

File 9 VBS 2017 Children's Music Rotation Base Conference

Purpose Statement

This two-hour plan is designed to train and equip leaders to conduct LifeWay's Galactic Starveyors Music Rotation using the leader guide.

Resources to Collect, Prepare, & Copy

Resources to Collect

- *VBS 2017 Music Rotation Leader Guide with DVD*
- *VBS 2017 Music Rotation and Musical CD*
- *VBS 2017 Decorating Made Easy with Clip Art CD* (if available)
- *VBS 2017 Worship Rally Guide* (if available)
- *VBS 2017 Tablecloth*
- *VBS 2017 Devotional Bible for Kids*
- *VBS 2017 Parent Guide*
- *VBS 2017 Takin' It Home CD*
- *The Gospel: God's Plan for Me*
- Colored construction paper – red, blue, gray, yellow, orange
- Wide craft sticks – one per Starveyor
- 5 large pieces of paper and markers or 5 large dry erase boards and markers
- Theme related items for focal table, i.e. telescope, rocket ship, stars, moon rocks

Resources to Prepare

- Using Item 1, "Star Pattern," cut star shapes out of red, yellow, grey, blue, and orange construction paper. Tape or glue each star to a wide craft stick. Make a star stick for each Starveyor.
- Using Item 2, "Star Pattern," cut four stars out of red, yellow, grey, blue, and orange construction paper.
- Print the daily Bible story title, Bible story reference, Bonus Verse reference, and Today's Point on the same color of star (one item per star) – [Item 2] Day One: Red, Day Two: Yellow, Day Three: Grey, Day Four: Blue, and Day Five: Orange.
- Using Item 3, "Large Star Pattern," cut one star out of red, yellow, grey, blue, and orange construction paper.
- Using Item 4 - Cut apart the ABC cards

Resources to Copy

- Item 4, "ABC cards" – on card stock, if possible.

Focal Table Description

Display the *Music Rotation Leader Guide with DVD*. Gather "galactic" items such as ... telescope, rocket ship, stars, moon rocks. Consider using a *VBS 2017 Tablecloth*. Display a copy of the *Decorating Made Easy* and *Worship Rally* materials, if available.

Room Setup Description

Arrange chairs in two (or more) rows of semi-circles. Leave plenty of room for conferees to do choreography. Place the focal table at the front of the room to the side of the TV/DVD or screen. Place the large stars (Item 3) and smaller stars (Item 2) around the room.

Decoration Suggestions

Create a galactic atmosphere using the *VBS 2017 Star Curtains*, string with silver stars, or planets draped from the wall or ceiling. Place a telescope in the corner of the room. Consider some of the recommendations found on page 31 of the *Music Rotation Leader Guide*.

Audio Visual Needs

- Laptop computer with CD/DVD player
- Projector (to connect with laptop)
- Large screen (if unable to project onto focal wall)
- TV/DVD player (if laptop and projector are unavailable)

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (5 minutes)
 - Play the theme song “Galactic Starveyors” as Starveyors (conferees) arrive.
 - Introduce yourself by saying, “I am your Clubhouse Vice President (name). Welcome to Galactic Starveyors! Discovering the God of the Universe. This year, as Galactic Starveyors, kids will search the skies and God’s Word to uncover God’s truth etched in His handiwork.”
 - Say: “The God who created everything there is—the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with them! From the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and His Holy Spirit to be our Helper. From the very beginning, to the furthest reaches of space (and beyond), nothing is outside God’s control or beyond His grasp. God loves us and will never leave us.
 - Say: “I am so glad you are here! God knows ‘Who You Are’ and I want us to get to know each other.” Travel around the room and shake hands or give a high five to people around you. Say your name and listen to his name. When the music stops travel back to your seat.
 - Play “Galactic Starveyors.” After a minute or two stop the music and encourage Starveyors to return to their seats. Then say: “I want us to get to know each other better. You found a star stick in your chair. When I call out a color and an action, I want you to hold your stars in the direction mentioned. Call out actions quickly. Start with one color and then add another color.
 - Suggestions: “Red, overhead. Blue, right. Grey, forward. Yellow, left. Orange, down. I have a brother, overhead. I like hamburgers, right. I like to read, forward. I have two sisters, left. I have blue eyes, overhead. I am left handed, right. I came to Galactic Starveyors on a plane, overhead.

