

# Decorating Elementary Centers

Decorate each VBS activity center or room as a place at SonSpark Labs. While SonSpark Labs Studio is the intended decorating scheme for the room in which you hold your assemblies, you can use the other ideas in any center.

## SonSpark Labs Studio Entrance

Direct your children to a live taping of *The SonSpark Labs Show* where they'll be the studio audience in your assembly room. Each day they'll learn more about God's brilliant plan for them AND the whole universe!

- Set a **standing whiteboard** next to assembly room entrance. With **brightly colored dry-erase markers**, write "Welcome to SonSpark Labs!" Around the edges, write scientific formulas and diagrams as well as "GP4U=Jesus!"
- On **poster board or foam core board**, create a sign that reads "Studio Audience Entrance" and attach to wall.
- Purchase one or more **Lab Entrance Covers** (available from Gospel Light). Attach the curtain to the wall above the threshold so it hangs across entrance for children to walk through.
- Place a **table** next to the entrance and drape with a **white or silver plastic table cloth**.
- Create colorful, glowing, smoking "chemical solutions" to display on the table using **large glass or clear plastic containers and vases**. (Note: Save empty extra-large jars and snack bin containers from bulk food stores.) Have your supplies all ready to assemble several minutes before children arrive for assembly time.
- Place a **colored, submersible LED light** (available at party and novelty stores) in the bottom of each container with the light turned on.
- Pour **glass pebbles or rocks** over the light just to cover so the light is hidden and weighed down by the glass pieces.
- Fill the containers with **very warm to hot water**. Place a chunk of **dry ice** in each container just before children arrive. (Note: Wear **gloves** and use **tongs** to place dry ice in containers to avoid burning skin.) Warm or hot water causes the dry ice to create fog. As the ice cools the water, the fog effect will lessen. You may want to add more hot water to your solutions to keep the fog rolling.
- Cut spirals from **brightly colored or metallic paper, poster board or craft foam**. Enlarge **Spiral** (p. 26) to the size desired and trace onto material. Cut out, and punch a hole where indicated on pattern. Tie strings to spirals and hang from ceiling.
- Create metallic **Sparks** (see instructions on p. 14) and hang in your entrance area.

