

Creation

Welcome to Spark: Activate Faith

About Spark Rotation

Thanks for choosing Spark for your Rotation Sunday school. You'll find age-appropriate content for preschoolers, lower elementary kids, and upper elementary kids. Look for lots of all-kids activities too! Each Spark Rotation Leader Guide has everything you need to explore a Bible story with kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade for up to six weeks: a Director Guide, Workshop Leader guides, Large Group Openings, and Shepherd Guides. You'll also find a Preschool Leader Guide with content for six weeks of self-contained rotation with your littlest ones. For a visual way to see how Spark Rotation works, take a look at the next two pages!

Workshop Focus Statements

Each workshop has a focus statement so kids and leaders know the point of every workshop! All workshop activities reinforce this focus, making it easy for you to know what to teach. Kids leave Sunday school confident in what they have learned.

Age-Appropriate Bible Learning

Every workshop in Spark has kids opening the Bible and exploring the story in age-appropriate ways. Younger kids (preschool - Grade 2) experience the Spark Story Bible and older kids (Grades 3-6) read their Spark Bibles. Each age group has a Bible learning goal.

- **Preschool:** Kids will become familiar with Bible stories and understand basic meaning.
- **Lower Elementary:** Kids will comprehend Bible stories, identify with characters, and apply faith-based actions to their own lives.
- **Upper Elementary:** Kids will understand the structure of the Bible and begin to interpret stories, and discover ways to apply the Bible story to their own lives.

Lesson Prep Videos

Lesson Prep Videos make teacher prep easy! In each 5-minute video, there is a brief introduction to the Bible and lots of ideas for leading your group of kids. If you've got 5 minutes, you can prepare for your lesson in a snap!

Online Subscription Content

Every Spark lesson has customizable content available through an online annual subscription to www.wearesparkhouse.org. You'll find electronic versions of the workshop Leader Guides, Lesson Prep Videos, Family Pages, and Coloring Pages, plus administrative tools and other extras.

How Spark Rotation Works

Large Group Opening

The Large Group Opening Leader leads kids in singing and gets them ready for the day's lesson as Shepherds connect with their small groups.



10 min.



Transition

Preschool



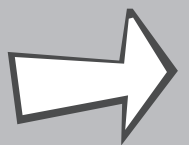
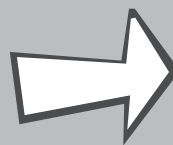
50 min.

Leaders lead preschool kids through an in-room rotation.

Gather



Open the Bible



Lower and Upper Elementary Workshops

Shepherds and kids hear the Bible story and participate in interactive activities led by the Workshop Leader.

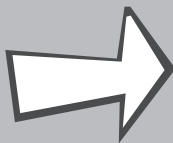
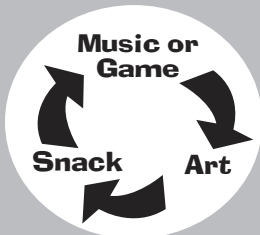


40 min.



Shepherds take their small group of kids to their rotation workshop.

Activate Faith



Send



Welcome to the Creation Rotation. Use this chart to see at-a-glance what eight workshops there are for Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and All Kids age-groupings.

| Workshop | Lower Elementary | Upper Elementary | All Kids |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| ART | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: It is amazing how God created everything.</p> <p>ANIMAL PARADE: Kids will revel in the creation story by making mixed media animals.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: I am a unique part of God's creation.</p> <p>GOD MADE ME: Kids will celebrate the fact that God created them by making life-sized self-portraits.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: I can be a creator with God.</p> <p>CREATURE CREATIONS: Kids will consider the wildly creative act of creation by creating their own creatures out of clay.</p> |
| BIBLE SKILLS & GAMES | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's creation is good!</p> <p>CREATION MATCHING GAME: Kids will play a memory game to practice matching the six days with what was created.</p> <p>CREATION TAG: Kids will play a game of tag, in which they tag people in the order that Creation was made.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: We are God's stewards, just like Adam and Eve.</p> <p>CREATION WORD GAME: Kids will play a variation of Hangman using scripture from Genesis 1 and 2.</p> <p>NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT: Kids will go on a scavenger hunt to explore both God's creation and how we care for it.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: We are created in God's own image!</p> <p>CREATION TEAM TAG: Kids will play a game of tag designed to demonstrate that all people are made in God's image.</p> <p>GUESS THE SCULPTURE: Kids will play a sculpting game to explore the variety of all of God's creation.</p> |
| DIGITAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created each of us and everything we see.</p> <p>CREATURE COLLECTION BOOK: Kids create their own animal creations to learn more about God's creation of the world.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created a world full of amazing things.</p> <p>WACKY ANIMAL WEB SEARCH: Kids research a weird, wacky animal as a way to explore the vastness of God's creation.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's creation is good!</p> <p>NATURE HUNT: Kids go on a nature hunt with cameras to learn more about God's good creation.</p> |
| COOKING | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Our creative God made everything.</p> <p>CREATION CRUNCH: Kids mold edible animals from cereal dust and melted marshmallows.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created everything and expects us to care for it.</p> <p>PIZZA PIE FROM THE SKY: Kids create individual mini-pizzas to retell the Creation story from Genesis.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created everything.</p> <p>CREATION STATION APPETIZERS: Kids eat snacks for each day of creation, and then take a rest.</p> |

