



**tips for youth workers**

**JANUARY 2020**

## **VBS 2020 HIGHLIGHTS**

Wow! It's VBS planning time already. March Break and summer ministries are just around the corner. Here are some VBS programs that you might want to check out and consider using this year as part of your outreach ministry into your community:

- 1. Orange's Focus – Take a Closer Look:** FOCUS VBS will help kids dive deeper into their faith. Your preschoolers through preteens will have a blast as they discover how to trust in what they CAN'T see because of what they CAN see. How? By putting the FOCUS on God and His amazing plan for us. We'll use this week to explore four different ways we can FOCUS on God: Hear, Talk, Pray, and Live.

**Day 1** – FOCUS on what you see. Bible story: Seeing God in creation (Romans 1:2).

**Day 2** – You can HEAR from God. Bible story: The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27).

**Day 3** – You can TALK with others about what you believe. Bible Story: Peter says that Jesus is the Messiah (Matthew 16:13-20).

**Day 4** – You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything. Bible story: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13).

**Day 5** – You can LIVE for God by loving others. Bible story: The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13). (Order direct from [www.thinkOrange.com](http://www.thinkOrange.com))

- 2. Group's Wilderness Escape Where God Guides and Provides:** Welcome to Wilderness Escape – an exciting journey with God's people, the Israelites, that brings God's Word to life for kids and adults!

**Day 1** – God is with us, so...trust God! Bible story: The Israelites cross the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-15:21)

**Day 2** – God gives us what we need, so...trust God! Bible story: God provides manna and quail (Exodus 16)

**Day 3** – God gives us strength, so...trust God! Bible story: Israel defeats the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16).

**Day 4** – God saves us, so trust...God! Bible story: Moses remembers Passover (Exodus 12:1-30)

**Day 5** – God guides us, so...trust God! Bible story: God gives the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).

- 3. 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.

**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).

- 4. 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.

**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](http://Group.com) or by contacting Supplies & Purchasing.)

- 5. Lifeway's Concrete & Cranes – Building on the Love of Jesus (Philippians 1:6):** As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion..

**Day 1** - Foundation of Love (Matthew 9:9-13)

**Day 2** - Foundations of Forgiveness (Acts 26:1-29)

**Day 3** - Foundation of Worth (Matthew 26:36-46)

**Day 4** - Foundation of Promise (Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20)

**Day 5** - Foundation for Life (Matthew 7:24-29)

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

- 6. Answers in Genesis' Mystery Island – Tracking Down the One True God:** Is there just one God?... Who is God?... What is God like?... Does God love me?... Can I know God? Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what he's like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing he is through the pages of Scripture

**Day 1** – God is Great! There is only one God as revealed in the Bible (Acts 17:16-34).

**Day 2** – God is Almighty! God can do all his holy will without effort. God's miracles are real and effortless (Jonah, Psalm 139).

**Day 3** – God is ruler! He was, is and always will be in charge (Isaiah's Vision, Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 8).

**Day 4** – God is Emmanuel! God is three-in-one – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is knowable (God Came to Earth, Gospel Presentation; Selected Scriptures).

**Day 5** – God is Trustworthy! God is bigger and greater than our unanswered questions. We can trust Him. (David trusts God, 1 Samuel 17). (Order from [concordiasupply.com](http://concordiasupply.com))

- 7. Pioneer Clubs' VBS Options.** Pioneer Clubs have three VBS themes that you can choose from. There's **Wacky World of Water** (<http://wackyworldofwater.org/>), **One Way Café** (in a three-ring binder) and **Fixer Upper** (<http://fixeruppervbs.com/>). Each kit is \$179 US. If you are a Pioneer Club Member there is a 25% discount. (Learn more and order direct from [www.PioneerClubs.org](http://www.PioneerClubs.org))