

CRAFT ROTATION ACTIVITY (DAY 1 - DAY 5)

DAY 1

Build Your Own Ocean (grades K-5)

Supplies for this project should be easily found at the home of the family participating in your Virtual VBS or easy for your church to pack into a kit.

What You Need:

- **small cardboard egg carton** (*half-dozen size*)
- **blue paint** (*several shades if possible*)
- **paintbrush**
- **craft foam sheets in multiple colors**
- **seashells**
- **sand**
- **glue**
- **small, plastic ocean creatures**
- **Craft Day 1: Build Your Own Ocean Instructions** (*printable/pdf*)

What You Do:

Be sure to watch or have your craft leader watch the Step-by-Step Craft Instruction Videos and photos provided in your Orange VBS kit. These videos/photos will walk you through each step of the craft and be a perfect visual aid for anyone setting up and running your craft rotation.

- **Step 1:** Decide if your VBS will prepackage the supplies/instructions for the Virtual option for adults to pick up, or if you will email instructions and have the adults provide supplies. If you decide to make kits, create the kits with the supplies and instructions.
- **Step 2:** Instruct the children to paint their half-dozen egg carton with shades of blue paint.
- **Step 3:** Glue sand to the bottom of egg carton.
- **Step 4:** Invite the children to create and cut out ocean plants, fish, rock etc. from the craft foam and glue them where they desire, creating a reef. Invite them to add seashells wherever they'd like.
- **Step 6:** Allow the kids to play and interact with their homemade ocean by having your small plastic ocean creatures explore their ocean!

What You Say:

[Make it Personal] *Adults: Describe your favorite places in God's creation: beach, forest, mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, etc. Ask the children to share their favorite part of God's creation. Say, "One of God's favorite parts of creation is YOU! Every person on this planet is unique, just like your ocean! God took special time to make you one of a kind. He created you with a purpose! Let's say today's bottom line together: [Bottom Line] God made people with a purpose."*

DAY 2

Build Your Own Boat (grades K-5)

Supplies for this project should be easily found at the home of the family participating in your Virtual VBS or easy for your church to pack into a kit.

What You Need:

- **pool noodles** (*cut into one-inch rings*)
- **craft foam**
- **plastic straws** (*two per child*)
- **hole punch**
- **Craft Day 2: Build Your Own Boat STEAM Virtual Instructions** (*printable/pdf*)
- **paper** (*if printing instructions for virtual craft kits*)
- **Any way for kids to test out boats: a water table, a shallow bucket/tray, a bowl of water, a cookie sheet, or a kiddie pool**

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- **Step 2:** Parents will help children follow Craft Day 2: Build Your Own Boat STEAM Virtual Instructions. If kits are provided, they will assemble boats from materials given and race boats per the instructions.
- **Step 3:** If supplies are not provided, parents will assist the children by cutting a pool noodle into one-inch rings to create “boats.”
- **Step 4:** To create “sails,” encourage the kids to cut the craft foam into right angle triangles. The sails can be attached to a boat by using a hole punch to punch a hole through the top of the foam triangle and the bottom of the triangle too. Then, the kids can weave a straw through the holes to attach to the pool noodle boat.
- **Step 3:** Invite the kids to race their boats in any body of water parents have decided to use. Instruct them to move their boats by blowing through a straw to the sail of the boat. Encourage them to watch it float in the direction they try to direct it.

[Make it Personal] Adult: Talk about a time you were on a boat. Ask the children if they’ve ever been on a boat. If they haven’t, ask them what they think it would be like on a boat. Say: “What would you do if you were Peter, and Jesus asked you to walk on water? (invite your child to respond) Say: “Jesus invited Peter to follow Him on the water, and today’s bottom line is [Bottom Line] Jesus invited people to follow Him.”

DAY 3

Jesus Is My Life Saver (grades K-1)

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What You Need:

- **Life Savers** hard candy wrapped like a cylinder (*one per child*)
- **crayons/markers**
- **glue stick or clear tape**
- **scissors**
- **Crafts Day 3: Life Saver Jesus Wrapper** (*printable*)
- **paper for printables**

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- **Step 1:** Print Crafts Day 3: Life Saver Jesus Wrapper. There are several Jesus Wrappers on a sheet. Cut them apart so each child will have their own.
- **Step 2:** Instruct the children to color and cut out their Life Saver Jesus Wrapper.
- **Step 3:** Once their wrapper is cut out, encourage the kids to wrap it around their Life Saver candies, and glue the ends using a glue stick to secure the wrapper.

What You Say:

[Make it Personal] *Describe a time when you were thankful for a lifeguard. Ask: “Why is it important to have lifeguards at the beach or pool?” (allow for responses) “Just like we need lifeguards around water, we need Jesus in our life. He is our Life Saver. Let’s say today’s Bottom Line together: [Bottom Line] You can trust Jesus with your life.”*

DAY 4

Ocean Foam (grades K-5)

Supplies for this project should be easily found at the home of the family participating in your Virtual VBS or easy for your church to pack into a kit.

What You Need:

- ¼ cup of warm water
- 2 tbsp dish soap
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- blue food coloring
- blender (or hand mixer)
- ocean animals
- seashells
- bin

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- **Step 2:** In a blender/or using a hand mixer (*with an adult*), add water, dish soap, cornstarch, and food coloring. Blend on high speed until stiff and foamy. Depending on the type of soap, you may need to adjust the measurements. (*The cornstarch is what will make the bubbles stiff, so if your liquid is too runny, add more cornstarch.*)
- **Step 3:** Pour your Ocean Foam into a large container, then add ocean animals and seashells. Plan on having a container of water or hose to rinse off the animals and shells.

What You Say:

[Make it Personal] Parent/Guardian: Describe a time when someone showed you the love of Jesus. How did it make you feel? Say: "Jesus loves us very much and He wants us to share that love with other people. Let's say today's Bottom Line together: [Bottom Line] Love others the way Jesus loves you."

DAY 5

Fruit of the Spirit Fish (grades K-5)

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What You Need:

- **pipe cleaners**
- **pony beads** (*white, red, orange, yellow, dark green, light green, light blue, dark blue, and purple*)
- **Craft Day 5: Fruit of the Spirit Color Code Card** (*printable*) (**PRINT IN COLOR**)

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- **Step 2:** Instruct the kids to string pony beads onto a pipe cleaner in this order: white, red, orange, yellow, dark green, light green, light blue, dark blue, and purple.
- **Step 3:** Direct the children to push the beads to the center of the pipe cleaner, leaving the same amount of length of pipe cleaner on either side of the beads.
- **Step 4:** Instruct the children to twist the pipe cleaner to create a fish shape, making the excess pipe cleaner into the fish's tail.
- **Step 5:** Encourage the kids to trim the excess pipe cleaner if the tail ends are too long.
- **Step 6:** Read Craft Day 5: Fruit of the Spirit Color Code Card to find out which color bead corresponds with which characteristic of the Fruit of the Spirit.

What You Say:

[Make it Personal] *Describe your spiritual gifts and how God uses them in your life. Say: "We've all been given gifts and God wants us to use them to change the world. What are some ways you can change the world?" (allow for responses) "Let's say today's Bottom Line together: [Bottom Line] God can help you change the world around you."*

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