

12 BIBLE SESSIONS / GRADES 1ST-6TH

Space Camp

The logo features the words "Space" in red and "Camp" in yellow, both with a blue outline. A blue swoosh curves around the text. To the right is a grey rocket with yellow accents. The background is black with several blue stars of varying sizes.

Go to camp without leaving town!

A photograph of three children laughing joyfully, their heads tilted back and mouths wide open. The child in the foreground is a young girl with pigtails, wearing a blue shirt. The child in the middle is a boy with dark hair, wearing a red shirt. The child in the background is partially visible, wearing a red shirt.

Space Shuttle Slide
Laser Tag
Rocket Launching
Astronaut Training
Planet Earth
Moon Walk
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Exploding Objects
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Space Invaders
Eternity and Beyond

SPACE CAMP THEME CHART

WEEK	THEME	FOCUS	SCRIPTURE
1	Space Shuttle Slide	God created the universe.	Hebrews 11:3
2	Laser Tag	Tag Satan.	2 Corinthians 11:14
3	Rocket Launching	Look forward to Heaven.	2 Peter 3:13
4	Astronaut Training	Be ready to learn.	Proverbs 18:15
5	Planet Earth	Everyone on earth matters to God.	Luke 15:10
6	Moon Walk	Walk in the light.	Genesis 1:16
7	Sky Diving	All people will see Him arrive.	Revelation 1:7
8	Space Jam	Praise Him.	Psalms 148:2-5
9	Exploding Objects	God's words will never disappear.	Mark 13:31, 32
10	Blast Off!	God holds all power.	Psalms 33:6
11	Space Invaders	Show hospitality to strangers.	Hebrews 13:2
12	Eternity and Beyond	God is preparing a place for us.	John 14:2, 3

Space CAMP

A stylized illustration of a grey space shuttle with yellow and black stripes on the nose cone, angled upwards and to the right. The background is white with scattered blue and yellow stars and blue orbital lines.

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1. Space Shuttle Slide

Session 1 Overview

Focus: God created the universe.

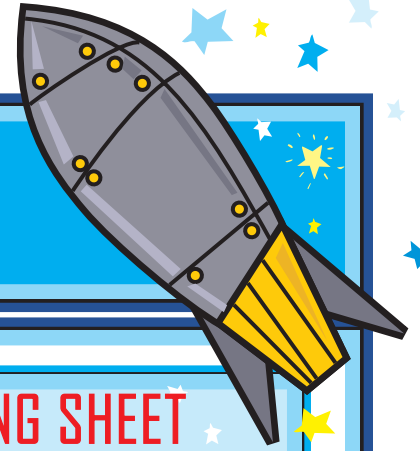
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3

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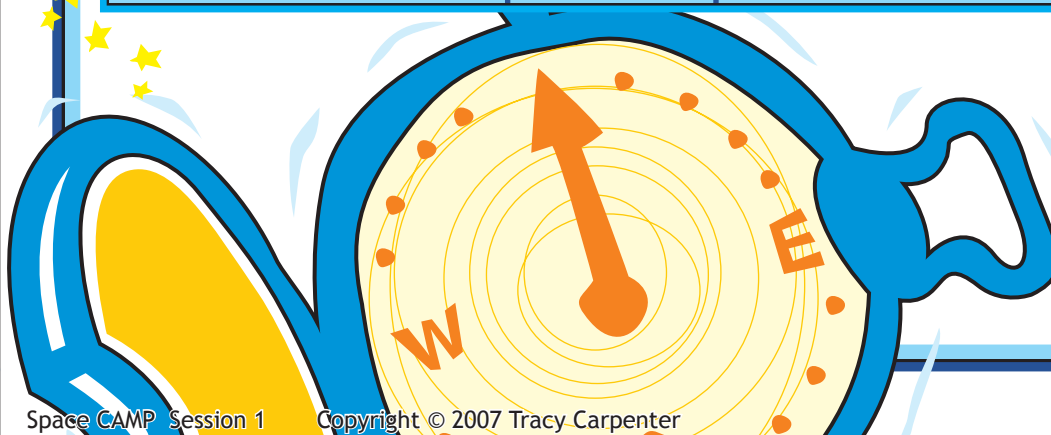
Scripture Background:

Hebrews 11 is known as the great faith chapter of the Bible. Our sight is the sense we use to see the visible world. Faith is the sense we use to “see” the invisible world. Faith is not belief without reason, but a reasonable belief. Most intellectuals at the time of the writing of the book of Hebrews believed that the universe was created out of existing matter. The writer of Hebrews contradicts this assumption. By faith we understand that God created everything from nothing!

