

MINISTRY MINUTE



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VBS 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

The cold days of winter are always a great time to make plans for summer time ministries. So to help you in your planning we want to highlight some of the VBS programs that you might want to consider using during your the warm days of summer. Grab a hot drink and spend a few minutes looking at the themes for this year's VBS kits. 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 Live It Out! – Discover How to Love Like Jesus

Imagine spending a week with kids helping them to learn about Jesus' love and learning how to express that love through their actions. This summer you can help kids discover tangible ways to love like Jesus and live like Jesus by praying, loving, serving, forgiving and showing simple acts of kindness. 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 Live It Out! 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 – Love one another. Bible story: Jesus washes the disciples feet (John 13:1-17).

Day 2 – Be kind to one another. Bible story: Little children are brought to Jesus (Mark 10:13-16)

Day 3 – Forgive one another. Bible story: God's love for us (1 John 4:9-12).

Day 4 – Pray for one another. Bible story: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

Day 5 – Serve one another. Bible story: The believers share their lives together (Acts 2:42-47).

Check out these Orange VBS Resources:

1. **Live It Out! VBS Kit** (\$229 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. New to the VBS Box -- New Devotional for Kids: Live It Out: A Field Guide to Loving Like Jesus
2. **Live It Out: A Field Guide to Loving Like Jesus** is a 25-day devotional designed to help kids discover what it truly means to live like Jesus by embracing His greatest command—love one another. ([Order today](#) for \$10.00 US per copy. Order in bulk and save.)
3. Visit [Pinterest.ca/OrangeVBS](https://www.pinterest.ca/OrangeVBS) for additional Live It Out! 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 True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!. (2025's Ultimate VBS Kit. Order and learn more at: [Group.com](https://www.group.com))

Day 1 – When we wonder, we can trust Jesus Bible story: John prepares the way and baptizes Jesus (Matthew 13; 11:1-6).

Day 2 – When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus. Bible story: Jesus teaches about God's love (Matthew 6:25-33; 18:12-14).

Day 3 – When we feel powerless, we can trust Jesus. Bible story: A Roman officer trusts Jesus (Matthew 8:5-13).

Day 4 – When we need hope, we can trust Jesus. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (Matthew 26:47-28:8).

Day 5 – When we need help, we can trust Jesus. Bible story: Jesus gives the great commission and the Holy Spirit comes (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:1-12).

2. Group's Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

At Egypt, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Joseph's world. Alongside Joseph, they'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

Day 1 – God gives us hope. Bible story: Joseph interprets dreams in prison (Genesis 40:1-23).

Day 2 – God gives us special abilities. Bible story: Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge (Genesis 41:1-40).

Day 3 – God gives us wisdom. Bible story: Joseph leads Egypt through famine (Genesis 41:41-42:5).

Day 4 – God gives us forgiveness. Bible story: Joseph forgives his brothers (Genesis 42:6-45:15).

Day 5 – God gives us a family. Bible story: Joseph settles his family in Egypt (Genesis 45:16-47:27).

3. Group's Yee Haw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift – Weekend VBS

Ready for a trailblazing weekend of fun? During this 2-day VBS, kids'll kick up their heels as they stampede through the wild frontier and celebrate the greatest truth of all—God is good! Each day focuses on one main Bible point. Each session is 2 ½ hours with a 25-minute closing (Sunday) celebration.

Day 1 – God gives good gifts. Bible story: God sends Jesus to earth (Luke 2:1-20).

Day 2 – God gives good gifts. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (John 16-21).

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



4. Lifeway's Magnified! - Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things (Psalm 34:3)

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!!

Day 1 – God sees me. Bible story: Jesus and the children (John 1:1-3,12; Mark 10:13-16).

Day 2 – God cares about me. Bible story: Jesus calmed the storm (Mark 4:1, 35-4).

Day 3 – God loves me. Bible story: The woman at the well (John 4:1-42).

Day 4 – God forgives me. Bible story: Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-21; 18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:6).

Day 5 – God keeps His promises. Bible story: Jesus Taught about Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

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