didn’t love and worship and trust God in His heart. Today we are going to make a suitcase book to help you remember always to worship God from your heart.”



During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on back of suitcase book.
- 2) Attach Psalm 95:6–7 rocket to front of suitcase with foam tape or glue.
- 3) Decorate front and back of suitcase with crayons and stickers.
- 4) Glue Scripture cards in order onto inside of book.



E SQUADRON—2's & 3's CRAFT SITE

DAY 5

SAFE WITH JESUS

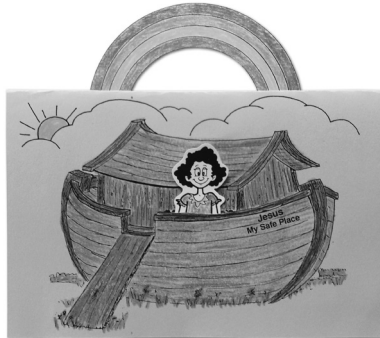
Objective

To illustrate that just as the Ark was Noah's only safe place in the flood, Jesus is our only Safe Place.

Introduction

"Children, remember our story about Noah? God kept Noah and his family safe in the Ark. This week at Space Mission we have learned that all of us are sinners.

One day God is going to judge the world because of sin, and only the people who are in the Safe Place will be saved as Noah was. Our project today shows us that just as the Ark was the safe place for Noah from the flood, Jesus is our 'Ark,' our Safe Place. Each one of us needs to go into our 'Ark,' Jesus Christ, by asking Him to forgive us for our sins and trusting Him to save us. Then we will be safe, just like Noah!"



Materials

- cardstock—white
- patterns (pages 51–53)
 - ark picture
 - rainbow
 - girl and boy figures
- glue stick
- scissors (adult use)
- craft knife (adult use)
- cutting mat
- crayons

In Advance

- 1) Copy ark onto cardstock.
- 2) Fold ark paper in half so ark will stand on its own as shown.
- 3) Copy rainbow onto cardstock; cut out.
- 4) Copy girl/boy onto cardstock; cut out.
- 5) Use craft knife to cut along dotted line on ark.

During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on back of folded ark paper; color ark.
- 2) Color rainbow; glue to back of folded ark paper so the rainbow is visible above the ark.
- 3) Color girl/boy and slide into slit in ark; glue in place. (Remind children this girl/boy represents them.)
- 4) Read the words, "Jesus, My Safe Place."

D SQUADRON-4's-K CRAFT SITE

Materials

- cardstock—white, yellow, other various colors
- patterns (pages 27–29)
 - creation pictures
 - “God made all things!” sign
- 12" x 17" light blue construction paper (placemat)
- glue stick
- washable markers
- scissors (adult use)
- laminating material (optional)

In Advance

- 1) Copy “God made all things” sign onto yellow cardstock; cut out.
- 2) Copy star and tomatoe onto white cardstock; cut out.
- 3) Copy other creation pictures onto various colors of cardstock; cut out.



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During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on back of placemat.
- 2) Glue “God made all things!” sign onto bottom of placemat; read sign together.
- 3) Color star and tomato; glue to placemat.
- 4) Glue other creation pictures onto placemat.