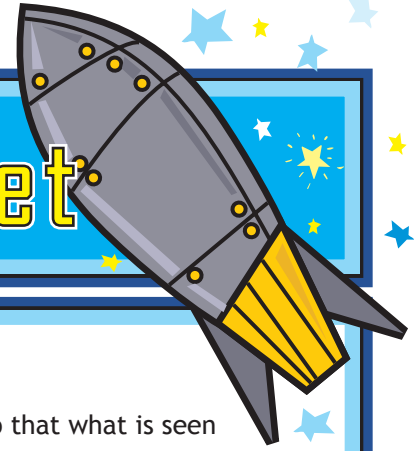
1-CAMP At A Glance



CAMP ACTIVITY	TIME	FROM PLANNING SHEET
Before CAMP	45-60 min	CAMP Briefing Set Up CAMP
Lining Up for CAMP	15-30 min	Here They Come (begins during Set Up)
CAMP Large-Group Time	25-35 min	CAMP Introduction CAMP Songs CAMP Bible Memory: Hebrews 11:3 CAMP Challenge: Pass the Astronaut
CAMP Rotations	30-40 min	#1 Recreation: Space Shuttle Slide #2 Mess Hall: Craft, Game, or Snack
Winding Down CAMP	10-15 min	Back at the Lodge (small groups) CAMP Closing
After CAMP	30-40 min	Break Down CAMP CAMP Store



1-CAMP Planning Sheet



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide

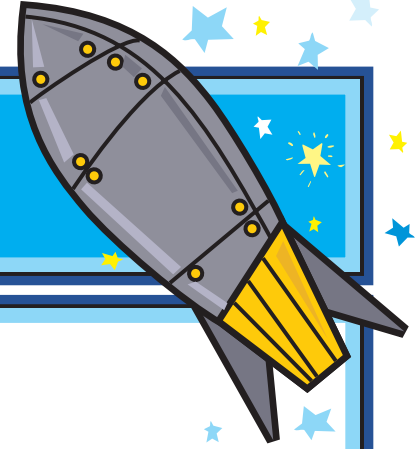
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3

“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

Focus: God created the universe.

CAMP Briefing	All counselors must be present one hour prior to Check-In for assignments and general information.
Set Up CAMP	Counselors set up CAMP in their assigned teams.
Here They Come	Line activities: Glow-in-the-dark necklaces Prize: Each kid who wears a CAMP T-shirt receives a small piece of candy or sticker.
CAMP Introduction	Counselors welcome audience and throw out a few prizes. Prizes: 3 T-shirts, 5 big candies (suckers)
CAMP Songs	Worship and pray in large-group time. Choose 2 songs from the Tech Chart.
CAMP Bible Memory	Memory verse: Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” Prize: dried apples
CAMP Challenge	Pass the Astronaut Prize: Milky Way candy bars
Recreation (Rotation #1)	Space Shuttle Slide
Mess Hall (Rotation #2)	Craft: Dough Globe, <i>or</i> Game: Shuttle Slide Relay, <i>or</i> Snack: Astronaut Ice Cream Prize: Tootsie Rolls or Candy Can
Back at the Lodge	Small Groups
CAMP Closing	Wrap up, make announcements, and pray.
Break Down CAMP	Clean up.
CAMP Store	Ice cream treats Optional: CAMP T-shirts for kids, fun candy

1-CAMP Supply List



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide

Scripture: Hebrews 11:3

Focus: God created the universe.

See the Resource List for details/purchasing information for materials.

