

# Super Sensational Ceiling

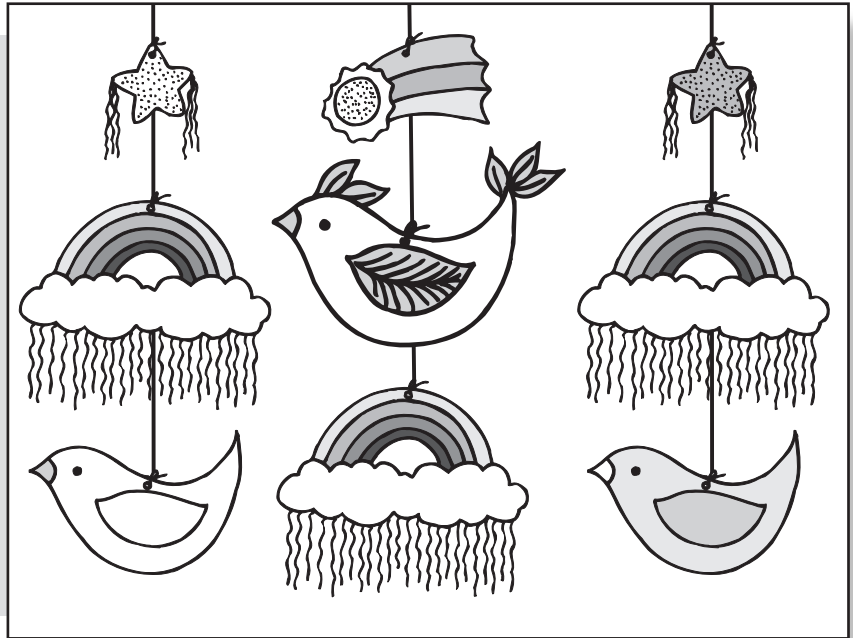
By understanding he set the heavens in place. Proverbs 3:19

## Bible Craft Concept

God made the heavens for us to enjoy.

## Crafty Components

You'll need a Bible, markers, paper plates, scissors, fishing line, bingo daubers, tape, glue, poster board, glitter glue, cotton balls, craft feathers, colored tissue paper, and tinsel or shredded foil.



## GET READY...

Photocopy the patterns on page 96 onto stiff paper. Then set up three craft centers. Place the star and comet patterns, markers, tinsel, and glitter glue at the Perfect Planet center. Place paper plates, glue, cotton balls, tinsel or foil, and bingo daubers at the Rad Rainbows center. Place the bird patterns, craft feathers, glue, and markers at the Feathery Friends center. Put scissors at each craft center.

## GET SET...

Gather children in a circle and have them close their eyes. Say: **Let's pretend we're outside on a beautiful sunny day. Look up into the sky—what do you see that God made?** Encourage children to use their imaginations to tell what they "see." Special sights might include birds, the sun, clouds, rain, and rainbows. **Now let's make believe it's nighttime. Look at the sky—what do you see that God made?** Night-sights might include stars, comets, planets, and the moon. Have children open their eyes, then ask:

- ▶ Why do you suppose God made so many wonderful things in the heavens?
- ▶ What might it be like if God hadn't made all those things for us?
- ▶ What are your favorite "heavenly" sights?

# Colossal Classrooms & Dynamite Displays

Say: **The Bible tells us that God made the heavens through his wisdom and love. Let's read about the heavenly wonders God made.** Read aloud Genesis 1:1-8, 14-19; Proverbs 3:19; and Psalm 8:3-5. Then say: **God made each part of the heavens for us to enjoy. The sun helps us see clearly in daytime and makes foods grow. The clouds bring rain that gives us water to drink. And we know that God made the rainbow as a symbol of his promise never to flood the world again. God made the moon to give us light at night, and he made the stars to twinkle a while and make us smile! Wow! Just think of all that God made!** Ask:

► **How do the heavens show God's love for us?**

Say: **Each time we look into the sky—whether it's day or night—we're reminded of God's powerful love for us. We can't make heavenly objects like God did, but we can have fun making pretend ones to remind us that God made the heavens for us to enjoy.**

## GET CRAFTIN'...

Have children form trios. Explain that each trio will be making three heavenly objects: a Perfect Planet, a Rad Rainbow, and a Feathery Friend. Have each trio decide which member will make each item and then go to the appropriate craft center. To make Perfect Planets, choose a pattern, trace and color it, then cut the object out. Embellish stars and comets with tinsel "tails" and glitter glue. To make each Rad Rainbow, cut paper plates in half and glue tinsel or foil across the straight bottom of the plate half. Glue cotton ball "clouds" to the center of the plate and color rainbow stripes above the clouds. To fashion a Feathery Friend, trace, color, and cut out a bird pattern. Then glue colorful craft feathers on the fun-fowl.

