

# MINISTRY MINUTE



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## VBS 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Planning ahead is always a great idea. To help you plan, we're sharing this year's VBS themes for you to consider for March Break Camps, Summer Ministries and Day Camps. If you are running multiple programs over the summer, you may want to consider investing in more than one VBS kit to help you plan unique and exciting weeks especially for young people who will be joining you for more than one week. Use these highlights to pick the best resource for your spring and summer ministries.



### **Orange's Ready, Set, Move! – Follow Jesus Here, There, Everywhere!**

Ready, Set, Move! VBS will help you create a hands-on, memorable week that gives kids an opportunity to grow in their faith as they understand that they can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere! Also included with your purchase are two full months of curriculum for First Look (preschool) and 252 Kids (elementary). Ready, Set, Move! is designed for preschool through preteen and includes everything you need for an in-person, virtual, and neighborhood VBS.

Here are some benefits of using Orange's Ready, Set, Move! 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** – Do What Jesus Says. Bible story: Sand & Rock (Matthew 7:24-29).

**Day 2** – Believe Who Jesus Is. Bible story: Who Do You Say I am? (Matthew 16:13-20)

**Day 3** – Love Who Jesus Loves. Bible story: Easter Story/Jesus Forgives Peter (John 21:15-25).

**Day 4** – Share What Jesus Did. Bible story: Pentecost (Acts 2).

**Day 5** – Go Where Jesus Leads. Bible story: Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16-34).

Check out these Orange VBS Resources:

1. **Ready, Set, Move! 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. **Ready, Set, Move! A 30-Day Devotional for Kids** (\$15 US) This devotional was written for kids by The So & So Show's Brandon O'Dell and Jon Williams to encourage students to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere!
3. Visit [Pinterest.ca/orangevbs](https://www.pinterest.ca/orangevbs) for additional Ready, Set, Move! 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 Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world! Stellar rockets kids on an out of world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. (2023's VBS Kit. Order and learn more at: [Group.com](https://www.group.com))

**Day 1** – When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light! Bible story: Jesus comes as a baby to be king (Luke 21:1-20; Matthew 1:18-2:12).

**Day 2** – When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light! Bible story: Jesus accepts Zacchaeus (Luke 18:1-9).

**Day 3** – When good things happen, shine Jesus' light! Bible story: Jesus enters Jerusalem as king (Luke 19:28-40).

**Day 4** – When people are sad, shine Jesus' light! Bible story: Jesus cares for his mother during his crucifixion (John 19-20).

**Day 5** – When people need help, shine Jesus' light! Bible story: Philip helps the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39).

## 2. Group's Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Daniel did more than survive a den of hungry lions. Join Daniel as he's forced from his home into the king's service. Kids will discover that they are not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

**Day 1** – When things change, God is with you. Bible story: Enemies Capture Daniel and his friends (Daniel 1).

**Day 2** – When you need help, God is with you. Bible story: Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2).

**Day 3** – When you're afraid, God is with you. Bible story: Three friends survive a fiery furnace (Daniel 3).

**Day 4** – When you're lonely, God is with you. Bible story: Daniel prays even if it might bring trouble (Daniel 6:1-16).

**Day 5** – When you're thankful, God is with you. Bible story: God saves Daniel from the lions (Daniel 6:16-28).

## 3. Group's Pet's Unleashed: Where Jesus Cares for You – Weekend VBS

During this 2-day VBS you'll introduce kids to Jesus, God's Son who lovingly cares for us. Each day focuses on one main Bible point. Each session is 2 ½ hours with a 20-minute Sunday celebration.

**Day 1** – Jesus cares for us. Bible story: Jesus sheds light on how to live (Matthew 5-7).

**Day 2** – Jesus cares for us. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (Luke 23:1-24:12).

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



## 4. Lifeway's Twists & Turns – Following Jesus Changes the Game.

Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

**Day 1** – Jesus is holy and that changes everything! (Matthew 4:18-20; Luke 5:1-11)

**Day 2** – Jesus is trustworthy even when I doubt. (Matthew 14:22-33)

**Day 3** – Jesus is forgiving even when I sin. (Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; John 18:15-18; 21:1-19)

**Day 4** – Jesus is worth following even when it gets tough. (Acts 3:1-4:24)

**Day 5** – Jesus is for everyone, including me. (Acts 10)

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