

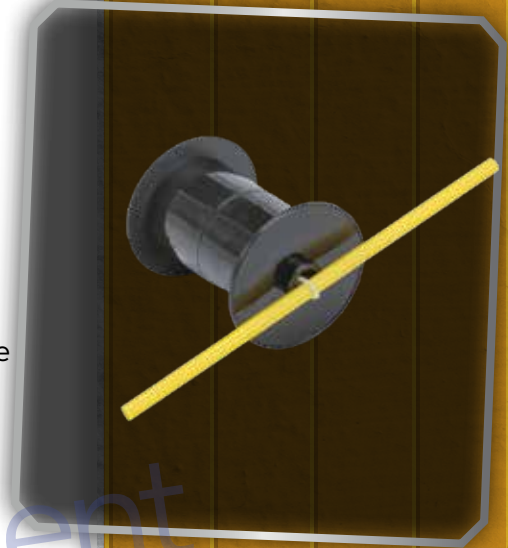
Off-Rail Rollers

Say: Today we're discovering that **JESUS' POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS**. You know, sometimes we *all* have to do hard things and we may not understand why. We may not be able to control what's happening. Our lives seem to be going in all different directions. Let's see what that's like.

1. Pull apart the black roller so you have two pieces.
2. Grab the spool with the raised hole on the outside. Crimp one end of a rubber band and, from the outside, thread it through the hole.
3. Keep the rubber band in place by passing the longer yellow straw through the end of the rubber band on the outside of the spool.
4. Then crimp the other end of the rubber band and pass it through the hole in the other slightly longer spool, from the inside to the outside. If necessary, use the paper clip to guide the rubber band through the holes.
5. Secure the rubber band by passing the shorter yellow straw through the end on the outside of the spool.
6. Twirl the longer white tube around and around to twist the rubber band inside the roller.
7. Lay the Off-Rail Roller on the floor, let go, and watch it roll!

Let kids try to predict which way their Off-Rail Rollers will go. Encourage Crews to see if they can keep the Off-Rail Rollers on the paper tracks they made. They can see which Off-Rail Roller goes the farthest and even race them. Give kids time to play and experiment.

As kids play, remind them **JESUS' POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS**. (*Trust Jesus!*) Say that no matter what happens, Jesus loves us and has good plans for our lives. Jesus' power will help us do hard things, no matter which direction we go!





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Hope 'n' Hovers

Say: Today we're discovering that **JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE**. I don't know about you, but I really need the hope that Jesus gives us! Like we just saw, bubbles rise into the air when we blow into the bubble solution. Today's Sciency-Fun Gizmo kind of reminds me of bubbles—but it's way more fun!

1. Have each person get a cardboard flute, a ball-holder, and two balls.
2. Demonstrate how to press the ball-holder into the *square* hole in the middle of the flute. The two rings of the ball-holder should be facing in the same direction as the flute—the long way. (NOTE: If the rings of the ball-holder have separated from the stem, simply press the shorter end of the stem into the center square hole of the ball-holder.)
3. Encourage kids to draw faces on the two balls. Suggest that one face could represent them and the other a sibling, friend, or family member.



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4. Kids can use markers to decorate their flute pieces, if desired.
5. Show kids how to blow into the open end of the flute piece. Then let kids experiment! What happens when they cover just one hole? then the other? or when they cover or uncover both holes? Give kids plenty of time to play. As kids experiment, say: **Sometimes we're up, and sometimes we're down. The hope Jesus gives us can always lift us up! And we can share the hope we have in Jesus with our friends and family members. Then they can be lifted by the hope of Jesus too! JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE. (Trust Jesus!)**



Bold Blasters

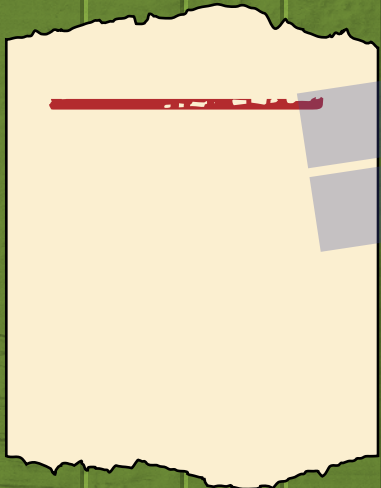
Say: **Now it's time to introduce today's Sciency-Fun Gizmo!**
Behold the Bold Blaster!

Once we put these together, we will see how high it bounces!
! With Jesus, our boldness can reach new heights! JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE BOLD!