Stage, Security, Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *rope for line *caution tape or cones *colorful buckets *colorful balloons (yellow, orange) *space-themed props (inflatable globe balls, inflatable astronauts) *stage banner *signs *ink pad *numbered stamp *yellow T-shirts for visitors *large trash can *megaphone *worship T-shirts *candy or tickets for kids wearing CAMP T-shirts *big cooler *30-gallon trash can for Candy Can *handouts
Here They Come	glow-in-the-dark necklaces
CAMP Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *confetti cannon (bright-colored confetti) 3 T-shirts 5 large candies (suckers)
CAMP Songs	*music/tech supplies
CAMP Bible Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40" x 60" foam core or wooden board with verse written on it large marker 4-5 different colored markers 25 plain T-shirts (per team) black permanent marker dried apples
CAMP Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 inflatable astronauts (per team) 1 bin (per team) Milky Way candy bars

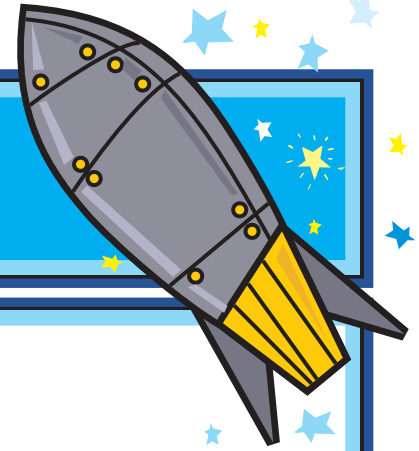
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<p>Recreation (Rotation #1)</p>	<p>10-15 index cards or poster boards for questions true/false statements (pp. 15, 16) megaphone whistle</p> <p>Space Shuttle Slide/Big: black plastic spray bottle of furniture polish</p> <p>Space Shuttle Slide/Bigger: inflatable slide</p> <p>Space Shuttle Slide/Biggest: rented space shuttle slide</p>
<p>Mess Hall (Rotation #2)</p>	<p>multiple-choice questions (p. 18)</p> <p>Craft/Dough Globe: blue and green modeling dough paper plates</p> <p>Game/Shuttle Slide Relay: 4 black buckets 4 foam space shuttles chocolate Tootsie Rolls or Candy Can</p> <p>Snack/Astronaut Ice Cream: astronaut ice cream (freeze-dried ice cream) megaphone whistle trash can</p>
<p>Back at the Lodge</p>	<p>Bible discussion questions</p>
<p>CAMP Closing</p>	<p>handouts to distribute to parents and kids before leaving</p>
<p>Break Down CAMP</p>	
<p>CAMP Store</p>	<p>ice cream treats round tables and chairs *brightly-colored tablecloths</p>

*Items that will be used repeatedly throughout Space CAMP—purchase them once and store to use again.

1-CAMP Briefing



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

Brief the counselors on the session's activities one hour prior to opening the doors. Distribute counselor assignments, and give counselors time to ask questions, review any changes, walk the campus, review the lesson, and receive information detailing operations and security for the session. Pray with the team and present a quick devotion on the focus and Scripture for the session.

Director Checklist

- Take attendance.
- Open with prayer.
- Review Planning Sheet, including theme and challenge.
- Give devotion.
- Pass out counselor assignment sheet (planning chart with names assigned); make adjustments if necessary.
- Walk the campus.
- Review topics to discuss.
- Confirm supplies, prizes, and changes.
- Pray.

Devotion

Read the Scripture background from page 1; then use the following thoughts to focus counselors on the goal for this session.

"This session we will be learning that God created the entire universe. We will be encouraging the kids to remember how awesome God is and how much He loves them. We will remind the kids that God created the world out of nothing. We will help them to appreciate how great God is. If God can create the world, including them, we can guarantee He knows them inside and out. We will share with the kids how much God cares for them and how He knows their every need. Kids will learn that God wants to be in control of their lives and we will encourage the kids to remember daily where their strength comes from."

Encourage counselors to take every opportunity possible to reinforce the focus and Scripture for the session.