Tell Starveyors to put their stars underneath their chairs.
2. Prepare for Leading VBS (5 minutes)
 - Give quick overview of materials: Say: “The *Music Rotation Leader Guide with DVD* provides ‘What You Need to Know’ regarding the Bible story the Starveyors will hear in the Starveyors Clubhouse. It is important that Vice Presidents of the Clubhouse connect each day’s biblical content with the song of the day. The *Music Rotation Leader Guide* provides the step-by-step material needed to teach the music and choreography for each lesson. The DVD comes with the leader guide and it has instructions for choreography, performance videos, and lyrics. As you learn the choreography from the DVD, keep in mind that if you are mirroring the instruction video, and then stand in front of your Starveyors to teach them, they will mirror you and will be doing the motions exactly like the instructors on the DVD. If you plan to

use the DVD performance tracks in the Worship Rally, your Starveyors will mirror the instructors on the video. It doesn't matter if they go to the right or to the left just so they are together and are having fun worshipping God.

- Boys and girls mimic you. The more energy you put into the music, the more energy you will get from your Starveyors. Your music rotation will go much better if you are ready to lead by knowing the songs well.

3. Introduction Activity (15 minutes)

Guide Starveyors to make "telescopes" with their hands (cup hands, one in front of the other, and put close to face). Explain that they are going on a mission to gather stars containing valuable information for their club. Ask Starveyors to stand as they prepare for their journey. Encourage Starveyors to look through their telescopes and to locate a large star matching the color of the star on their star sticks. Travel to that star. Once the teams have gathered together at each base star, Say: "As a team, travel around the room, using your telescopes, and gather four stars that match the color of your large star. Once you have collected your four stars, travel back to your base star and review the information you have discovered.

Play the theme song quietly in background. Allow time for Starveyors to travel, gather stars and review the information they discovered. When the music stops, ask each team to select a spokesperson. Explain that the spokesperson will share the content they discovered as we learn each day's song. Invite Starveyors to travel back to their seats.

4. Presentation (75 minutes)

Overview: This year we will gather under the stars and lift our voices to the Maker of the universe. Starveyors will engage in fun songs that will reinforce the biblical truths learned during Bible study in the Starveyors Clubhouse. Let's begin:

Day 1: The Relationship Began

- Ask for a volunteer from the Red team to share the Bible Story title (*The Relationship Began*), the Bible story reference (*Genesis 1:1-2,26-31; John 1:1, 14*), the daily Bonus Verse (Colossians 1:17), and Today's Point (*The God who created everything wants a relationship with us*) for Day 1 found on the stars gathered during the Introduction Activity.
- Share the Bible Connection Points:
 - In the beginning God created the world and everything in it. God saw that all He created was good.
 - Then God created people in His image. He created them to have and enjoy relationships with each other and with God.
 - God created Adam and Eve to love one another and work together as a family. God was pleased with everything He had made.
 - God loved and cared for the people He had created.Point out that each day has Share the Bible Connection Points.
- Song for Day One: "Who You Are". Read the words of the chorus: **Hallelujah - I am made by You and I know who I am because of who You are.**
- Demonstrate the action for *Hallelujah* (extend arms above head; move hands and arms in circles over head) and encourage Starveyors to practice the motion. Tell Starveyors that we can be happy about who we are because God made us.
- Invite Starveyors to stand and teach the words and movements for chorus to "Who You Are." Speak the words while demonstrating the motions, phrase by phrase. Lead the Starveyors to repeat the words and motions after you do each phrase.

