



tips for youth workers

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VBS 2022 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.

Have you started dreaming about warmer weather, sandy beaches, and outdoor fun? Then dream big because **NOW** is the time to start planning your summer children's ministry. Now is the time to start planning to reach out into your community with a VBS. Families are ready to make connections. You can help them feel connected to each other, your church and to God through this exciting ministry. Here are some VBS programs for you to use this summer:

Orange's Make Waves – What You Do Today, Can Change the World Around You:

Create a hands-on, memorable week that will allow kids to grow their faith as they understand how they can make waves and share God's love with the people around them. **Make Waves** is a VBS program for kids from Preschool all the way up to Preteen. Get all the tools and resources you'll need to create a VBS experience this summer filled with fun, laughter, and a lot of God's Word.

Here are some of the benefits of using Orange's **Make Waves** VBS:

- It's Customizable – all resources are designed to accommodate and maximize your ministry context
- It's Engaging – the content combines child development and theology to create an experience designed to reach each age group
- It's Relational – by building strong relationships among kids, parents and leaders using intentional small groups and meaningful activities
- It's Strategic – it connects your VBS to your weekly Sunday curriculum all summer long

Make Waves starts with the Bible and uses simple bottom lines to help kids remember how God's Word fits into their everyday lives:

Day 1 – God made people with a purpose. Bible story: Creation (Genesis 1-2).

Day 2 – Jesus invited people to follow Him. Bible story: Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-23).

Day 3 – You can trust Jesus with your life. Bible Story: Jesus is Alive (John 18-21:14).

Day 4 – Love others the way Jesus loves you. Bible story: Love One Another/Philip & the Ethiopian Ruler (John 13:34-35, Acts 8:26-40).

Day 5 – God can help you change the world around you. Bible story: Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Orange is available in two convenient kits:

1. **Make Waves VBS Kit** (\$199 US) provides you with a unique code to access Orange's VBS curriculum site, PLUS you'll get samples of supplemental products to use with your students, volunteers, and families
2. **Press Play VBS Kit + USB** (\$229 US) has everything in the **Make Waves** VBS Kit PLUS it also includes a USB drive with all the resources loaded on to it.

Order your kit direct from the thinkOrange.com store.

Products ship from USA. Be sure to allow time for delivery when placing your order.

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:

- Group's Monumental VBS – Celebrating God's Greatness: Give kids a grand-new perspective!** Go off-road for a “Monumental” adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. (Learn more about *Monumental* at Group.com.)
Day 1 – God loves you no matter what. Bible story: Joseph's family feuds (Genesis 37).
Day 2 – God is with you everywhere. Bible story: Joseph is imprisoned (Genesis 39-40).
Day 3 – God is in charge. Bible story: Joseph gets new responsibilities (Genesis 41).
Day 4 – God is stronger than anything. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (Luke 23-24:12).
Day 5 – God is surprising. Bible story: Joseph reunites with his family (Genesis 42-45).
- Group's Jerusalem Marketplace Kit – Step back in time to where Jesus walked to the Cross.** Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket of reeds; make clay pots... Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all senses as you transport your church to a different time and a fresh experience—and walk with Jesus today! (Learn more about *Jerusalem Marketplace* at Group.com.)
Day 1 – Jesus is King. Bible story: Crowds welcome Jesus to Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).
Day 2 – Jesus showed God's love. Bible story: Jesus shares Passover with the disciples (John 13:1-17).
Day 3 – Jesus loves us. Bible story: Jesus prays in the garden and is arrested (John 17:1-18:11).
Day 4 – Jesus died for us. Bible story: Jesus is crucified (Luke 23:1-55).
Day 5 – Jesus lives. Bible story: Jesus rises from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10).
- Group's HayDay – Growing in Friendship with Jesus:** At *HayDay Weekend VBS*, kids will be up to their elbows in farmin' fun as they explore one simple Bible truth: Jesus will always love us! Each day, kids will plow through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. Each session is 2 ½ hours with a 20-minute Sunday celebration. (Learn more about *HayDay* at Group.com.)
Day 1 – Jesus will always love us. Bible story: Jesus befriends Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10).
Day 2 – Jesus will always love us. Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (John 19-21).
(Group VBS kits can be ordered from Group.com or by contacting Supplies & Purchasing.)
- Lifeways' Spark Studios – Created in Christ. Designed for God's Purpose: Kick creativity into high gear! Show kids the beautiful truth!** Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. In summer 2022, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.
Day 1 – God is the marvelous creator (Acts 13:21-23; Psalm 104).
Day 2 – God uniquely designed us for His purpose (1 Samuel 16).
Day 3 – Jesus is the king that God promised to save us (Psalm 118:26; Acts 13:21-23).
Day 4 – Jesus fulfilled God's plan to save us (Luke 23:13-25, 44-56; 24:1-12, 36-49).
Day 5 – The Holy Spirit gives us the power to follow God's plan (Acts 1:4-14; Acts 2).
(Lifeway's *Spark Studios* VBS can be ordered from Lifeway.com.)
- Pioneer Clubs' VBS Options.** Pioneer Clubs have three VBS themes that you can choose from. **One Way Café** (in a three-ring binder, see [One Way Café VBS](#)), **Fixer Upper** ([Fixer Upper VBS](#)) and **The Wacky World of Water** ([Wacky World of Water VBS](#)). Each kit is \$179 US. (Learn more and order direct from PioneerClubs.org.)