Assignments

This session has two rotations. For Recreation, copy and cut out the true and false statements (pp. 15, 16), or make large question cards using index cards or poster board. For Mess Hall, provide the multiple-choice questions (p. 18).

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Walk the Campus

Educate counselors on the paths the children will take. Review security and assignments, and practice the session's operations.

Topics to Discuss

Remember to worship *with* the kids.
Assign Team Leaders' positions.

Reminders:

- During Here They Come, make sure to give all the kids in line a glow-in-the-dark necklace. Also, make sure that the counselors wear several of the glow-in-the-dark necklaces. Encourage the counselors to give away a few of their necklaces to some of the kids.
- During CAMP Bible Memory or CAMP Challenge, counselors will throw various items on the kids' heads. Remember to throw only three handfuls. If some children don't get any items, that is OK. Encourage the children who receive something to share, and encourage the others to be happy for those who did.
- Ice cream treats will be for sale, and counselors are welcome to enjoy one after CAMP is cleaned up.

Supplies

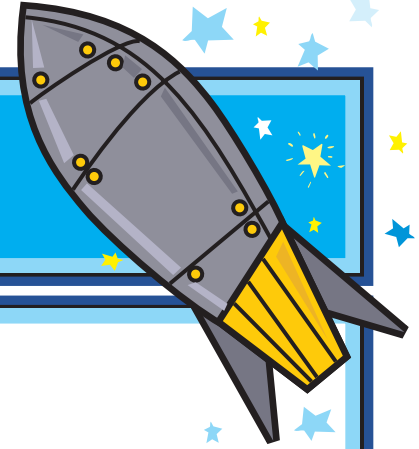
Confirm that all supplies and prizes are in position.

Questions?

Pray

Pray with the team—for them, the lesson, the kids, the safety, the message, and the worship.

1-CAMP Set Up



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADERS: Team Captains

See the Director's Notes for general information on the CAMP Store, Stage, and prizes.

Counselors are divided into their teams; they quickly touch base with their Team Captains and proceed to set up their designated areas. Teams and tasks are identified on their assignment sheets (given during the CAMP briefing). Leave all supplies in a central area for counselors to access.

Store

Food for this session is ice cream treats. This needs to be set up facing the path of exiting families. Set up tables and chairs for families to eat at. Use brightly-colored tablecloths on tables.

Stage

The stage team sets up this area.

- confetti cannon (see Resource List)
- megaphone

Security

Security sets up everything to do with the line, Check-In/Check-Out, and seating.

Security will set up

- chairs in the large-group worship area. The chairs need to be facing forward divided into two teams with an aisle down the middle and an aisle in the center running horizontally.
- all the stamping supplies and Check-In tables

Security is responsible for roping off the line to the entrance. Security will hang any signs needed. Sample signs you may need:

- line signs
 - Line Starts Here
- warning signs like those at theme parks
 - This Session Will Be Fun!
 - Are You Ready to Slide?
- one sign stating the session's activities

Security will also place the handouts for the session at the exit door.

Security will place brightly-colored T-shirts (like bright yellow) in a stack at the start of the line for visitors.

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Prizes

Team leaders are responsible for prize placement.

CAMP Introduction: A few T-shirts and five big candies will be thrown out during the welcome. These need to be put in a colorful bucket on the stage opposite the cooler.

CAMP Bible Memory: The first throw prize is placed in the big cooler next to the chair. This throw is for the team that wins the verse challenge. The first throw will be dried apples.

CAMP Challenge: Milky Way candy bars will be thrown on the winning team during the Pass the Astronaut Challenge.

Wearing CAMP T-shirts: Small prizes are given to those kids wearing a CAMP T-shirt. Sample prizes are stickers, tickets to spend at the store, first-in-line privileges, or small candy such as suckers and airheads. (These prizes are placed in a bucket inside near the entrance door.)

Here They Come

Team Leaders are responsible for setting up the line activities. Team Leaders will decorate themselves with the glow-in-the-dark necklaces.

CAMP Challenge

Team Leaders will set up the challenge. One bin per side needs to be placed in the back of the room behind the teams. These bins are used to hold supplies needed for the CAMP challenge. Team Leaders will fill the bins with all the supplies necessary to complete the challenge.

