

"ADVENTURELAND" VBS

Vacation Bible School 2011

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WELCOME TO

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"An adventure kids will never forget"

We are so excited you have chosen Adventureland VBS to help kids grow in their overall faith journey. Through innovative teaching methods kids will discover an exciting place where **timeless Bible stories** are brought to life. They will enjoy **interactive skits, memory verse challenges** and **experiential object lessons**. They will learn how to connect the **Bible story to their everyday lives** and be challenged to go deeper in their understanding of the Bible and their relationship with Christ!

Kids will be able to take home a piece of the magic every day they spend at Adventureland. They will **discover unique and creative ways to express what they are learning at every turn**. All the craft projects are designed to give kids hands-on experiences which will **reinforce the day's Bible point** and story. Kids will look forward to building their own hot dog, dipping caramel apples, squeezing lemons to make lemonade, choosing fun toppings for sundaes and eating giant pickles.

Kids will engage in **interactive action-packed games** designed to enhance the message.

Kids will be encouraged to **infuse outreach** into every day. **Adventureland will give kids unique and creative ways to reach out on their level and share the gospel message with people in their very own neighbourhoods, schools, clubs, sports teams and families.**

During the small group time kids will be **confronted with the message of the day** and be inspired to take that message and apply it to their lives, right where they are.

Adventureland will expose kids to high adventure on all fronts. There is tons of **optional**, over-the-top adventures intended to enhance the overall theme of Adventureland to choose from. Kids can enjoy everything from **water slides, train rides, and ponies** to **rock climbing; fun inflatable's** or even an **all out petting zoo**.

Kids will ultimately be learning **God is powerful** and can do anything, that faith still works and all things are possible if they believe. **Kids will discover when they are afraid they can look to God for help and that all they have truly comes from God.**

The "Director's Guide" contains everything you will need to plan and carry out a successful program. You will find **ideas on how to decorate, tips on great prizes** and tried and true ways to **build solid long lasting relationships** with all the kids at Adventureland!

It is our prayer that through Adventureland kids will **build memories with their church family which will last a lifetime...**

-Adventureland VBS Team

The Theology of Kidsworld

The word "theology" literally means "Word [logos] about God." We want the children we teach to have a basic understanding about the nature of God and a commitment to apply His character in their culture.

Our basic theology includes the following:

1. There is only **one God**, the God revealed in the Bible [Deuteronomy 6:4; Romans 3:30].
2. All Scripture is **inspired by God** and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness so that the person of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work [2 Timothy 3:16,17].
3. In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth [Genesis 1:1].
4. The Law is our tutor to lead us to Jesus, **the Messiah** [Galatians 3:24].
5. Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and Lord. He is the image of the invisible God who came to show us what God is like and to take our sins as His on the cross so we can be saved by **His sacrifice** [John 1:1, 1:18, Colossians 1:16, John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:22-24].
6. **The Holy Spirit** convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment [John 16:8].
7. People are saved by faith in Jesus because of **God's grace** [John 1:12, Ephesians 2:8-10].
8. Anyone in **Christ** is a new creation [2 Corinthians 5:17].
9. God wants His children to mature toward becoming like **Jesus** in attitudes and actions [Ephesians 4:11-5:1].
10. God wants all His children to live in unity with one another [John 17:20-21], to **love** one another as Jesus modeled for us [John 13:34-35, Ephesians 3:14-4:6].
11. The Church is the Family of God, the Bride of Christ, the **Body of Christ** to continue the **Father's love** [Ephesians 4:14-19], the Spirit's fruit [Galatians 5:22-23] and the Son's service for mankind [John 20:21, Matthew 20:26-28, Matthew 28:19-20].

With this basic theology, our desire is to partner with churches by teaching their children with creative methods. In the end they will love the Father, apply the fruit of the Spirit, serve people as Christ's representatives/ambassadors, and become adults who will make positive differences in the world. Within this basic theology, a congregation can be comfortable sharing its distinctive, unique, and important emphases.