Hallelujah: extend arms above head; move hands and arms in circles over head.

I am: Bring left hand to right hip; bring right hand to left shoulder.

made by You: Push left hand to left side and down, then push to left side at shoulder level, then push to left side and up.

And I know: Sweep left hand down and across the body in a circular motion and back up to original position.

who: Lift right knee and pat knee with both hands.

I: Place both hands on chest, palms in, left on top of right.

am: Hold both hands over head, palms out (surrender gesture).

Because: Bend hands down at wrist and raise back up quickly.

of who: Push both hands up and to the left.

You are: Push both hands up and to the right.

- Play the “Who You Are” introduction video with music from the Music DVD and invite Starveyors to follow along. Be sure to sing along, doing the motions, with the DVD.

Day 2: The Relationship Broken

- Ask for a volunteer from the Yellow Team to share the Bible Story title (*The Relationship Broken*), the Bible story reference (*Genesis 3*), the daily Bonus Verse (*Romans 3:23*), and Today’s Point (*Sin messed everything up, but God is still in control*) for Day 2 found on the stars gathered during the Introduction Activity.
- Show the Starveyors how to make the *Oh, No* motion for the song (move right arm up and left arm down to see face, then close them together quickly). Practice slowly and then quickly. Teach the Starveyors how to make the *Oh, Yeah* motion (raise hands over head and jump once). Practice slowly and then quickly.
- After Starveyors have mastered *Oh, No* and *Oh, Yeah* movements ask the following true/false statements. Say: “I am going to ask you a few questions. If the answer is false, make the *Oh, No* movement. If the answer is true, make the *Oh, Yeah* movement.”
 - The sky is purple; Rain falls from clouds; Elephants make good pets; Cheetahs are the fastest land animals.
 - God placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden; Eve was tricked by Satan disguised as a caterpillar; Adam and Eve were the only people to sin.
- Say: “Everyone has sinned; every person chooses to disobey God and do things his own way, just like Adam and Eve did. God is holy and cannot be around sin. Today’s song—‘Sin Messed Everything Up’ reminds us that God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world. And, when Jesus comes again, everything will be all right.”
- Invite Starveyors to stand and follow as you speak the words and show movements for chorus to “Sin Messed Everything Up”.
 - Sin:* Begin with left arm at side; swing left hand up over the head, move around the face (right to left), straight down front of body, and down to side.
 - messed:* Reach up with right hand above head, “grab” to make a fist, and pull straight down (palm facing body); end with elbow bent.
 - everything:* Swing right hand up over the head, around the face (left to right), straight down front of body, and down to side.
 - up:* Reach up with left hand above head, “grab” to make a fist, and pull straight down (palm facing body); end with elbow bent.
 - Everything:* Bow head, hold bent left arm in front of face (fist palm down).
 - up:* Hold bent right arm in front of face (fist palm down) on top of left arm.

OH NO: Move right arm up and left arm down to see face, then close them together quickly. (like a mouth opening and closing)

Sin messed everything: Repeat steps 1-4 above

Everything up: Repeat steps 5-6 above

Bring arms down to sides and swing them forward and back.

Sin messed everything: Repeat steps 1-4 above

Everything up: Repeat steps 5-6 above

Bring arms down to sides and swing them forward and back.

- Play the “Sin Messed Everything Up” performance video from the Music DVD and invite Starveyors to follow along. Be sure to sing along, doing the motions, with the DVD.

