

Galactic Kaleidoscope				
Mirrored paper	6-inch square/child	Hobby Lobby	12x12 sheet/ \$1.99	.50
Tracing paper	2-in triangle/child	Hobby Lobby	40 9x12 \$2.47	.04
Clear plastic	2-in triangle/child			
Thin cardboard	2-in triangle/child	Wal-Mart	250 sheets/\$6.03	.01
Transparent seed beads or confetti		Wal-Mart	8 grams/\$3.25	.08
Decorative tape	6 inches /child	Dollar Tree	236 inches/\$1	.03
Awl (leader use only)				
Foil star stickers or VBS theme stickers		Hobby Lobby	440/\$1.99	.05
TIME:		10-16 MINUTES		COST PER PROJECT:
				\$0.71

KIDS SAY: *Cool, interesting, hard, pretty. I'll make it into a telescope for my American Girl doll.*

- You need to write on the side before you tape it together.
- The kids had a lot of trouble making the little pockets for the beads. Static made the beads and confetti stick to the plastic. One of my helpers suggested cutting corners from plastic bags. It's not quite a right angle, but you would already have the pocket.

Starry Sit Upon		VOTED KID'S FAVORITE FOR DAY 1		
Plastic Tarp	36-by-12-inch piece/child	Dollar Tree	4-by-6-foot/\$1.	.13
Wide ribbon (30 inches per child)	1/child	Dollar Tree	4 yds/\$1	.25
Hole punches				
Decorative duct tape	84 inches/child	Wal-Mart	10 yds/\$5.81	1.36
Adhesive-backed vinyl or duct tape sheets	9-by-3-inch piece /child	Wal-Mart	18"x9'/\$3.86	.22
Shredded paper				
TIME:		9-20 MINUTES		COST PER PROJECT:
				\$1.96

KIDS SAY: *"I'll use this to look at the stars. I'll take it to all my brother's ball games. I'll use it when I sit in the grass.*

I'll take it fishing. This will be good for my tree house."

- Pre-cut duct tape.
- Decorate before stuffing.
- Use heavy-duty table-top punches with levers that are easier for the kids to use.

(Probably the favorite of all the crafts.)

Spinning Star				
Cardboard	4-inch square/child			
Craft knife (leader use)				
Cord	30 inches/child	Wal-Mart	77 yd/\$3.99	\$0.05
Plastic, large eye needles				
Awl (leader use)				
Foil paper	½ page/child	Dollar Tree	20 8-by-10-inch sheets/\$1.00	.03
Metallic markers		Wal-Mart	3/\$3.97	.08
Spinning Star Template				
	TIME: 6-15 MINUTES		COST PER PROJECT:	\$0.16

KIDS SAY: "This is fun. Cool! "

- Make sure holes are large enough for the needles to pass through, and far enough apart so that they don't tear when you push the needle through.
- The kids really enjoyed playing with these.

Notes:

Use a star die cut to make stars.

Use a bamboo skewer to re-punch the holes after the foil paper is glued on.

(The Spinning Star also scored really high.)

Falling Star Hanger				
Dark blue craft foam	6-by-9-inch /child	Hobby Lobby	12x18/.89	\$0.23
Yellow craft foam	6-by-9-inch /child	Hobby Lobby	12x18/.89	\$0.23
Ribbon	3 12-inch strands /child	Hobby Lobby	10/\$1.99	\$0.20
Star shaped beads	12/child	Hobby Lobby	115/2.47	\$0.26
Craft knife (leader use)				
Hole punchers				
Knob Template				
Falling Star Template				
	TIME: 16-20 MINUTES		COST PER PROJECT	\$0.92

KIDS SAY: "This is pretty. It needs glitter. Too many nots!"

- We called time on this one at 20 minutes. Some of the younger children didn't finish.
- Doesn't need so many beads- one per ribbon is enough.
- Need to do the tracing for the younger kids.

(Probably the least favorite of all the crafts.)

Miss the Mark Game				
Small gift boxes	1/child	Hobby Lobby	10 3x3-inch /8.99	.89
BBs	5 /child	Wal-Mart	350/1.46	.03
Clear plastic squares	4-inch square/child			.10
Craft foam	3-inch square/child	Hobby Lobby	12x18/.89	.04
Card stock		Dollar Tree	50/\$1	.02
Duct tape	10 inches/child	Wal-Mart	10 yds/\$5.81	.16
Disposable bowls		Wal-Mart	50/1.46	.03
Hole punches				
Game Template				
TIME:	4-10 minutes	COST PER PROJECT:	\$1.27	

KIDS SAY: "I'll play this in the car. This is fun. The kids will love this craft. I think it's cool."

- The kids had a very hard time making the plastic lid. We let the younger ones do the recycled cassette boxes.
- We bought little 3-inch square gift boxes. The lids of the boxes will be slightly larger. The pattern will need to be adjusted.
- When you make the template, make the stars large enough so that you still see the star shape when the hole is punched in the middle.
- Stars need to be placed close enough to the edge so that regular hole punches can reach.
- One of our boys added points for each star.
- Hole punch was hard for the younger kids.