When each trio member has finished his or her contribution, connect each trio's objects by taping them to a 4' length of fishing line. Suspend your heavenly mobiles from the ceiling of a drab hallway with the following sign:

**Look around at all God's made—**

**His wondrous creation on parade!**

**God made the world with love divine—**

**Thank you, God, for your loving design!**

If you'd like, make copies of the "thank you rhyme." Then hand them out to church members, along with individual stars, birds, or rainbows. What a heavenly lift you'll bring to others!



### Crafty Tips

► These glittery, glitzy stars and planets make great bulletin board craft ideas!

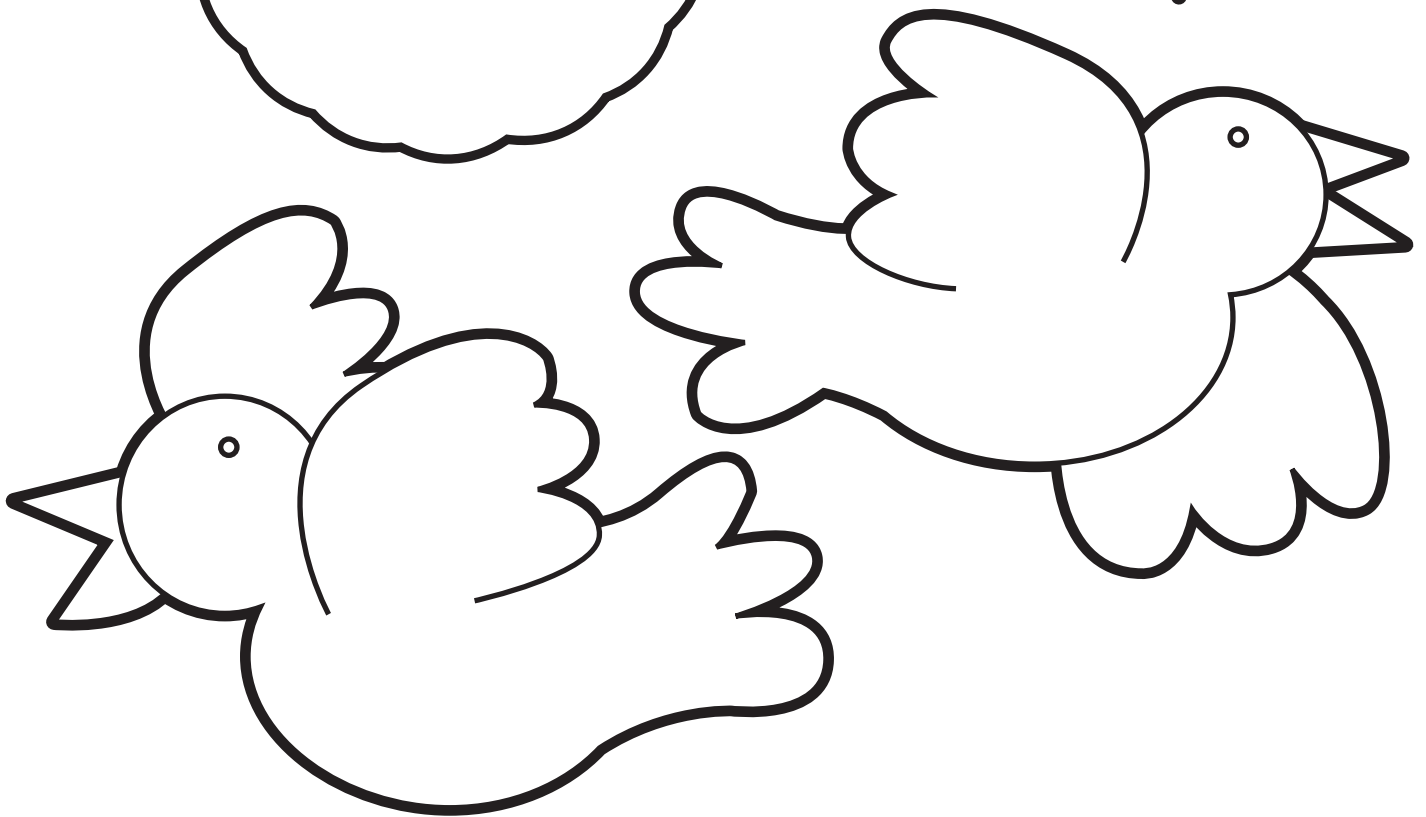
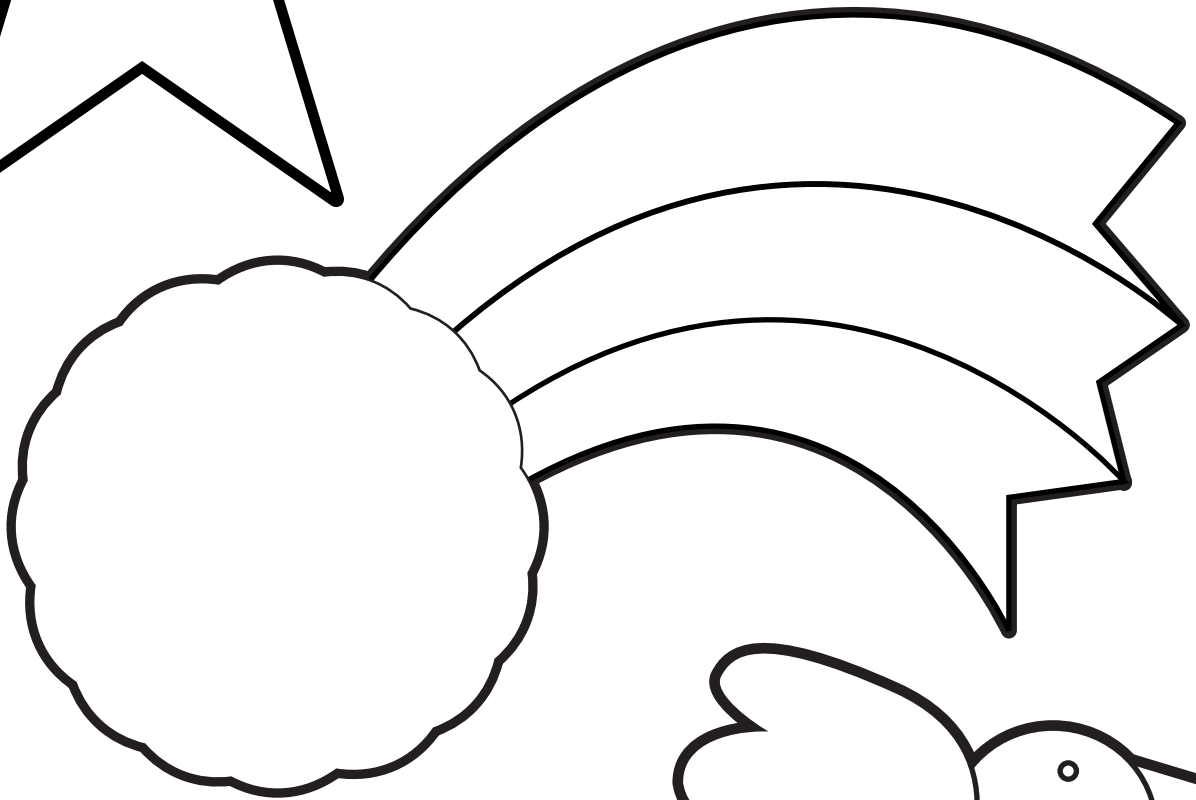
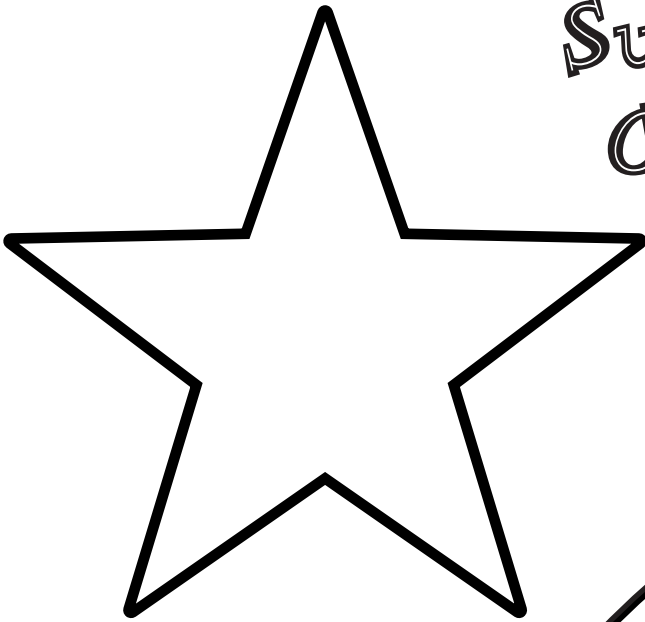


### Crafty Tips

► If your class is very large, make another craft center and add a yellow cellophane sun and silver glitter moon to the mobiles.

# Super Sensational Ceiling Patterns

Photocopy these patterns.



