

SHOP & PREP LIST

ELEMENTARY

UP IN THE AIR

WEEK 1

ACTIVITY | Cloud Toss

- ☐ cotton balls
- ☐ masking tape
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Draw a line on the ground using masking tape to be the dividing line between two teams.*

ACTIVITY | Cloud Dough

- ☐ measuring cup
- ☐ mixing bowl
- ☐ large spoon or whisk
- ☐ 1/2 cup of lotion
- ☐ 1 cup of cornstarch
- ☐ 1–2 drops of food coloring
- ☐ trays or parchment paper
- ☐ *optional:* assortment of cookie cutters
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Set up three to four tables as stations to make the cloud dough to take home at the end of the day.*

BIBLE STORY | Elijah Taken Up to Heaven

- ☐ costumes and props for storytelling
- ☐ Bible

BIG IDEA | I can dream big with God.

- ☐ large white poster board
- ☐ white wax crayon
- ☐ Blue thick-tipped marker
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Take a large white poster board and write the Big Idea in white wax crayon.*

ACTIVITY | Dream Clouds

- ☐ [cloud printable](#) (1 per kid)
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ writing tools
- ☐ blue bulletin board or large poster board
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Have a cloud printable and writing material for each kid. Make sure to set up your blue sky area.*

MEMORY VERSE | Colossians in the Clouds

- ☐ memory verse written out on individual [clouds](#) (2 sets)
- ☐ 2 blue poster boards
- ☐ tape
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Write the memory verse one word at a time on clouds. Have two sets prepared.*

ACTIVITY | ~~Dream Cloud Mobile~~ [Shoot for the Moon]

- [cloud](#)-shape printable
- writing tools
- stapler or glue
- string
- 2 popsicle sticks (per kid)
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Prepare all of the materials in baskets or trays for easy accessibility for the small groups. Make an example mobile so the kids know what the end-result could look like.*

WEEK 2

ACTIVITY | Speed Airplane Competition

- ☐ paper
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ tape
- ☐ masking tape
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Make a few different examples of paper airplanes. Lay out paper, scissors, and tape. Using masking tape, make a long starting line on the floor in the room so the kids know where to begin when flying their paper airplanes.*

ACTIVITY | Airplane Building

- ☐ 3 large popsicle sticks
- ☐ 5 regular-size popsicle sticks
- ☐ 1 small black bead
- ☐ stickers
- ☐ markers
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ hot glue gun
- ☐ scrap cardboard
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Make a few examples of the airplane to use as a model. Lay out the materials on large trays or baskets so they are easily accessible for the kids. You may want to pre-build some parts of the airplane for quicker assembly for the kids.*

BIBLE STORY | Elisha and the Widow's Oil

- ☐ costumes and props for storytelling
- ☐ Bible

BIG IDEA | I can have faith in God.

- ☐ extra-large construction paper (6 sheets)
- ☐ writing tools
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Write one word each of the Big Idea on six pieces of construction paper. Then, make each paper into an airplane.*

IMAGE | Pouring the oil

- ☐ photograph of [olive oil in a pitcher](#) being poured out

ACTIVITY | Oil Pouring Relay Race

- ☐ 1 tub of water with yellow food coloring
- ☐ 2 smaller buckets with a line drawn across the middle
- ☐ 4 cones or marked spots on the ground for each team's start/stop positions
- ☐ 2 plastic cups
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Set up this activity in a place where it is okay for the floors to get wet. Place one large bucket of water dyed yellow (to resemble olive oil) in the middle of the two teams where they are starting. Place two smaller empty buckets (with a line drawn about halfway up the bucket) at the end of each team's area.*

RESPONSE | What can we do about it?

- ["Fly High!: The Story of Bessie Coleman"](#) by Louise Borden
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Purchase the book "Fly High!: The Story of Bessie Coleman" by Louise Borden, or borrow it from the library.*

MEMORY VERSE | Catching Air

- jump rope
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Section off a safe space for the kids to jump rope as they shout their memory verse.*

ACTIVITY | Unconventional Airplane Fliers

- crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- construction paper
- cotton balls
- popsicle sticks
- clothespins
- lasagna pasta noodles
- glue sticks and liquid glue
- toothpicks
- newspaper
- cardboard
- string
- pipe cleaner
- various other materials

WEEK 3

ACTIVITY | Rainbow Jars

- Mason jars (1 per kid or 1 for a demonstration) or empty plastic water bottles (without the wrappers)

The following materials are needed per jar:

- 5 tbsp. honey
- 5 tbsp. corn syrup, dyed purple
- 5 tbsp. green Palmolive dish soap
- 8 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tbsp. rubbing alcohol, dyed red
- red food coloring
- purple food coloring
- eye dropper
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Set out all of the materials listed so they are accessible to the kids. If you choose to do this as a demonstration, make sure that everyone can see! Make sure to mix the rubbing alcohol and corn syrup ahead of time.*

ACTIVITY | Rainbow Prism Artistry

- white construction/poster paper
- yape
- rainbow colored pencils
- CDs (1 per kid or group)
- flashlights (1 per kid or group)
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Lay out all of the materials on the table for the kids to access. You can also hang up sheets of white paper throughout the room at about eye-level for the kids.*

POLL | What's Your Favorite Color?