Breakin' it Down

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The Sessions



Day	Theme	Bible Topic	"What's The Story"	"Life Point"	Scripture
<p>1</p> <p>JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE [John 2:1-11]</p>	JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE	Jesus is at a wedding and they run out of wine. Mary tells Jesus they have no more wine. The servants did what Jesus asked and the water had turned into wine.	Christians can look for good in others and work together despite their differences.	God is powerful and can do anything.	Job 5:9 [NIV] "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."
<p>2</p> <p>JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES WHILE FISHING [John 21:1-14]</p>	JESUS AND THE HIS DISCIPLES	The disciples had been fishing all day on a boat and didn't catch any fish. Jesus came to tell them to put their net down on the right side of the boat. They put the net out and pulled up lots of fish.	When there is peace on the inside, joy will show on the outside.	Faith still works. All things are possible if I believe.	"Romans 15: 4 [NIV] "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us...."
<p>3</p> <p>JESUS WALKS ON WATER [Matthew 14:22-32]</p>	PETER AND JESUS	Peter wanted to walk out on the water to meet Jesus. The wind began to blow and the waves tossed, and Peter became afraid and fell into the water.	Look for opportunities to do good things for others.	When I am afraid I can look to God for help.	Psalms 77:11 [NIV] "I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes I will remember your miracles of long ago."
<p>4</p> <p>JESUS PLACED A COIN IN A FISH'S MOUTH [Matthew 17:24-26]</p>	PETER AND JESUS	Jesus performed a miracle and put a coin in a fish's mouth... Peter caught the fish, opened its mouth and found the coin inside! It was exactly enough to pay the tax collectors...	Make choices based on God's will, not on feelings.	All that I have comes from God. He will supply all of my needs.	Psalms 105:5 [NIV] "Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced."
<p>5</p> <p>JESUS TALKS TO A WOMAN AT THE WELL [John 4]</p>	A SAMARITAN WOMAN	Jesus shows us the message of the Bible was for everyone!	We can know God, love God, remember God, and strive to imitate Him every day.	God loves me and the message of the Bible is for me too...	"Psalms 119:133 [NIV] "Direct my footsteps according to your word..."

Director's/Leader Guide

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BEFORE VBS

This is the time to get everyone on board with the details and direction of the day. It is so helpful when all the volunteers, teachers, leaders, etc. are on the same page when the service gets going. This VBS curriculum is energetic and full of fun, quick transitions, so the more informed the team, the smoother it will go. The curriculum is broken into segments/rotations so it is easier to switch leaders quickly. Allowing different voices and different leaders to do special things always makes things more interesting for the kids. Depending on your space available and your preference, leaders can be assigned to lead different segments of this series or leaders can be assigned to different areas and kids can be invited to rotate through your VBS and participate in the diverse segments in fun different locations. This allows more leadership opportunities and more slots for people to teach and serve.

**Provide a copy of this guide and a copy of all five days to the leaders of each segment. It may be helpful to also give leaders other copies of various portions of the VBS to help them take on additional tasks and responsibilities; for example Supply Guide and/or Decorating Guide*

If your ministry has technical support, this is the time to go over the songs for worship as well as other fun music or videos. Fun, upbeat songs or cartoon and movie soundtracks are great additions to the transitions as well as the segments themselves. Movies or TV shows can be played in the background for effect as well. Look for age-appropriate comedies, cartoons, or reality TV shows that will complement the VBS theme. [For Example California Adventure CD...Disneyland Soundtracks...Beach Boys Greatest Hits]

This is also the time to hand out the answer keys to the leaders, which they will need to implement the Small Group Time. They will use the answer keys to help kids deepen their learning through their small-group experience. This is a great time to pray for the day's session, the kids, and the leaders. It is also the time to hand out any supplies and other materials needed to set up the various areas and make the session/lesson/message a success.

SET UP

Volunteers set up in their areas. Use the Decorating suggestions to help reinvent the environment or environments to a *kid-friendly, fan-tastic* area. Leaders should already have been given the supplies they need during the Before VBS segment. Allow them time to get their areas set up and get ready to receive the children.

MAIN GATE

OPENING AND CLOSING

"Adventureland" is sure to put a **smile on kid's faces** and a **song in their hearts**. Kids will stand, raise their hands, and lift their hearts to God as they experience a **high-energy worship time**. A parade of leaders will creatively introduce the day's theme and lesson topic and kids will be excited and full of anticipation to **explore all of the attractions...**

After children are checked in and seated in their seats, kids will all be given a small trinket. Feel free to give the items listed in the curriculum [see Prize Guide] or choose items of your own. This point in time is when it is appropriate to get kids excited about the theme and topic. This is a great time to introduce and/or remind them what the day's theme is and to make them feel welcome and comfortable in your environment. Use a black permanent marker or different colored markers to write the day's verse or theme-related nugget on the item you're handing out. If you don't have enough volunteers to write the verse yourself, then allow the kids to write it for themselves when they enter the session.

INTRODUCTION

Take this time to say hello to the audience and welcome newcomers. This time is also when you want to give a small introduction to the day's theme and lesson. You want the kids to be excited and full of anticipation about what is coming next. Depending on the size of the group you have, this segment can be done with one leader, with multiple leaders, or with all of the leaders you have. If you are using multiple classrooms then one teacher/leader per classroom can do the introductions. If you are a very large group meeting in a large room, then a few people can come up on stage and do a shout-out of praise and welcome all the kids. With all the segments, the important thing is to get a great response from the kids and the message, not the way in which it's done. Be creative and use your team to pull off action-packed, fun introductions. An option is to introduce the leaders by name, and if you are operating with small number of kids, to actually introduce the kids as well.