# Giant Garden of Life Bread

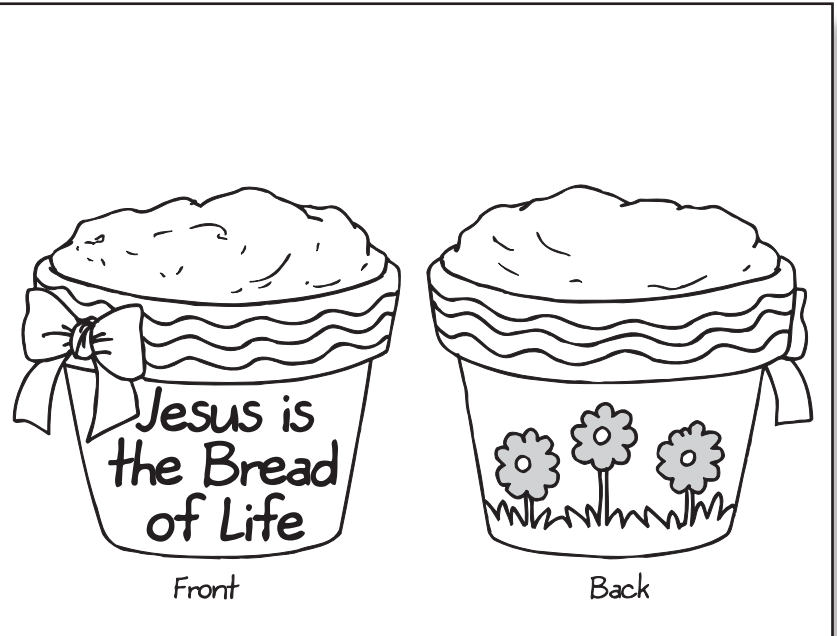
I am the bread of life. John 6:35

## Bible Craft Concept

Jesus' love nurtures us.

## Crafty Components

You'll need a Bible, non-stick cooking spray, several new 10" clay flowerpots, tacky craft glue, aluminum foil, mixing bowls and spoons, ribbon, markers or tempera paints, a knife, and ingredients for the recipe below.



## GET READY...

Since this wonderful service craft idea needs baking, be sure you have access to an oven. This clever idea will take about an hour and a half—but it's well worth the extra time!

## GET SET...

Gather children in a group and ask:

- ▶ What does bread do for us?
- ▶ How can bread keep us alive?
- ▶ How is Jesus like bread that gives life?

Say: **In the Bible, Jesus called himself the bread of life. Let's read what Jesus said.** Read aloud John 6:35. Then ask: **What do you think Jesus meant by this?** Encourage children to share their ideas, then say: **Jesus knew that people often eat bread to stay alive. He knew that people would understand how important bread can be to their survival. And Jesus**

### Garden of Life Bread

(Makes 1 flowerpot of bread)

**Cream  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup shortening and 1 cup white sugar. Add 2 eggs and beat well. Stir in 1 mashed banana. Add  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cup flour,  $\frac{3}{4}$  teaspoon baking soda,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt. Mix well. Pour into a greased 10" clay flowerpot. Bake at 375 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes or until bread is lightly browned.**

also knew how very important he is to our survival—both in this world and in heaven. Jesus called himself the bread of life because his love gives us life on earth and his death brings us life in heaven. Jesus nourishes and nurtures us with his love so we grow closer to him and to God.

We all know that grain to make bread grows in gardens and fields. Let's make wonderful pots of "Garden of Life Bread" to remind others that Jesus is the bread of life.

## GET CRAFTIN'...

Explain that you'll be mixing bread, then baking it in clean garden pots. Have children form as many groups as you have clay pots. Help children mix the bread in bowls according to the bread recipe. Spray the insides of the pots with non-stick cooking spray. Cover the drainage hole in the bottom of each pot with a small piece of aluminum foil. Then spoon the lumpy batter into the pot. Bake immediately. While the bread is baking, read aloud John 6:32-40 and visit about the ways Jesus brings us life and "feeds" us with his love and forgiveness.

When the bread is baked and has cooled for about ten minutes, loosen the bread around the edges with a knife. Glue a ribbon around each pot and tie a fluffy bow. Have children use markers or tempera paints to write the words "Jesus Is the Bread of Life" on the sides of each pot. You may wish to cover the bread with clear plastic wrap. Then present your special gifts of love to a retirement home, a senior recreation center, or a food pantry.



### Crafty Tips

► This project makes a great fund-raiser for children to collect money for missionaries or local charities.



### Crafty Tips

► Instead of baking the bread, simply place packaged quick-bread mix inside pots and present them with baking instructions.