

# MINISTRY MINUTE



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## VBS 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Now is the time to research and begin gathering supplies for this year's VBS, March Break Camp and Summer Ministries and Day Camps. Take a few minutes now to look at the themes for this year's VBS kits as you plan for the ministries ahead. A helpful tip: If you are running multiple programs over the summer, you may want to consider investing in more than one VBS kit. If you will be having students join you for more than one week of camp this summer you will want to make sure each week is unique and exciting to them. Use these highlights to pick the best resource for your spring and summer ministries.



### Orange's Start the Party! – Celebrate the Good News!

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That's why we believe God's love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. Celebrate the good news of Jesus with this complete kit that includes everything you need to begin planning to host not only a great week of VBS, but a celebration that will last all summer long. Start the Party teaches kids about: Friendship, Belonging, Forgiveness, Abundant life, and Purpose. This kit includes programming and small group activity plans for all types of VBS groups as well as adaptation plans for kids with special needs..

Here are some benefits of using Orange's Start the Party! VBS:

- It's fully customizable to your ministry group and location – you can edit the content, have flexible scheduling options, and provide multiple activity and rotation options
- It's part of an Entire Summer Strategy – it will help connect kids from VBS to your Sunday mornings
- Orange VBS is Fueled by Relationships with families, leaders and within small groups – resources included help share what the students are experiencing and learning with their parents; resources help build stronger connections with small group leaders and the students

The daily moves include:

**Day 1** – Jesus is a good reason to have a party. Bible story: Matthew's Party (Luke 5:27-32).

**Day 2** – Everyone is invited to the party. Bible story: Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14)

**Day 3** – Celebrate the Good News. Bible story: Jesus' Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32).

**Day 4** – Jesus is the Life of the Party. Bible story: The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-26).

**Day 5** – You Can Be a Party Starter. Bible story: You Are the Light of the World (Matthew 5:14-16).

Check out these Orange VBS Resources:

1. **Start the Party! VBS Kit** (\$249 US) has everything you need for your VBS in digital, downloadable format PLUS you'll get samples of supplemental products to use with your students, volunteers, and families
2. **Start the Party! A 30-Day Devotional for Kids** (Pre-Order Now for \$10 US or wait and pay \$22.99 US) This devotional was created to be the perfect companion book for your VBS. It makes for a great send-home gift for kids.
3. Visit [Pinterest.ca/OrangeVBS](https://www.pinterest.ca/OrangeVBS) for additional Start the Party! resources.

Order your kit direct from [OrangeVBS.com](https://www.OrangeVBS.com).

**Looking for ideas, suggestions, or support of your Summer Ministries?**  
**Feel free to contact your Divisional Youth Secretary and the CANBDA Youth Team.**

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If you are hosting more than one week of VBS or Summer Outreach Ministries with the possibility of families attending each week, be sure to check out these other VBS programs:

## 1. Group's Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God

Take your students into an undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. (2024's Easy VBS Kit. Order and learn more at: [Group.com](https://www.group.com))

**Day 1** – God is a friend who's real! Bible story: God shows himself to Elijah through ups and downs (1 Kings 18-19).

**Day 2** – God is a friend who loves. Bible story: God shows compassion to the people of Nineveh (Jonah 1-3).

**Day 3** – God is a friend we can trust. Bible story: Jesus calms a storm (Mark 4:35-41).

**Day 4** – God is a friend forever. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (John 18-20).

**Day 5** – God is a friend for everyone. Bible story: Lydia believes in Jesus (Acts 16:11-15).

## 2. Group's Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid

Take your students back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's Son.

**Day 1** – Jesus had a family...we do too. Bible story: Mary is chosen to be Jesus' mother (Luke 1:26-38).

**Day 2** – Jesus had a name...we do too. Bible story: Jesus is born and gets his name (Luke 2:1-40).

**Day 3** – Jesus had a home...we do too. Bible story: Jesus' family escapes to Egypt (Matthew w:13-14, 19-23).

**Day 4** – Jesus went to church...we do too. Bible story: Jesus goes to the Temple (Luke 2:41-52).

**Day 5** – Jesus served others...we do too. Bible story: Jesus does a miracle in Cana (John 2:1-12).

## 3. Group's Outback Rock: Where Kids Venture into Solid Faith – Weekend VBS

During this 2-day VBS your students will explore God's monumental love and discover what it means to have unshakable faith. Each day focuses on one main Bible point. Each session is 2 ½ hours with a 20-minute Sunday celebration.

**Day 1** – God is always with us. Bible story: God is with Joseph (Genesis 37:1-45:15).

**Day 2** – God is always with us. Bible story: Jesus dies, comes back to life, then appears to his followers (Matthew 26:26-28:20).

(Group VBS kits can be ordered from [Group.com](https://www.group.com) or by contacting Supplies & Purchasing.)



## 4. Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach - God's Rock Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands

At Breaker Rock Beach VBS, your students will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as students explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

**Day 1** – Truth comes from God. Bible story: Satan tricked Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3).

**Day 2** – God's Plan is Best. Bible story: Daniel chooses God's way (Daniel 1).

**Day 3** – Everyone needs Jesus. Bible story: The rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-27).

**Day 4** – Jesus is the Only Way. Bible story: John wrote about Jesus (John 14:1-6; 18-20; Acts 1:9-12).

**Day 5** – Speak the Truth in Love. Bible story: Paul encouraged the Ephesians (Acts 9:1-6; 19:1-10, 21-31; 20:1; Ephesians 3:14-4:16)

(Lifeway VBS can be ordered from [Lifeway.com](https://www.lifeway.com).)