

tips for youth workers

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VBS 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

It will soon be time for Spring Break and Summer VBS programs. If you haven't started planning or shopping for a VBS kit, now is the time to start considering which VBS program and package is the best match for your ministry. Here are a few we'd like to highlight for you:

- 1. **Group's Roar! Life is Wild-God is Good:** Take your herd of kids on an epic African with Roar! They'll explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that will empower them as they live this wild life.
 - Day 1 When life is unfair...God is good! Bible story: The Israelites are slaves for the Egyptians (Exodus 1; 6; 6).
 - Day 2 When life is scary...God is good! Bible story: God sends plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7:14-12:32).
 - Day 3 When life changes...God is good! Bible story: The Israelites enter the wilderness (Exodus 14-17).
 - Day 4 When life is sad...God is good! Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (John 16-21).
 - **Day 5** When life is good...God is good! Bible story: The Israelites build a memorial to remember God's goodness (Joshua 3-4). (Order through our online catalogue at www.saMinsitryCatalogue.ca)
- 2. **Group's Athens Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth:** Follow Paul as he leaves his life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment and chain-breaking earthquakes all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love.
 - Day 1 God loves us all. Bible story: Paul begins his second missionary journey (Acts 15:36-16:5)
 - Day 2 God loves us and takes care of us. Bible story: Paul and Silas are put in prison (Acts 16:16-40)
 - Day 3 God loves us when others don't. Bible story: An angry mob searches for Paul and Silas (Acts 17:1-9).
 - Day 4 God loves us and sent his Son, Jesus. Bible story: Paul preaches about Jesus (Acts 17:16-34)
 - Day 5 God loves us and wants us to share his love. Bible story: Paul continues his journey (Acts 18:1-5). (Order through our online catalogue at www.saMinsitryCatalogue.ca)
- 3. **Group's Yee-Haw Celebrating God's Greatest Gift:** This is Group's ultimate weekend getaway VBS. Saddle up for a trailblazing weekend of fun! Kids will 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 20-minute 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). (Order through our online catalogue at www.saMinsitryCatalogue.ca)
- 4. Lifeway's In the Wild Amazing Encounters with Jesus: With the motto: Zoom In! Focus on Jesus! kids are invited to focus on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. They'll discover that each snapshot of Jesus is an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. Put the snapshots together and they discover the amazing truth that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we have life in his name. This year's key verse is John 20:31 (CSB) (Order through our online catalogue at www.saMinsitryCatalogue.ca)
- 5. **Orange's Power Up Raise Your Game!** Win bonus points with kids with all of the great games, activities, lessons and mission ideas.
 - Day 1 God wants you to know Him. Bible story: God calls Abram (Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-7).
 - Day 2 We can know God through His Word. Bible story: The life of Josiah (2 Kings 22-23).
 - Day 3 God sent Jesus to save us. Bible Story: Jesus Baptism (John 1; Matthew 3, The Easter Story).
 - Day 4 God sent His Spirit to help you. Bible story: Pentecost (Acts 1-2).
 - **Day 5** You can help others know God. Bible story: Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). (Order direct from www.thinkOrange.com)
- 6. **Pioneer Clubs' VBS Options**. Pioneer Clubs have three VBS themes that you can choose from. There's **Wacky World of Water**, **One Way Café** and **Fixer Upper**. Each kit is \$149 US until March 31. (Learn more and order direct from www.PioneerClubs.org)