



## GAMES

Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. Hebrews 12:2a (NirV)

### WHAT YOU NEED:

Plastic bin, multicolored water balloons (make sure you have some red balloons but not too many), roper, Timer

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Create a starting line.
- Place the bin of balloons at the other side of your “playing field”
- Each kid plays for himself or herself, so it’s an individual competition.
- Tell them the time limit for the game (choose a time that allows each kid only a few seconds at the bin).
- Explain that there are a limited amount of red balloons in the bin. Red balloons are worth 50 points, and all other colors are worth 15 points.
- On your “Go,” kids run to the bin and either grab any balloon from the bin or takes more time to search for a red one, bringing the balloon back to the starting line and popping it over his/her head before going back for another balloon.
- Kids must pick up the balloon material and place it on a plate to remember the color.
- At the end of the time period, total up the points: red balloons are worth 50 points, while all the others are worth 15 points.

### SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

In this game, you had the option of taking time to search for a red balloon or just quickly grabbing another one that was not worth as many points. If your focus was completely on the color red, without getting distracted by all the other colors that were easier to grab, you probably could have quickly found the red and received more points. You needed to **[Bottom Line] FOCUS on what you can see.**”

“In our lives, we are going to have a lot of things that draw our attention away from the things God has for us, but in those times, we need to get our focus back on God. We need to FOCUS on what we can see that reminds us of God, who cares for us, who loves us, and who



promises to always be there for us. *[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you focused on what you could see in order to bring your attention back to God.)* When you focus on the things you can see that God has done or created, it helps you believe in the God you can't see.”



## CRAFTS

### WHAT YOU NEED:

“Focus Spinner Template” Activity Pages, nylon twine, cardboard cut in squares, scissors, glue sticks, wooden skewers, markers

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a “Focus Spinner Template” Activity Page, markers and scissors.
- Encourage kids to create colorful designs on their circles. Explain that the more colorful they make them, the better the spinner will look when it spins.
- When they’re finished coloring, they can cut out their circles.
- Tell kids to take one of their circles, trace its outline on a cardboard square, and cut out the cardboard circle.
- Instruct kids to glue one paper circle on each side of the cardboard circle.
- Use a wooden skewer to poke two holes through each spinner on the dots in the middle of one of the circles.
- Show kids how to run a piece of twine through the two holes, leaving the same amount of twine sticking out of both holes on both sides of the spinner.
- Tell kids to tie the loose ends together in a tight knot.
- Show kids how to spin the spinners. Take one end of the strings in each hand.
- Rotate the strings like a jump rope, which will twist the strings.
- When the strings are fully twisted, pull your hands outward and then relax them. Continue to pull and relax while the spinner spins and creates a fun design.

For a video tutorial of this craft, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6319700/video/371506539>

### SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Have you ever been mesmerized by something spinning? In the same way, we can be mesmerized by God! When we focus on God, we get to experience Him in new ways. And when we focus on the things we see that He has made—the world and everything in it—we can learn amazing things about Him. When we see what God has made, it can help us trust God more, because we see how powerful and creative and thoughtful and kind He is. When



we see the things He has made, they point us to Him. As you play with this awesome craft, focus on the designs as they spin. When it's not spinning, you can only see what you drew, but when it spins you can see new magical designs. Sometimes in life if we look at things from a different perspective, we can see just how amazing God is. It's important to [\[Bottom Line\] FOCUS on what you can see.](#)"



## STEAM

### WHAT YOU NEED:

Plastic cups, balloons, ping-pong balls, duct tape, scissors, permanent markers, “Target”, painter’s tape lines on the floor (optional), tape measures (optional)

### WHAT YOU DO:

If the bottoms have not yet been cut off the cups, guide kids to cut them off.

Instruct kids to use duct tape to wrap around the cut edges of the cups.

Tell kids to tie off the end of an un-inflated balloon.

Guide them to cut off a small piece of the top of the balloon.

Help them stretch the balloon over the end of the cup and tape it in place.

Give each kid a ping-pong ball, and instruct them to use the permanent markers to write their name on their ball and their launcher.

Allow kids to use their launchers! They can shoot for distance and use a tape measure or tape marks on the floor to see who can launch the farthest.

They can shoot at targets and add up their points.

For a video tutorial of this craft, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6319700/video/371506694>

### SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

“Who knew you can create something this fun from cups and balloons? You need to use your laser focus to hit the targets or to shoot straight and far. You can also use your laser focus to [\[Bottom Line\] FOCUS on what you can see](#) that will point you to God!”



