



## Supplies

- 16-ounce disposable cups (1 per child)
- cardboard (recycled food packaging works great)
- white paper
- pencils
- scissors
- glue sticks
- markers
- craft knives (for teacher use only)
- hot glue guns (for teacher use only)
- pennies (at least 1 per child)
- stopwatch or cellphone timer (optional)

## Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.
- Pre-cut a cardboard circle and a white circle for each preschooler.



## Make Tops

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child a cup and a penny. Set out the remaining supplies (except the craft knife) to share, and have kids follow these instructions to make tops.

- Turn a cup upside down, and trace a circle onto cardboard.
- Trace another circle onto a sheet of white paper.
- Cut out both circles.
- Decorate the white circle with markers. Try to use at least two colors, and make fun patterns like spirals, stripes, or dots. (Preschoolers will start with this step.)
- Use a glue stick to glue the white paper onto the cardboard.
- When you've finished, have an adult cut a slit down the middle of your circle. (Teachers, the slits should be the length of a penny and should be as close to the center as you can make them.)



- Put a penny in the slit. Experiment with how far to push it down so your top spins the longest. (Pennies can be choking hazards for preschoolers. Teachers, do this step and then use a hot glue gun to secure the penny in place.)
- If time allows, make another top.

### Spin the Tops

Say: **We've been learning that Jesus wants to be with us forever. Forever is hard to imagine. Here on earth, everything ends! Let's see how long you can get your tops to spin before the spinning comes to an end.**

- Have kids spin their tops.
- If you brought a timer, challenge kids to beat a certain time, such as 30 seconds.
- Kids can also compete against partners to see whose top can spin longest.

### Talk About It

Say: **Even though you got your tops to spin for a long time, they all stopped eventually.**

Ask: • **Why do you think it's impossible to make a top that spins forever?**

• **What are other things that don't go forever?**

• **If you could make one toy—any toy—that lasts forever, what toy would you pick?**

Say: **It's okay that nothing on earth lasts forever, because our earth isn't perfect! Here, there's sickness, pain, and death. Those aren't things we want to last forever! In heaven, those things will be gone, and people who are friends of God will live in a beautiful place with Jesus. Jesus wants to live with us forever.**

Have kids take their tops home and show them to their friends and families as a reminder that nothing on earth lasts forever, but in heaven we can live with Jesus forever.



## TAKE-HOME

### Dig In @ Home

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#### Supplies

- this week's "Dig In @ Home" handout (1 per child) (download [here](#))

#### Easy Prep

- Add your church announcements to the "Dig In @ Home" handout.

Distribute a copy of the "Dig In @ Home" handout to kids as they leave, or email it to parents during the week.

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