The "Main Gate" time can be a very powerful experience and a time to actually raise the energy level, enthusiasm, and attention level of the kids. The leader of this segment needs to be very outgoing and infectious. This segment is short but will set the mood of the session.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

As kids are seated in the Main Gate area invite them to participate in corporate worship. Ask them to stand, raise their hands, and lift their hearts to God. Feel free to plug in your own worship segment here. Encourage kids to sing, praise, and rock the house for God.

Excerpt taken from a past CurriculumZine called Go Green...

What do you recommend and what ideas can you share to enrich our children's worship experience at our church? *"I have a lot of passion for worship. If you have seen me speak or have read any of my articles, you would probably see the thread of this passion throughout much of my teaching. I believe the main thing to remember is kids can worship. Traveling the country and observing many other children's churches engaged in worship, one thing tended to stand out quite often: I simply saw the kids singing songs, and the leaders standing up front in a very animated way leading the songs. Sure, they are kids, and singing songs to God is praise, but what sometimes gets missed is that **elementary kids can enter into full-fledged worship**. They can bow their heads, close their eyes, raise their hands and be in the presence of the Lord. I have seen it -- I have seen hundreds of children worshipping, truly worshipping! I have watched a 4-year-old child so into worship and so into His presence, it was breathtaking.*

*Kids like to sing songs their parents are singing. I believe songs like "Father Abraham" are more for preschool-age children than elementary-age children. I would suggest going to your local Christian bookstore and finding out what is playing on the radio. What CD is in your player? Find some great CDs with upbeat, loud, fun music and let the kids really get into it. As the adults are leading worship, encourage them to **worship along with the kids** -- not pretend to. I have seen a lot of leaders participating in worship, but not themselves worshipping. Buy songs your leaders will want to worship to, then when the music starts playing, your kids can observe leaders who are authentic and moved by the Spirit, because that is what is going to take your worship to the next level. Kids will emulate them. Worship is experiential, and it is our job as leaders to help kids experience Christ, not merely create a fun time of song singing and hand motions. Let them enter in." [Children's Pastor Tracy Carpenter, Ph.D.]*

Let the Adventure Begin!



Miracle Crossword (Day 1)

Verse:

He Performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.
JOB 5:9

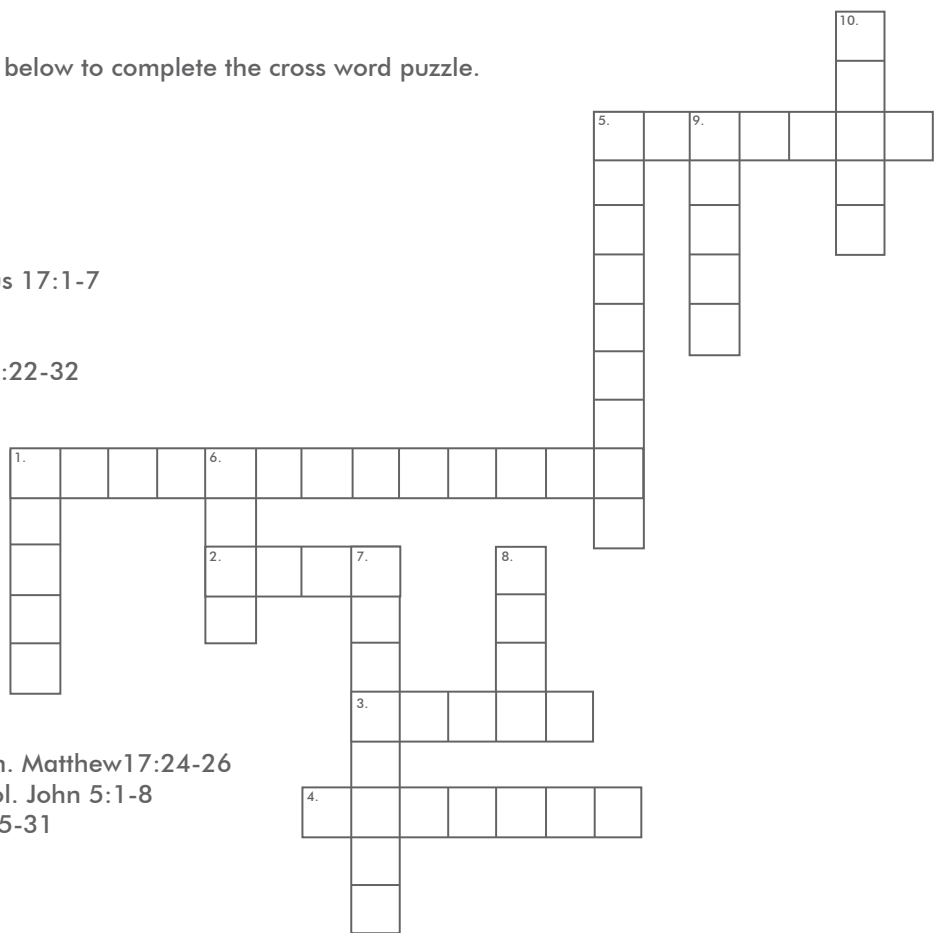
Directions: Use the clues and verses below to complete the cross word puzzle.