1. Open the bag and separate the two parts of the Bold Blaster.
2. Stand and hold the piece with the green straw at shoulder level with the ball facing down. Drop it—it will barely bounce.
3. Insert the green straw into the “power pack”—the second piece of the Bold Blaster.
4. Hold the assembled Bold Blaster by the end of the straw, with the ball facing down. CAUTION: Remind kids not to lean with their heads over where they intend to drop the Bold Blaster.
5. Drop the Bold Blaster and watch how high the second piece can fly!

Let kids experiment and play with their Bold Blasters. Does it matter which way they attach the power packs? Can they get their Bold Blasters to jump as high as Sierra the mountain lion can? As kids play, remind them that Jesus is like our very own power pack. With Jesus, our boldness can reach new heights!
JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE BOLD!





Perpetual Papers

Say: I'm so excited and thankful to know that when we believe in Jesus, we can know for sure that we'll live forever with him in heaven! Our story will go on and on because of Jesus' great love and power!

Today's gizmo is called a Perpetual Paper. The word *perpetual* means never-ending—something that goes on and on without end. And these Perpetual Papers can remind us of our never-ending story with Jesus!

Each page of your Perpetual Paper has something for you to do, and as you open each surprising page, you'll see that your story with Jesus just keeps going on and on and on. It's really cool!

Hold your Perpetual Paper so you're looking at Ramsey the bighorn sheep. Hold up the bighorn sheep side of the Perpetual Paper for kids to see. This page reminds us of what we learned on our first day at Rocky Railway VBS. **JESUS' POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS**. And there's a space for you to draw something hard that Jesus has helped you do.



Maybe you'll draw a soccer ball because Jesus helped you learn a hard new sport. Or maybe you'll draw a school building because Jesus helped you during a hard time at school. So go ahead and start drawing.

Give kids time to draw. As everyone seems to be finishing, use the Train Whistle to call attention back to yourself.

I love how Jesus helps us do hard things. His power is amazing and full of love! Now hold your Perpetual Paper so you're looking at the bighorn sheep, and open it like a book

Cool! Now I see Ava the red-tailed hawk! She can remind us that **JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE!** There's a space where you can write a note to Jesus, thanking him for the hope he's given you. Give kids time to write. Then use the Train Whistle to direct kids' attention back to yourself.

Now unfold your Perpetual Paper to discover another Buddy!

The Sierra page reminds us that **JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE BOLD.** Sierra says to tell about a time you were bold. In your Crew, talk about a time Jesus helped you be bold. For me...

Relate a brief age-appropriate example of a time Jesus helped you be bold. Then give kids time to talk if they'd like to share.

When conversations seem to be winding down, sound the Train Whistle. **Today we're discovering that JESUS' POWER LETS US LIVE FOREVER. (Trust Jesus!)** What an incredible gift—the chance to live with Jesus in heaven forever! When you believe in Jesus, your relationship with him will never end. It will be perpetual!

Heaven is going to be so amazing! Listen to just a few things the Bible says about what heaven will be like: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

And listen to this description of what heaven will look like: "The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass... The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass." Doesn't that sound amazing?



On Finn's page, draw what you think heaven will be like. Give kids time to draw.

Encourage kids to show their Perpetual Papers to family and friends when they see them because everyone needs to hear about Jesus' power and love!

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Make Power Bands

Say:

But we get our power from Jesus! Every day at Rocky Railway we discovered something new about Jesus' amazing power. So you'll add one cross bead to your Power Band to help you remember Jesus' power in your life.

I'll walk you through the simple steps. Just be sure to use a total of about 10 beads for your Power Band so we have enough beads for everyone. As you work, remember that **JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE GOOD FRIENDS.**

Lead kids in the following simple steps.

1. Have kids tie a knot in one end of the string and tape that end of the string to the floor or a table.
2. Have kids thread their choice of beads onto the strings, making sure to include one cross bead.
3. Have kids remove the tape and work with a partner to tie the strings around their wrists and knot them so they fit just right.
4. Snip off any extra string.

As kids finish their Power Bands, collect the supplies.

Say: **Your Power Bands look great! Every time you wear your Power Band, you can remember that Jesus has amazing power and he uses that power to help us! And since we know that **JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE GOOD FRIENDS**, you can be a good friend by giving a Power Band to a friend! That way, your friend can remember Jesus' power too!**





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IMAGINATION STATION

Remove Watermark Now

DAY 1



Try to keep their Off-Rail Rollers on track, and remember that Jesus' power helps them do hard things.

DAY 2



Play with cool Hope 'n' Hovers to remind them that Jesus' power gives them hope.

DAY 3



Watch as their Bold Blasters fly higher than expected, and know that Jesus' power helps them be bolder than they thought possible!

DAY 4



Decorate and play with Perpetual Papers, and be reassured that Jesus' love for them will never end.

DAY 5



Make Power Bands with three types of beads, and wear them to remember that Jesus' power helps them be good friends.

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