## CONNECTED CAR QUESTIONS

**KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN CAR AND USE AS YOU TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE:**

**Ask:**

Imagine if all of creation could speak. What might the following creation pieces tell us about God?

Mountains

Ants

Wind

Sand

Planets and stars

Snow

Horses

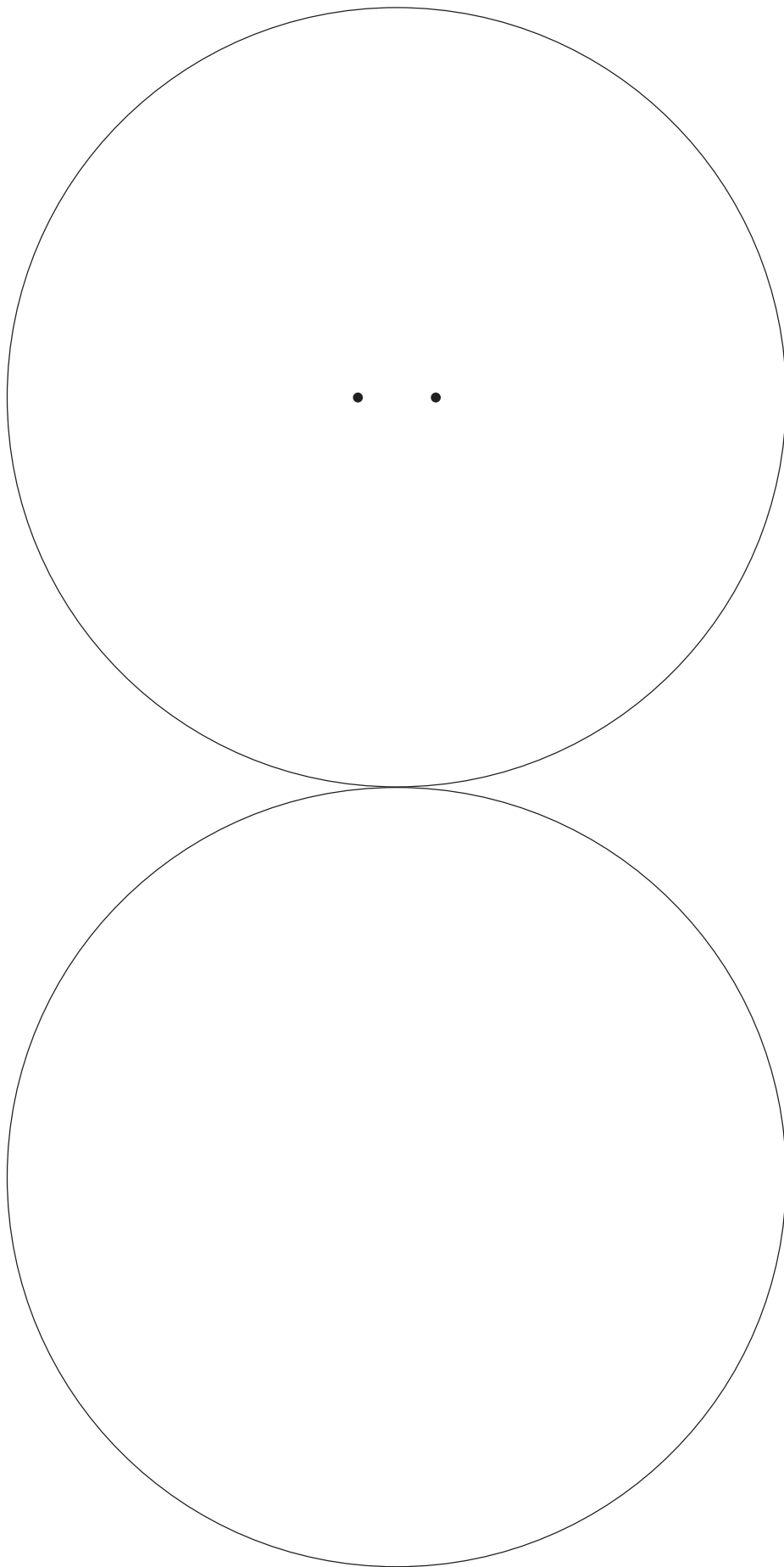
Jesus

Molecules

You

What would be a good name for a detective agency that looks for God? What evidence would be in their files?

What are some important reasons for looking around to find evidence of God?



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**What to Do:**

Print one copy for each kid.

**Focus Spinner Template**

VBS, DAY 1, Crafts

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