Down

- 1. _____ at the well. John 4
- 5. _____ Exodus 2: 1-8
- 6. Water comes out of a _____. Exodus 17:1-7
- 7. _____ Genesis 6:5-9:17
- 8. Woman at the _____. John 4
- 9. _____ walks on water. Matthew 14:22-32
- 10. Baptism of _____. Mark 1:9-11

Across

- 1. _____ John 2: 1-11
- 2. Peter finds a _____ in a fishes mouth. Matthew 17:24-26
- 3. Jesus _____ a lame man by a pool. John 5:1-8
- 4. _____ of the red sea. Exodus 14:15-31
- 5. _____ of Jesus. Mark 1:9-11

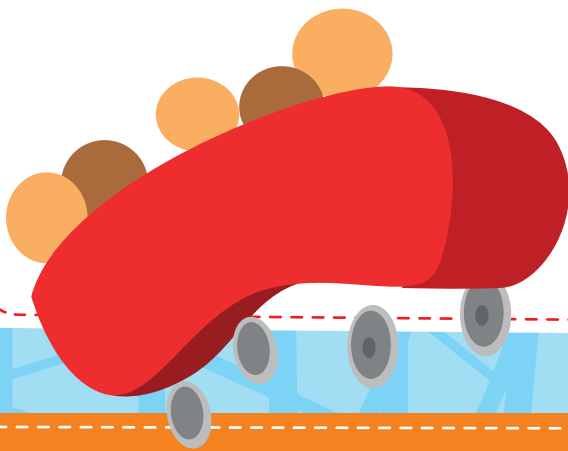


Down

1. Woman, 5. Baby Moses, 6. Rock, 7. Noah's ark, 8. Well, 9. Peter, 10. Jesus

Across

1. Water in wine, 2. Coin, 3. Heals, 4. Parting, 5. Baptism



Daily Parent Snapshot

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Day 1

JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE [John 2:1-11]

Bible Topic: Jesus turns water into wine [John 2:1-11]

Life Point: God is powerful and can do anything!

Scripture: Job 5:9 [NIV] "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."

Day 2

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES WHILE FISHING [John 21:1-14]

Theme: Jesus Appears to His disciples while fishing

Bible Topic: The disciples had been fishing all day on a boat and didn't catch any fish. Jesus came to tell them to put their net out on the right side of the boat. They put the net out and pulled up lots of fish [John 21:1-14]

Life Point: Faith still works. All things are possible if I believe

Scripture: Romans 15: 4 [NIV] "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us...."

Day 3

JESUS WALKS ON WATER [Matthew 14:22-32]

Theme: Jesus Walks on Water

Bible Topic: Peter wanted to walk out on the water to meet Jesus. The wind began to blow and the waves tossed, and Peter became afraid and fell into the water [Matthew 14:22-32]

Life Point: When I am afraid I can look to God for help

Scripture: Psalm 77:11 [NIV] "I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes I will remember your miracles of long ago."

Day 4

JESUS PLACED A COIN IN A FISH'S MOUTH [Matthew 17:24-26]

Theme: Jesus Placed a Coin in a Fish's Mouth

Bible Topic: Jesus performed a miracle and put a coin in a fish's mouth. Peter caught the fish, opened its mouth and found the coin inside! It was exactly enough to pay the tax collectors. [Matthew 17:24-26]

Life Point: All that I have comes for God. He will supply all of my needs!

Scripture: Psalm 105:5 [NIV] "Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced."

Day 5

JESUS TALKS TO A WOMAN AT THE WELL [John 4]

Theme: Jesus Talks to a Woman at the Well

Bible Topic: Jesus showed her the message of the Bible was for everyone [John 4]

Life Point: God loves me and the message of the Bible is for me too!

Scripture: Psalm 119:133 [NIV] "Direct my footsteps according to your word..."

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