

## Turning Points 2020 VBS

### Overview: God Creates the Universe

Theme: God created the universe and everything in it. We can see who God is by experiencing the beauty of his creation. Bible reference: Psalms 19:1

- ❖ Chill: God Creates the Universe
- ❖ Create: Create Your Own Universe
- ❖ aCt: Nature Scavenger Hunt
- ❖ Celebrate: Puppets, Pray, Sing
- ❖ Chew: Gingerbread Universe
- ❖ Take-home Menu

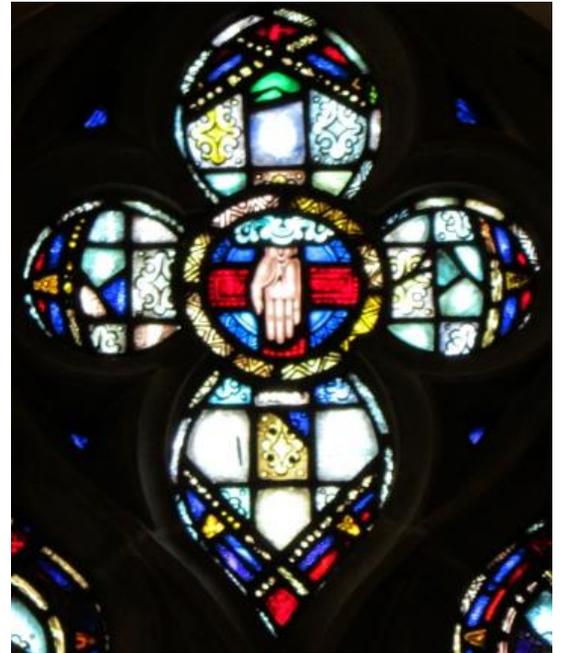
**Chill:** God Creates the Universe

**Create:** God is so big, He created a universe larger than we can imagine, filled with mystery, power and beauty.

- ❖ **Messy:** Make a Salt Universe: You will need: sheet of black paper; school glue in bottle with tip; watercolors and a brush; water; table salt; sheet pan with sides. Lay the paper in the sheet pan. With the glue, draw swirls, planets, stars, etc. Before the glue dries, sprinkle the paper liberally with salt. Tilt the pan to make sure every part of the glue is covered. Next, wet your paintbrush and put lots of watercolor on it. Lightly touch your brush to the salt images to transfer the color. Don't rub. Clean your brush between colors and continue adding color. Let dry before moving it. The picture will not last long as the salt will begin to flake away, so take a picture of your universe to keep it. Throw away any extra salt in your sheet pan.
- ❖ **Not-so-messy:** Create Your Own Universe: Draw swirls, planets, stars, etc. on paper using markers, or on your driveway or sidewalk using sidewalk chalk. (Take a picture if you use sidewalk chalk.)
- ❖ **Print out a coloring sheet.**

**aCt:** God created the awesome universe, and He also created us, and gave us a remarkable place to live.

- ❖ Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt: Print out one of these lists (or make your own) and see how many items in nature you can find. (Be careful! Listen to your adult about where you may safely go!)
  - Easy Picture Scavenger Hunt
  - A-Z Scavenger Hunt—find an entry for each letter of the alphabet.
  - Nature Scavenger Hunt list of words.



## **Celebrate: Puppets, Pray, Sing**

- ❖ Dennis and Miss Know-it-all share their creations.
- ❖ Sing a Song: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.

**Chew:** God's creation was the ultimate turning point—from nothing to everything.

- ❖ Gingerbread Universe: Make a batch of gingerbread. (It needs to chill overnight.) Give a chunk to each person to create a planet, star, sun, moon, or even a person. Bake and eat.

<https://www.biggerbolderbaking.com/homemade-gingerbread-men/>

**Take-home Menu:** Do try this at home.

- ❖ Outside, look through a paper towel roll. You'll be surprised how it helps you to focus on the small details of nature. Praise God for creating the infinite universe as well as plants, insects, the hair on your arm, and so on.
- ❖ Through your day, use your senses to pay attention to "God-sightings"-- times when you feel the joy of God's creation. Later, think about what you saw, heard, smelled, tasted, or touched that made you happy and write it down or draw a picture of it.