Each bin contains

- 10 inflatable astronauts (see Resource List)

Recreation (Rotation #1)

The recreation team sets up this area. Choose and set up one of the following versions for the Recreation activity:

Big: black plastic and furniture polish

Place the black plastic on the ground and spray it with furniture polish. You may want to provide blankets, towels, or old T-shirts for kids to sit on while sliding.

Bigger: inflatable slide

Set up the inflatable slide.

Biggest: space shuttle slide

Set up the space shuttle slide.

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Mess Hall (Rotation #2)

Choose the game, craft, or snack for this session's Mess Hall activities. The Mess Hall team sets up the choice of activities.

Craft: Dough Globe

Set up tables and supplies for kids to make their dough globes.

Game: Shuttle Slide Relay

Use masking tape to mark the finish line of the relay race. Place the black buckets a couple feet beyond the masking tape line. Place the Candy Can (large trash can full of candy) in the Mess Hall to give one piece of candy to winners.

Snack: Astronaut Ice Cream

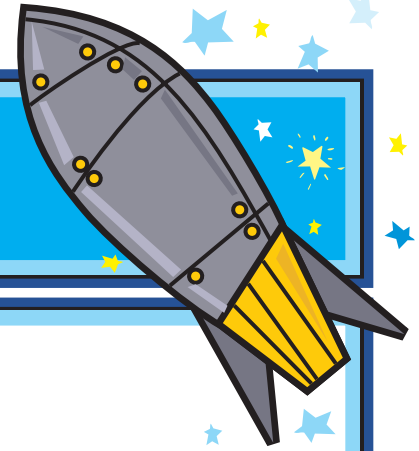
Provide astronaut ice cream, a trash can, and a megaphone whistle.

Lodge

Place question cards in the area where small groups will meet. Provide enough copies so that children can be divided into groups of 6-8 (or as close to that size as possible).



1-Here They Come



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADERS: Team Leader and Worship Leader

See the Director's Notes for general information about lining up for CAMP.

During Here They Come, the worship leader will choose kids to lead worship.

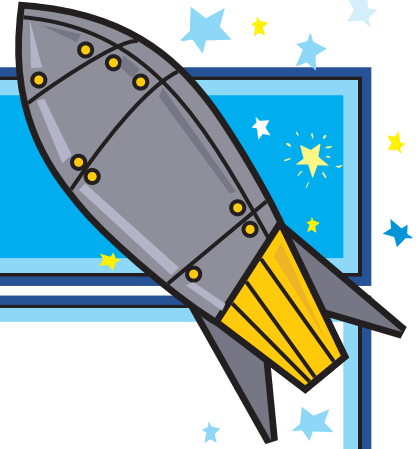
Team Leaders are the only counselors implementing the line activity for this session. For this CAMP session, counselors will give each child a glow-in-the-dark necklace. Make sure that the counselors decorate themselves extravagantly with glow-in-the-dark necklaces, and encourage Team Leaders to give some of their necklaces away. This takes place until all the worship team is chosen.

Team Leaders high-five all the kids, joke with them, and smile at them. Team Leaders yell, "Are you ready?" and begin getting the kids excited to get in. The music team places the kids' worship team in position to greet and high-five all the incoming kids. When the music team is ready and it is time to start, the Team Leaders run in first and take their positions.

During line activities Team Leaders, along with Security, are continuing to ask the question, "Are you ready to have fun?"

Send the kids in!

1-CAMP Introduction



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADER: Team Captain or Director

See the Director's Notes for general information about the large-group time.

Play a popular video as kids are coming in. (See the Tech Chart for suggestions.) Then have one of the Team Leaders welcome the kids.

The following sequence is a typical introduction:

"Hi, kids!"

"Welcome to Space CAMP!" (Or Camp Your Name)

Shoot the cannon (full of confetti).

"Who is ready for a SPACE SHUTTLE SLIDE?"

The leader explains and/or practices "hands up."

"Who needs a T-shirt?"

As the kids are screaming and yelling, the leader throws out a few CAMP T-shirts, candy, and prizes from the store. These items will be in a bucket on the stage.