Day 3: The Restoration Promised

- Ask for a volunteer from the Grey Team to share the Bible Story title (*The Restoration Promised*), the Bible story reference (*Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 2:22-38*), the daily Bonus Verse (*John 1:14a*), and Today’s Point (*God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world*) for Day 3 found on the stars gathered during the Introduction Activity.
- Tell Starveyors that in our language we have idioms, expressions that mean something different from the literal words.
- Ask Starveyors to travel back to the star they travelled to for the Introduction Activity. Give each group a dry erase board and marker. Call one member from each team to you and whisper an idiom from the list below. The team members should go back to their teams and draw a literal picture of the expression. When a team correctly guesses the idiom, talk about its figurative meaning. Repeat with different team members drawing.
 - Piece of cake (very easy)
 - I’m all ears (you have my attention)
 - Over the moon (very happy or delighted)
 - Crazy above you (loves you a lot).
- Introduce “Over the Moon” as the ABC song. Show a letter A. Ask Starveyors to shout out what it stands for (A – admit to God you’re a sinner and repent to Him). Repeat with B (B – believe that Jesus is the son of God) and then C (C – confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. And you will know eternal life forevermore).
- Slowly demonstrate and explain the motions for the ABCs.

A - admit to God: Extend arms over head, pushing up to the left, palms out; bend elbows; extend arms over head, pushing up to the right, palms out.
you’re a sinner: Hold both arms in front of chest, elbows bent; grasp each elbow with hands.
and repent: Hold both hands, clasped together, in front of chest (praying motion)
to Him: Separate hands and move them up and out, extending arms over head and back to sides.
B - believe: Hold hands, palms together, in front of chest (praying); move hands in this position up and to the left (over head) and back to chest.
that Jesus is: Move praying hands up and to the right (over head) and back to chest.
the Son of God: Move praying hands straight up above head and back to chest.
and then: Separate hands and move them up and out, extending arms over head and back to sides.

C - Confess your faith: Make a “C” with left hand; place hand by mouth; extend arm up and to left, bend elbow, and extend hand again. (Keep left arm extended up for next movement)

in Jesus Christ: Make a “C” with right hand; place hand by mouth; extend arm up and to right, bend elbow, and extend hand again.

as Savior and Lord: Move arms down to sides and extend behind body; swing arms forward and up.

And you will know eternal: Hold both arms above head; sway arms right and then left.

life forever: Bring hands in front of face, palms out and fingertips almost touching; turn slightly right as you pull hands apart and move back together; turn lightly left and repeat hand motions.

more: Hold both hands over head. Turn one revolution.

- Play the “Over the Moon” performance video from the Music DVD. Help Starveyors with the motions. Remember to sing and do motions with the Starveyors.

Day 4: The Relationship Restored

- Ask for a volunteer from the Blue Team to share the Bible Story title (*The Relationship Restored*), the Bible story reference (*Mark 15:22-16:7*), the daily Bonus Verse (*2 Corinthians 5:19a*), and Today’s Point (*Jesus gave His life to be my Savior*) for Day 4 found on the stars gathered during the Introduction Activity.

- Say: “The song for Day 4 is ‘How Far Love Goes.’ Jesus’ death and resurrection show us that He gave everything to be our Savior. Nothing is deeper or higher or longer or wider than God’s or Jesus’ love for us.”

- Invite Starveyors to stand and teach the words and movements to the chorus of “How Far Love Goes.”

You: Push up and to the left with the right hand.

came: Push up and to the right with the left hand.

down from: Push down in front of the body with both hands

the heavens: Hold hands in front of the body at waist level, palms facing in; circle hands around each other as you move them up the body and overhead.

So we: Extend right arm to the left, palm up; sweep extended arm from left to right.

would: Extend left arm to the right, palm up; sweep extended arm from right to left.

know: Bring both hands to sides of head, touching temples with fingertips.

how deep: Turn slightly right and push down to the right with both hands.

how high: Turn slightly left and push up to the left with both hands.

how long: Extend both hands to the right, palms facing right; bend left elbow to pull left hand straight back across the body.

and how wide: Push left hand forward (to extend arm to right next to right arm)

sweep extended left arm in front of body and end with left arm extended to left at shoulder (keep right arm extended to right at shoulder).

And how far: Hold both hands in front of the body at chest, palms facing out; push forward and to the right.

love: Hold both hands crossed on chest, palms against chest.

goes: Bring right arm slowly down to side, bring left arm slowly down to side.