Big Picture Overview

| Workshop | Lower Elementary | Upper Elementary | All Kids |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| CREATIVE DRAMA | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's creation is good.</p> <p>GOD SAID . . . : Kids portray each day of creation through creative movement and sound effects.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's creation needs care.</p> <p>IT WAS VERY GOOD! Kids use simple props to re-enact the creation story from Genesis 2.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God gives us creation.</p> <p>GOD'S GREAT GIFTS: Kids make gift boxes representing creation and demonstrating ways to care for it.</p> |
| MUSIC | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created us to take care of creation.</p> <p>CARING FOR CREATION: Kids will chant "We Care for This World" as a speech choir accompanied by rhythm instruments.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created us with unique imaginations.</p> <p>CREATION SOUNDTRACK: Kids create a soundtrack by choosing music for each part of the Creation story.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God created a special place for everyone.</p> <p>ALL GOD'S CREATURES: Kids will make a music video by performing "A Place in the Choir."</p> |
| SCIENCE | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's wind carries creation everywhere.</p> <p>WIND CARRIERS: Kids experiment with using wind to carry or move things.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's breath gave us life.</p> <p>EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE: Kids measure their personal wind (lung) capacity and test what it can accomplish in various situations.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God's wind does work.</p> <p>AWESOME AIR: Kids learn how to use air-powered devices to get work done.</p> |
| VIDEO | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: We are created for life together.</p> <p>CREATION CONNECTIONS: Kids will watch a video that will encourage thought regarding humanity's relationship to creation.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God calls us to care for creation.</p> <p>LITTLE CREATURES, BIG CHOICES: Kids will watch a video that shows kids interacting positively and/or negatively with creation.</p> | <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Our lives are connected to all other life.</p> <p>LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Kids will watch a video that portrays the relationships between animals and their human neighbors.</p> |



Looking for additional Spark content to further engage kids? Visit www.wearesparkhouse.org to learn more about these options for purchase.

- The Director CD-Rom contains Activity Pages, Coloring Pages, Family Pages, Large Group Openings, and two additional in-class activities for each lesson.
- A Sparkhouse Digital annual subscription gives you access to all content contained in the Director CD-Rom and the Spark Leader Guides, plus administrative tools and other extras.

Use these sample charts to help you plan your workshop rotations.

4 Weeks: 5 Age-Level Groupings

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| GRADE 1 | Cooking | Creative Drama | Art | Bible Skills and Games |
| GRADE 2 | Music | Science | Creative Drama | Art |
| GRADE 3 | Bible Skills and Games | Digital Media and Technology | Video | Music |
| GRADE 4 | Art | Bible Skills and Games | Digital Media and Technology | Science |
| GRADE 5 | Science | Video | Bible Skills and Games | Cooking |

5 Weeks: 4 Age-Level Groupings; Opening & Closing Weeks—All Kids Activities

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 |
|--------------|--------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| KINDERGARTEN | Art | Cooking | Bible Skills and Games | Creative Drama | Video |
| GRADES 1–2 | Art | Creative Drama | Cooking | Bible Skills and Games | Video |
| GRADES 3–4 | Art | Science | Digital Media and Technology | Cooking | Video |
| GRADES 5–6 | Art | Bible Skills and Games | Science | Digital Media and Technology | Video |

Sample Rotation Planning Charts

6 Weeks: 4 Age-Level Groupings

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| KINDERGARTEN | Video | Art | Bible Skills and Games | Science | Music | Creative Drama |
| GRADES 1-2 | Cooking | Video | Art | Bible Skills and Games | Science | Music |
| GRADES 3-4 | Bible Skills and Games | Cooking | Video | Art | Digital Media and Technology | Science |
| GRADES 5-6 | Art | Bible Skills and Games | Cooking | Video | Creative Drama | Digital Media and Technology |