- colored construction paper
- stickers (1 per kid)
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Hang one large sheet of construction paper around the room for each of the following colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.*

BIBLE | Elisha and the Shunammite's son

- costumes and props for storytelling
- Bible

BIG IDEA | I can count on God's promises.

- construction paper (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple)
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Write each word from today's Big Idea on a sheet of construction paper in rainbow order.*

IMAGE | Rainbow Promises

- [photographs](#) or pictures of rainbows

ACTIVITY | Rainbow Relay Race

- variety of colored construction paper (20 sheets per team)
- cones or masking tape
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Take two or three stacks of about twenty sheets of construction paper each, and shuffle the order of them. Mark the room with a starting point and a finishing line using cones or masking tape.*

ACTIVITY | Rainbow Writing

- ☐ [rainbow](#) coloring page
- ☐ various colored markers, crayons, colored pencils, and gel pens.

MEMORY VERSE | Taste the Rainbow

- ☐ fun-size pack of Skittles (1 per kid)
- ☐ *optional alternative:* cereal or gummy bears

ACTIVITY | Rainbow Coloring Page

- ☐ [rainbow coloring](#) printable
- ☐ crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Print enough coloring pages for each kid to have one.*

WEEK 4

ACTIVITY | Coffee Filter Hot Air Balloon

- ☐ coffee filters (1 per kid)
- ☐ blue construction paper
- ☐ glue sticks
- ☐ markers and crayons
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Create an example of this project so kids can have an idea of what they are making.*

ACTIVITY | Topping Hot Air Balloons

- ☐ blue and red solo cups
- ☐ balloons
- ☐ timer
- ☐ *optional:* masking tape
- ☐ *optional:* whistle
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Place a line of masking tape on the floor around the room to mark off the playing area with red and blue solo cups each side. Put blown up balloons in the center of the room making sure there are more balloons than cups.*

BIBLE | Elisha and the Famine

- ☐ costumes and props for storytelling
- ☐ Bible

BIG IDEA | I can ask God for what I need.

- ☐ 8 helium-filled balloons
- ☐ thumb tack
- ☐ strips of paper (1 per balloon) with the words of the Big Idea (1 word per strip of paper)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Write out the Big Idea on individual pieces of paper and put one paper into each balloon. Have the balloons filled with helium and put at the front of the room. If you don't have helium, you can hang each balloon at the front.*

ACTIVITY | Silly Balloon Basketball

- ☐ masking tape or laundry baskets
- ☐ balloons
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Use masking tape to mark off two goals (or use laundry baskets) on opposite sides of the playing area. If you have a lot of kids, add additional goals throughout the room.*

ACTIVITY | Needs & Wants Sort

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print and prepare the [Needs & Wants cards](#).

MEMORY VERSE | Balloon Up

- ☐ balloons (1 per kid)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Blow up the balloons ahead of time.*

ACTIVITY | Hot Air Balloon Coloring Page

- [hot air balloon coloring page](#)
- crayons or colored pencils
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Print at least one hot air balloon for each kid.*

WEEK 5

ACTIVITY | Shoot for the Stars!

- ☐ 4 stars cut out of coffee filters
- ☐ 4 filled water guns
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Put the star targets on a wall where you want the kids to aim.*

ACTIVITY | Starry Night

- ☐ plastic forks
- ☐ acrylic paint (shades of blue, white, black, yellow)
- ☐ cotton swabs
- ☐ jars of water
- ☐ paper towels (to clean spills and messes along the way)
- ☐ baby wipes (to clean hands)
- ☐ aprons (acrylic paint does not easily come out of clothes)
- ☐ drop cloth (acrylic paint can stain a table)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Lay out all of the materials and pre-created examples for the kids. You can even display the original oil painting for reference on a projector for the kids to see.*

QUESTION | Can you name any of the constellations?

- ☐ [Orion](#) image
- ☐ [Cassiopeia](#) image
- ☐ [Big and Little Dipper](#) images
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Download the constellation pictures so you can show them easily.*

BIBLE | Elisha and Naaman

- ☐ costumes and props for storytelling
- ☐ Bible

BIG IDEA | I can be used by God.

- ☐ black construction paper
- ☐ white chalk
- ☐ large yellow stars (each star with 1 word from the Big Idea written on it)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Write each of the words of the Big Idea on one star each making the last star an exclamation mark. Hang them in the shape of the "Big Dipper" constellation on black construction paper and connect the stars with lines.*

STORY | "Katie and the Starry Night" by James Mayhew

- ☐ ["Katie and the Starry Night"](#) by James Mayhew
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Check out this book from a local library or purchase it from a bookstore.*

ACTIVITY | Dream Board

- ☐ dream board example
- ☐ poster board (1 sheet per kid)
- ☐ glue sticks
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ magazines (kid-friendly and allowable for cutting)
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Create an example of a dream board to show the kids. Lay out all of the materials on a table so the kids have enough workspace.*

RESPONSE | I Shine

- ☐ [star template](#), printed on yellow cardstock
- ☐ twine or ribbon
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ single hole punch
- ☐ markers and crayons
- ☐ *optional:* glue and glitter for extra shine at the end of the activity
 - **WHAT TO PREP:** *Using the provided template, print stars on yellow cardstock. If you are going to be rushed for time, you can cut and hole punch them ahead of time.*

ACTIVITY | A Letter to Myself

- ☐ paper
- ☐ pencils
- ☐ colored pencils