



tips for youth workers

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VBS 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

NOTE: VBS kits suggested below originated outside of Canada and Bermuda where Covid-19 restrictions may vary. Please follow health directives as appropriate for your local area when planning your summer ministries.

It's time to be planning for your summer ministries. Whether you're able to run an in-person day camp or a camp-in-a-box program you'll need to be prepared. A VBS kit can help you put together a successful summer ministry of building relationships with kids in your community and introducing them to Jesus. Orange has put together a great resource for your summer ministry.

Orange's Press Play – Get Into the Mix:

Turn up the volume at VBS to remind each kid that they can have confidence because of Jesus. When kids begin to see themselves the same way that Jesus sees them, then real confidence begins to take root and grow. And you'll get to spend a fun, memorable week teaching kids these foundational Truths to begin understanding the base of their confidence. Press Play is designed for preschool through preteen and includes everything you need for an in-person, virtual, neighborhood, and even a drive-in VBS.

Here are some of the benefits of using Orange's Press Play 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 have been included to 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 playlist includes:

Day 1 – I can have confidence because I am known. Bible story: Who is Jesus? (John 10:14 & 14:6).

Day 2 – I can have confidence because I belong. Bible story: The Calling of the Disciples (Luke 5:1-11, 27-32)

Day 3 – I can have confidence because I am forgiven. Bible Story: Zacchaeus Part 1 (Luke 19:1-9).

Day 4 – I can have confidence because I can change. Bible story: Zacchaeus Part 2 (Luke 19:8-9).

Day 5 – I can have confidence to make a difference. Bible story: The Story of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7).

Orange is available in two convenient kits:

1. **Press Play VBS Starter Kit** (\$199 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. **Press Play VBS Starter Kit + USB** (\$229 US) has everything in the starter kit but also includes a USB drive with all the resources loaded on to it.

Order your kit direct from 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.

Running more than one week of VBS or Summer Outreach Ministries with the possibility of families attending each week? Check out these other VBS programs:

1. **Group's Treasured - Discover You're Priceless to God:** At Treasured VBS, your students will dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures where they'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's them! (2021's VBS Kit. Order and learn more at: Group.com)

Day 1 – God knows you. Bible story: God identifies David as future king. (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Day 2 – God hears you. Bible story: David escapes Saul and writes psalms to God. (1 Samuel 23:1-14; Psalm 86)

Day 3 – God comforts you. Bible story: God reassures King Hezekiah. (2 Kings 18:5-19:34).

Day 4 – God forgives you. Bible story: Jesus reinstates Peter. (John 18:1-21:19)

Day 5 – God chooses you! Bible story: God chooses Esther to save her people. (Esther 2-8).

2. **Group's Rocky Railway VBS Ultimate Starter Kit (or Starter Kit Plus Digital) – Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through:** This is Group's ultimate weekend getaway VBS. Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! Your Rocky Railway Ultimate Starter Kit is packed with everything you need to get started on this faith-filled adventure where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. (2020's VBS. Available while quantities last.)

Day 1 – Jesus' power helps us do hard things. Bible story: Ananias helps Saul. (Acts 9:1-19).

Day 2 – Jesus' power gives us hope. Bible story: Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck (Acts 27).

Day 3 – Jesus' power helps us be bold. Bible story: Peter and John teach about Jesus (Acts 3:1-4:31).

Day 4 – Jesus' power lets us live forever. Bible story: Jesus death and resurrection (Matthew 26:17-28:10).

Day 5 – Jesus' helps us be good friends. Bible story: The church is united (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35).

3. **Group's Anchored – Deepening Faith in God:** This is Group's ultimate weekend getaway VBS. Kids will embark on an undersea adventure, diving deeper in their faith and discovering the unwavering love of God!! Each day focuses on one main Bible point. Each session is 2 ½ hours with a 20-minute Sunday celebration. (2020's VBS. Available while quantities last.)

Day 1 – God is faithful. Bible story: Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck (Acts 27).

Day 2 – God is faithful. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (Matthew 26:17-28:10).

(Group VBS kits can be ordered from Group.com or by contacting Supplies & Purchasing.)

4. **Lifeway's Destination Dig – Unearthing the Truth About Jesus (Jeremiah 29:13):** This summer take your students to present-day Israel to become junior archaeologists and study tangible pieces of the past to learn about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way, they'll uncover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13 that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Day 1 – Jesus Came as God Promised (Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-2:6)

Day 2 – Jesus Demonstrated God's Power (Psalm 146:8; Isaiah 35:5-6a; John 9:1-4)

Day 3 – Jesus Was Betrayed and Rejected (Psalm 4:19; Isaiah 53: 3, 7; John 13, 18:1-19:16)

Day 4 – Jesus Died and Rose Again (Isaiah 53:5, 9-11; John 19:17-20:18)

Day 5 – The Bible is True (Isaiah 53:7-8; Acts 8:26-40)

(Lifeway VBS can be ordered from www.Parasource.com)

5. **Pioneer Clubs' VBS Options.** Pioneer Clubs have two VBS themes that you can choose from. **One Way Café** (in a three-ring binder, see <http://onewaycafevbs.com>) and **Fixer Upper** (<http://fixeruppervbs.com>). Each kit is \$179 US. (Learn more and order direct from PioneerClubs.org)