Transition to worship:

"Are you ready to worship?"

"Stand up! Let me see you on your feet!"

Worship music starts here, and the kids' worship team runs up. Everyone transitions into worship.

1-CAMP Songs

LEADER: Worship Leader

Choose a variety of songs from session to session, using any songs that specifically connect to the theme or session focus.

1-CAMP Bible Memory



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADERS: Team Captains and Director
Prize: dried apples

Introduce the Bible verse for this session: Hebrews 11:3.

Say: There are a lot of things that we understand and believe by faith. By faith, we understand and believe that the sun will come up tomorrow morning. By faith, we understand and believe that cats *meow* and dogs *bark*. By faith, we understand and believe that rain falls from the sky. There is one very important thing that our Bible verse, Hebrews 11:3, says that we can understand and believe by faith—that God made the universe. The universe was made by God’s command—have faith and believe it!

See the Director’s Notes for how teams compete to learn the Bible verse.

1-CAMP Challenge

LEADERS: Challenge Leaders
Prize: Milky Way candy bars
Challenge: Pass the Astronaut

Kid volunteers needed: 3 per team (1 in back, 1 in front, 1 on stage)

1. The **back volunteer** passes the blow-up astronauts from the bucket in the back forward. Starting at the back row, he or she hands off the blow-up astronauts. Every child on the team must touch the items.
2. When the item makes it to the last child in the front row, the **front volunteer** then passes the item to the **stage volunteer**.
3. The **stage volunteer** then must put the items one at a time in the black bucket on stage.
4. The first team to successfully place all astronauts in the bucket wins Milky Way candy bars thrown on them.

Transition to Rotations.

1-Recreation (Rotation #1)



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADER: Recreation Captain
Recreation: Space Shuttle Slide

See the Director's Notes for general information about Rotations.

Choose the version that works for you. You will need the true/false statements (pp. 15, 16).

To reinforce the lesson focus while kids are inside and seated in their teams, kids will be asked a series of true and false questions and be quizzed on the Scripture verse. As the questions are asked, kids must raise their hands to answer the questions. When all the questions are answered correctly, the teams may stand up and make their way to the recreation area for the space shuttle slide activity.

The Recreation Captain explains the rules:

1. No one can slide until the whistle blows.
2. When the whistle blows, everyone immediately stops.

BIG: Space Shuttle Slide (black plastic sprayed with furniture polish)

Materials: black plastic, spray bottle of furniture polish, true/false statements (pp. 15, 16), megaphone whistle

Place the black plastic on the ground and spray it with furniture polish. Children will have fun sliding on the plastic.

BIGGER: Space Shuttle Slide (inflatable slide)

Materials: inflatable slide, true/false statements (pp. 15, 16), megaphone whistle

Set up the inflatable slide and let kids have fun sliding!

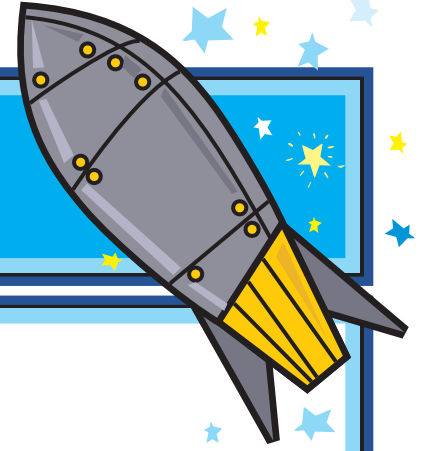
BIGGEST: Space Shuttle Slide (a rented space shuttle slide)

Materials: rented space shuttle inflatable slide, true/false statements (pp. 15, 16), megaphone whistle

Set up the inflatable slide and let kids have fun sliding on the space shuttle slide!

When the megaphone whistle blows, kids will walk slowly to the Mess Hall.

1^o Mess Hall (Rotation #2)



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADER: Mess Hall Captain

Choose the craft, game, or snack for the Mess Hall activities.