Suggestions:

- Make 2½ -by- 4-inch game to fit in recycled cassette boxes.
- Uline has 3½-inch square boxes with clear lids 100/\$37.00

Spinning Top		VOTED KID'S FAVORITE FOR DAY 2		
2¼ -inch washers	1/child	Ace		.43
Large wooden bead	1/child	Hobby Lobby	16/3.99	.25
Golf Tees	1/child	Wal-Mart	500/11.70	.03
Hot glue gun (leader use)				
Permanent markers				
TIME:	4-11 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT:	\$0.71	

KIDS SAY: " This is great. Cool. Fun. Cool toy."

- The kids loved decorating and spinning these. We had them try to say their favorite verse before it stopped spinning. (2nd Grade boy: "Jesus wept!")

Cosmic Bookmarks				
Vinegar jugs (Cutting Mats)	6-by-1¾-inch strip / child	Dollar Tree	11-by-14-inch: 2/ \$1.00	.07
91-99% isopropyl alcohol		Wal-Mart	\$2.58	.08
Eye droppers				
Ribbon	12-inch strands /child	Hobby Lobby	10/\$1.99	.07
Star shaped beads	6/child	Hobby Lobby	115/2.47	.13
Star stickers		Hobby Lobby	440/\$1.99	.05
Hole punches				
Clear spray sealer		Hobby Lobby	3 oz/3.27	.17
Plastic tablecloths or newspaper				
TIME:	4-8 Minutes		COST PER PROJECT:	.57

KIDS SAY: "I'll put it in my Bible. This is pretty. The alcohol is stinky. My color disappeared! "

Suggestions:

- I could only get 4 bookmarks from the vinegar jug and they wouldn't lie flat. We used inexpensive cutting mats from Dollar Tree. They come 2/\$1.00 and you can get 16 from one if you cut them 5½-by-1¾.
- The plastic pieces didn't dry quickly enough to add stickers or the ribbon. I think the ribbon could go on before the ink and just let any stains be part of the design.
- Caution the kids that too much alcohol will wash all the color away. This was especially a problem for the ones cut from the vinegar bottle because they didn't lie flat and the liquid pooled in the middle.

Moon Gazer				
8-by-1-inch craft sticks	1/child	Hobby Lobby	30/\$2.99	.10
Thin cardboard	8-by-9-inch rectangle/child	Wal-Mart	250 sheets/\$6.03	.03
Cardstock		Wal-Mart	250 sheets/\$6.03	.01
VBS Theme Stickers		LifeWay	10 sheets/\$3.99	.07
Phases of the Moon Template				
TIME:	6-8 MINUTES		COST PER PROJECT:	\$0.21

KIDS SAY: "It will be interesting to look at the moon with this. This is cool."

Suggestions:

- The cardstock was too flimsy for the craft stick to hold. I think it would work fine if it was just smaller, maybe a 6-inch square with a 3½ -inch opening would be large enough. One of my helpers also suggested using a paper plate. You could use a square one, but round might be good since it is a moon gazer.

Constellation Album VOTED KID'S FAVORITE FOR DAY 3				
Plastic 4-by-6-inch photo album	4 pages /child	Dollar Tree	48 page/\$1.00	.09
Black card stock	4-by-6-inch sheet/child	Dollar Tree	22-by-28-inch/.69	.04
Silver foil	4-by-6-inch sheet/child	Dollar Tree	20 8-by-10-inch sheets/\$1.00	.03
Star -shaped stickers		Hobby Lobby	440/\$1.99	.05
Craft knife (leader use)				
White cardstock	Four 4-by-6-inch sheets/child	Wal-Mart	250 sheets/\$6.03	.02
Decorative tape	6 inches /child	Dollar Tree	236 inches/\$1	.03
Decorative edge scissors				
Stapler				
Star hole punch				
Book Page Template				
TIME:	12-20 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT:		\$0.26

KIDS SAY: "It's awesome. This is fun."

Suggestions:

- The album I found only had 48 pages. (The supply list says "1 for every 25 children" but not every album has 100 pages.)
- I never found star-shaped gems. I had a few in my resource room, to make the sample, but we just used star stickers for the rest.
- Be sure the Book Page Template fits the album pages. Mine were just a little too large.
- The kids will need at least 7 stars to make most of the constellations.