- Play the “How Far Love Goes” performance video with music from the Music DVD. Help Starveyors with the motions. Remember Starveyors are following you so be sure to sing and do motions with the Starveyors.

Day 5: The Relationship Continues

- Ask for a volunteer from the Orange Team to share the Bible Story title (*The Relationship Continues*), the Bible story reference (*John 21:1-19; Acts 1:4,8*), the daily Bonus Verse (*John 14:26*), and Today's Point (*Even though I mess up, God still loves me and will never leave me*) for Day 5 found on the stars gathered during the Introduction Activity.
- Demonstrate the stars motion at the beginning of the chorus (extend arms over head, open hands to spread fingers; move arms to cross, closing and opening fingers. Move arms back, opening and closing fingers; move arms to cross, closing and opening fingers.) Practice the motion with the Starveyors.
- Say: "Today's song, 'Stars,' says we are like stars. Stars shine bright and we can 'shine Jesus' love' to others; that means we can show Jesus' love to others in different ways." Lead the Starveyors to share how people can shine or show Jesus' love.
- Invite Starveyors to stand and learn the movements for the chorus of "Stars." Speak the words while demonstrating the motions, phrase by phrase. Lead the Starveyors to repeat the words and motions after you do each phrase.
 - Stars, shining all through the:* Extend arms over head, open hands to spread fingers; move arms to cross, closing and opening fingers. Move arms back, opening and closing fingers; move arms to cross, closing and opening fingers.
 - night:* Hold both hands straight over head, palms up.
 - Shimmering in the sky:* Move hands together right and left twice (palms still up), shake (shimmer) hands slightly as they move back and forth.
 - Showing the world that:* Hold hands low in front of the body (palms out); move hands/arms at the same time – left hand toward right and right hand toward left; hands will cross as they move up, out, and around; they will cross again over the head; extend arms up over their heads.
 - we love:* Bring right hand to chest (palm in) bring left hand on top of right.
 - Jesus:* Hold right hand, palm out, touch right palm with left middle finger; hold left hand palm out touch palm with right middle finger
 - Stars, burning with love so:* Extend arms over head, open hands to spread fingers; move arms to cross, closing and opening fingers. Move arms back, opening and closing fingers; move arms to cross, closing and opening fingers
 - bright:* Hold both hands straight over head, palms up.
 - Blazing with hope:* Face slightly right; hold both hands palms out; move both hands forward and back in alternating circles.
 - and life;* Face slightly left; hold both hands palms out; move both hands forward and back in alternating circles.
 - Bringing Him glory:* Extend arms straight from body, palms up; move right hand up and in (as in "come on" motion); repeat with left.
 - we will:* Bring right hand to chest (palm in) bring left hand on top of right.
 - shine:* Look up; hold both hands beside face with palms up.
 - like:* Place both hands on chest, palms in.
 - stars:* Extend both hands above head, hands spread open and palms forward.
- Play the "Stars" performance video with music from the Music DVD. Lead the Starveyors to sing along. Be sure to help them with the motions.

Theme Song: "Galactic Starveyors"

- Show first 50-60 seconds of Instruction Video on Music DVD – just to introduce this portion of the video.

- Invite Starveyors to stand and sing along with “Galactic Starveyors.” Play the “Galactic Starveyors” performance video from the Music DVD.

5. Review (5 minutes)

- Allow conferees to ask questions regarding the music rotation for VBS 2017.
- Share decorating ideas from the *Music Rotation Leader Guide* (page 31).
- Bring attention to the Lifeway VBS website for VBS resources.