CRAFT: Dough Globe

Materials: blue and green modeling dough, paper plates, multiple-choice questions (p. 18)

Ask kids to sit around tables. A counselor at each table will ask kids 10 multiple-choice questions and quiz them on the Bible verse. Kids must raise their hands to answer the questions. When all the kids have answered the questions correctly, they will make their own dough globes.

Counselors and team leaders will join a table and help kids with their craft. Kids will get blue and green modeling dough. They will create their own globe on paper plates. They will use blue dough to make the oceans, and then they will use green dough for the land.

GAME: Shuttle Slide Relay

Materials: 4 black buckets, 4 foam space shuttles, multiple-choice questions (p. 18), chocolate Tootsie Rolls or Candy Can

Ask kids to form four lines (four teams) and be seated. While kids are seated in their teams, counselors will ask multiple-choice questions and quiz kids on the Scripture verse. Kids must raise their hands to answer the questions. When all the questions are answered correctly, teams may stand up and prepare for their relay.

Kids will run the relay one child at a time. They will carry the space shuttle to the end of the relay course and then try to throw the shuttle into the black bucket. If they miss then they may try again. After they have successfully thrown the space shuttle into the black bucket, they must run back to their team. When a child is finished running the relay, the child proceeds to the back of the line where he or she will be seated. The first team finished with all kids sitting down, wins.

Prize: The winning team gets chocolate Tootsie Rolls or a candy/prize from the Candy Can.

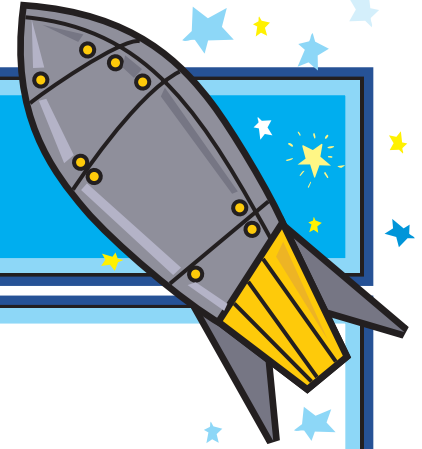
SNACK: Astronaut Ice Cream

Materials: astronaut ice cream, multiple-choice questions (p. 18), trash can, megaphone whistle

Direct kids to sit in four large groups. Counselors will ask four multiple-choice questions. When kids answer all four questions correctly, the group leader prays for the group and they then receive their snack.

After all the kids have finished, the megaphone whistle will blow. On their way to the next activity, they drop their trash in the trash can.

1-Back at the Lodge



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADERS: Counselors

See the Director's Notes for general information about small groups.

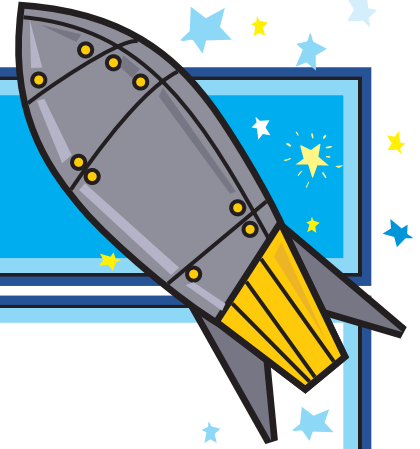
Discussion Questions

- Have you ever wondered about who made the universe?
- Do you know anyone who believes that the universe was created by someone or something other than God?
- What is your favorite thing God created in this universe?

Tell the kids that God created this universe for us. Emphasize to the kids that since God is the creator, we can trust Him. Encourage the kids to pray to God, the creator, when they are afraid or need help.

Prayer: Thank God for creating the universe. Thank Him for creating each of the children (by name) in your group. Also pray about different things that were shared in your small-group time.

1-CAMP Closing



Theme: Space Shuttle Slide
Scripture: Hebrews 11:3
Focus: God created the universe.

LEADERS: Team Leaders

See the Director's Notes for general information about CAMP closing and clean up.

Break Down CAMP.

1-CAMP Store

LEADER: Store Captain

The store is selling ice cream treats.
Counselors eat for free when they have finished cleaning up.