Starry Night Cards				
Watercolor paper	4-by-5 inch sheet/child	Hobby Lobby	40 9-by-12-inch sheets/\$2.99	.14
Card stock	10-by-7-inch/child	Wal-Mart	250 sheets/\$6.03	.03
5-by-7-inch envelope	1/child	25/\$2.99	Wal-Mart	.12
Scrap paper	1 sheet/child			
Disposable bowls		Wal-Mart	50/1.46	.03
Star -shaped stickers		Hobby Lobby	440/\$1.99	.05
VBS Theme Stickers		LifeWay	10 sheets/\$3.99	.07
Liquid watercolor paints		Michael's	\$2.49	.24
Paintbrushes				
Coarse salt		Wal-Mart	/ \$2.02	.04
TIME:	9-12 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT:		\$0.72

KIDS SAY: "This would make a good birthday card. It's pretty."

Suggestions:

- The kids really enjoyed painting, but you need drying time before the watercolor can be glued to the card.
- We tried coarse salt and table salt, and liked the table salt better.
- The water color seeped under the star stickers. You will either need to leave them on or not use them.

(The dry time will be an issue with this one.)

Light of the World Switch Covers

Light switch plates	1/child	Lowes		.25
Dark blue scrapbook paper	½ sheet/child	Hobby Lobby	8 ½ -by-11- inch/.44	.22
Mod Podge™		Dollar Tree	2 oz/\$1.00	.10
Foam brushes				
Disposable bowls		Dollar Tree	30/\$1.00	.03
Metallic markers		Wal-Mart	3/\$3.97	.08
Glow-in-the-dark stickers		60/\$4.29	Hobby Lobby	.22
TIME:	10-13 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT		\$0.90

KIDS SAY: "I will let it glow. This is too hard."

Suggestions:

- The scrap book paper was too stiff. We tried tissue paper. It fits around the curved edges and the center hole better.
- The glow-in-the-dark stickers still glowed through the layer of Mod Podge™. There is also a glow-in-the-dark Mod Podge™, but I think it would make the whole thing glow.

Galactic Geo Art VOTED KID'S FAVORITE FOR DAY 4

Thick Styrofoam™	6-inch square/child	Lowes	8-by-4 ft sheet/\$12.58	.10
Soda can tabs				
White finishing nails	1/child	Wal-Mart	132/.97	.08
Small rubber bands	20/child	Dollar Tree	500/\$1.00	.04
Star-shaped cookie cutters				
TIME:	8-16 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT		\$0.22

KIDS SAY: "This is fun. I like this one a lot. I'll hang it in my room. Cool!"

- The nails need to be dipped in glue.
- Write on the foam before marking with the cookie cutter. Some kids didn't leave enough room to write.

(Another favorite. This could be a kit if you need one for Day 4.)

Astronomical Frame				
Jumbo craft sticks	6/child	Hobby Lobby	75/\$2.99	.24
Regular craft sticks	2/child	Hobby Lobby	150/\$2.99	.04
Round paper clips	1/child	Wal-Mart	150/\$4.93	.04
Star -shaped stickers		Hobby Lobby	440/\$1.99	.05
Self-adhesive magnet strips	2/child	Hobby Lobby	10 ft/\$2.99	.20
Decorative tape				
Card stock		Wal-Mart	250 sheets/\$6.03	.01
Logo Card Template				
TIME:	9-17 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT:		\$0.91

KIDS SAY: "I'll put this on the fridge. This is cute!"

- You really need to use glue dots. The tacky glue didn't set up quickly enough and the sticks moved when we tried to add the star stickers and the paper clip.
- We used a roll of magnet tape and the curve didn't stick to the craft stick very well. Maybe round magnets would be better.
- We used a twist tie to attach the paper clip: fold the twist tie over the clip and slip it between the top 2 craft sticks. Spread the twist tie apart on the back to secure. Add tape if necessary.

Moon Mobile				
White glitter foam	1/3 children	Hobby Lobby	9-by-12-inch sheet/\$.99	.34
Ribbon	6-inch strand /child	10/\$1.99	Hobby Lobby	.10
Bells	5/child	Hobby Lobby	60/\$3.98	.34
TIME	10-15 MINUTES	COST PER PROJECT		\$0.78

KIDS SAY: "I'll hang this on my door. This is pretty. I'll hang it on my door. The weaving is hard."

- We had our kids use long, plastic needles for the weaving. That seemed to help.
- Use fewer ribbons for the younger children. 3 would be enough.

(Not very popular with the kids.)

Floating Star VOTED KID'S FAVORITE FOR DAY 5				
Glittered chenille stems	1/child	Hobby Lobby	500/\$2.67	.06
Translucent straws	10 ½ -inch segments/child	Wal-Mart	50/\$2.00	.08
Tri-beads	9/child	Hobby Lobby	850/\$3.47	.04
Ribbon	8 inches /child	Hobby Lobby	10/\$1.99	.05
Disposable bowls		Wal-Mart	50/1.46	.03
TIME:	3-7 minutes	COST PER PROJECT:		\$0.26

KIDS SAY: "I'll hang it up. It's cute."

- This was very quick. They would probably have time to make two.
- The younger kids did need a pattern to bend the star shape.
- A few of the older boys shaped their stars into a constellation shape (Ursa Major).