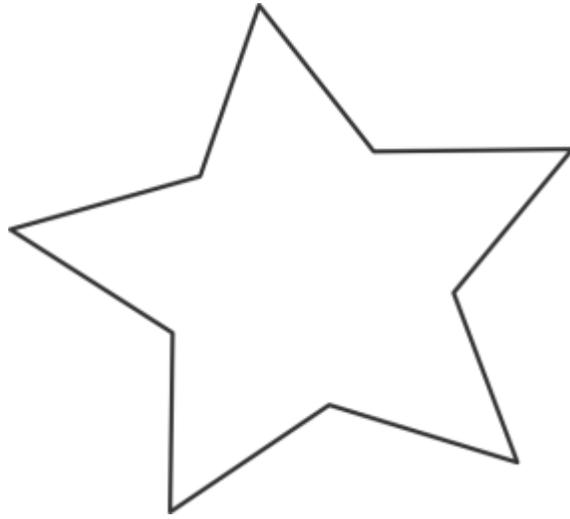
6. Post-Event Continued Connection (10 minutes)

- Remind Starveyors that VBS isn’t over at the end of the week. The purpose of VBS is to bring unchurched boys and girls in so they can hear the gospel. A vital part of VBS is the connections made with unchurched families during the week. As the music rotation instructor you will have opportunities during the week to interact with the Starveyors attending your VBS. Be ready to share Jesus with your kids. On Day 3 Starveyors will learn that before sin even entered the world, God had a plan to fix everything sin would mess up. Be ready to share the Gospel with Starveyors if asked. You will find more information about sharing the Gospel with kids on inside cover of your *Music Rotation Leader Guide*.
- Say: “As a member of your VBS team you are crucial in continuing the connections with the unchurched families.” Ask Starveyors to share ideas for connection activities.
- Share resource: *VBS 2017 Devotional Bible for Kids*, *VBS 2017 Parent Guide*, *VBS 2017 Takin’ It Home CD*, *The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me*.

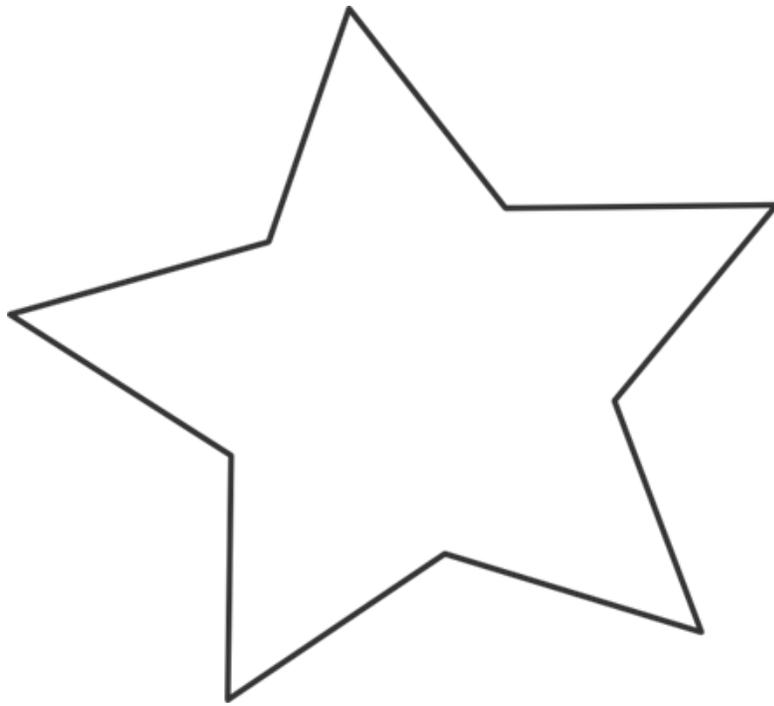
7. Closing (5 minutes)

Say: “This year’s motto is ‘Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible.’” You are helping kids learn that God planned for Jesus to be the Savior from the beginning of time. You are also helping them discover the Invisible as they search the visible. Show the Scripture Verse on the Music DVD and ask Starveyors to say it with you. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16.

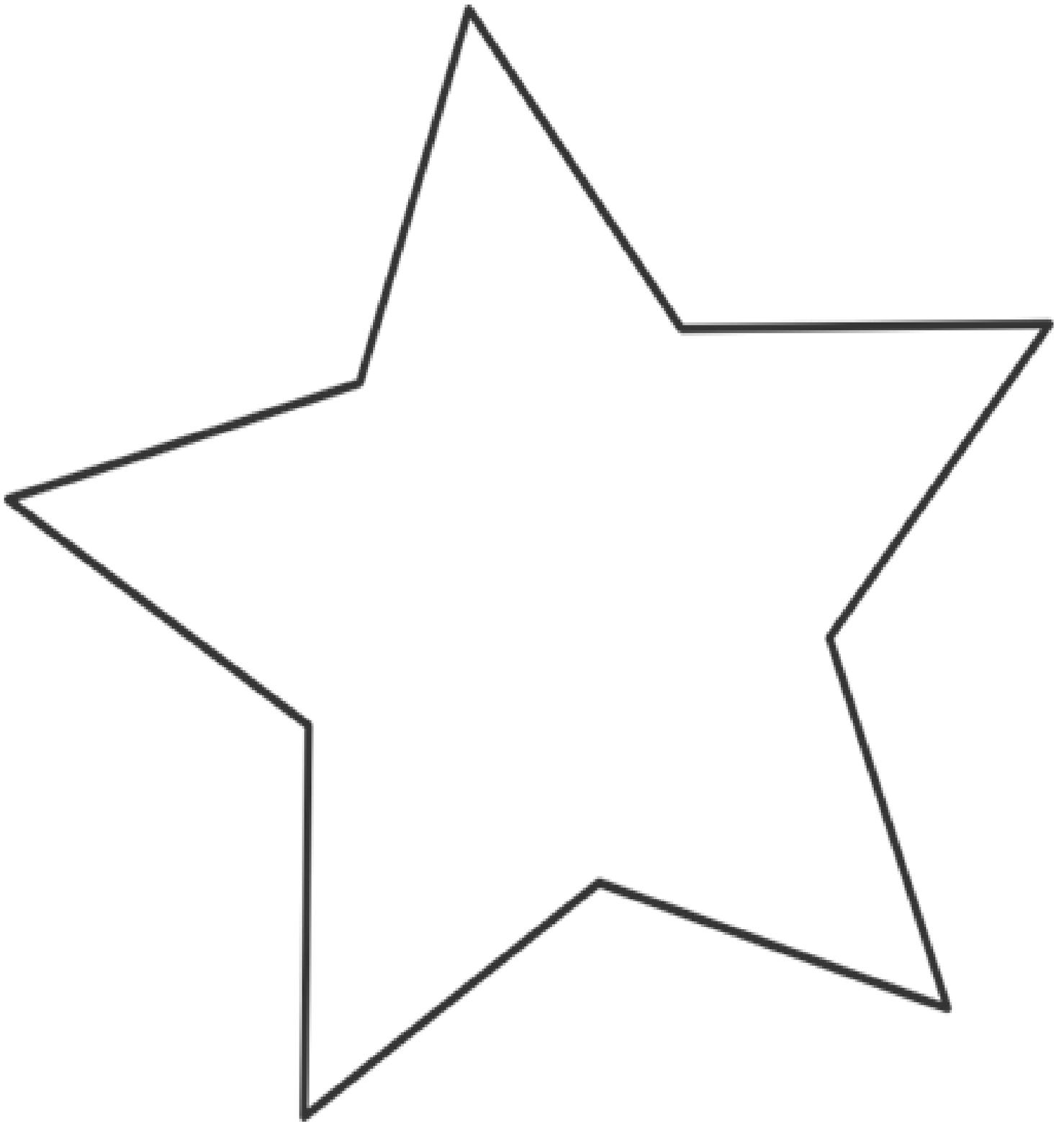
Invite Starveyors to pray with you.



Item 1: Small Star Patten



Item 2: Medium Star Pattern



Item 3: Large Star Pattern

