

Child Safety

As a VBS volunteer, I will:

- Always provide appropriate supervision for the children at VBS.
- Have at least one other VBS volunteer to help with the supervision of children. If I find myself in a situation where I am the only VBS volunteer present, under no circumstances will I allow myself to be alone with one child (the “two-person rule”).
- Ask a child’s permission before physically touching him/her anywhere, even when responding to an injury or problem. This is especially true for any areas that would normally be covered by a t-shirt and/or shorts. If an injury is within this area, I will make sure another adult works with me as care is provided.
- Refrain from physical and verbal attacks and corporal punishment. “Time outs” or “sit-in-that-chair” may be helpful discipline methods to use with children.
- Affirm children with appropriate touching by keeping hugs brief and shoulder-to-shoulder or side-to-side. I will keep hands at (not below) the shoulder level. For small children who like to sit on laps, I will encourage them to sit next to me.
- Provide extra care when taking small children to the restroom. I will take another adult along or leave the door open.
- Be aware of conducting activities in rooms that do not have an interior viewing area, or I will leave the door open during the activity to allow easy observation by others.
- Complete and be approved by the volunteer screening process.
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse and aware of the legal requirements for reporting suspected cases of abuse. In addition to any legally required reporting, I agree that if I become aware of any behavior by another individual which seems abusive or inappropriate toward children I am supervising, I will report that behavior to the VBS Director.
- Uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



CREW LEADER'S GUIDE

Crew Name: _____

Crew Leader Name: _____

Kids in this Crew:

_____	_____
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Introduction

Jasper Canyon VBS is set deep in a canyon where the kids will learn about how valuable they are to God. Your Crew of rockhounds will dig it as they learn how they are valued, and you are here to help guide your Crew members through each activity. Remember when you went camping, swimming, or stayed overnight with friends – wasn't that fun? This is how we want kids to feel at Jasper Canyon VBS – like they are part of a big family! You have one of the most important jobs during VBS! Because of your enthusiasm, friendliness, and passion, kids will want to come back to VBS every day. And when they come back, they will get to hear stories from the Bible. You will have an opportunity to develop a relationship with each Crew member as you travel from station to station. Traveling and having fun is your job! Remember that you are not in charge of the stations. Rather, your role is to help your kids as they participate in the activities.

Tips for Crew Leaders

- Participate! Sing the songs and do the motions. Play the games. Be enthusiastic about the crafts. Be attentive during the Bible story and encourage praying together in the prayer station. This is very important!
- Support and encourage the Station Leaders by asking them how you can help.
- Enjoy your Crew! Be enthusiastic. Give shoulder bumps or high-fives throughout the day. Show them that they are the best Crew! Watch for opportunities to encourage your Crew members. Silence your phone and give your total attention to the kids.
- Arrive early to VBS so you are there when your Crew members arrive. This also gives you the opportunity to see if your Director needs any help preparing for VBS to start. Also plan to stay 15-30 minutes after VBS for a short debrief with the other Crew Leaders and to help clean and set up for the next program. You are important to the kids and the success of the program.
- Get to know your kids' names and use their names often. Say, "Hi Austin, glad you are with us today!" and "Welcome, Elizabeth! I'm glad you're in our Crew!"

Tips for Connecting with Your Crew

- If your Crew members arrive before the program starts play a fun little game with them such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Simon Says.
- Ask Crew members to tell you about their favorite game or food. Tell them your favorite game or food.
- When you pass another Crew on your way to the next station, give high-fives to as many of the other kids as you can. Encourage your Crew to do the same.
- Give yourself a hug and encourage all your kids to give themselves a hug too.
- Always make sure your Crew members are following you. Count, count, and count again.
- Have fun with the kids! Laugh and smile. Get eye to eye with each kid and call them by their name. "Hey (kid's name), good to see you again! High-five!"

Crew Names

Each Crew is given the name of a rock or mineral. Remember to call your Crew by name as you move from station to station. You can also introduce your Crew to the Station Leaders using your Crew name.

1. Crystals
2. Geodes
3. Agates
4. Opals
5. Garnets

Stations

Each station you visit has a name. When you talk to your Crew, call each station by its name. For example, say, "Let's go to the Excavation Station now" when you are traveling to the prayer station.

Below is a list of the station names:

- Gemstone Mine – Bible Story Station
- Excavation Station – Prayer Station
- Artifact Station – Craft Station
- Picnic Snacks – Snack Station
- Testing Pit—Game Station

How to Handle Challenges

While we hope that VBS goes smoothly you may occasionally run into a challenge. Here's some advice on how to handle different challenges::

Question: What if my Crew won't stay together?

Try this: Come up with creative ways to travel, such as creating an echo cheer or chant: "I'm a rockhound! You can be a rockhound too!"

Question: What if I have a really active child?

Try this: You be this child's partner during activities and suggest that he or she sit with you during quiet times. You can also make a game of sitting still by saying, "Let's see how long you can sit still without interrupting. I'm timing you. Ready? Go!"

Question: What if some of my kids don't get along?

Try this: Quietly take the children aside. Let them know that you've noticed that they are not getting along very well. Be kind but firm. Share that it's not okay to fight and argue, and that VBS will be a lot more fun if they choose to get along and be kind to one another.

**Let your Director know if you have any other challenges that may require intervention.*

Day 1

Bible Story: The Flood

Daily Find: Jesus made me special! I dig it!

Actions: Put both thumbs up. Strike a cool pose.

Bedrock Verse: For I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love... Romans 8:38–39

Opening Program

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2. Introduction of Crews
3. Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
4. Skit and Song of the Day
5. Crew Time Assignment

Say: I have an assignment for you. I want you to talk about a time when someone cared for you and treated you special so that you felt valuable. Examples could be when you felt frustrated with homework or a project or a sport, and a teacher, coach, parent, or friend encouraged you. Maybe when you were having a bad day, and someone made you smile. Or you were lonely, and someone sat next to you at lunch or played with you on the playground. *(This is a time to encourage kids to share what they are thinking and get them ready for what everyone is going to learn about in the stations.)*

6. Dismiss for Stations

Closing Program

1. Review of Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
2. (Optional) Photo Time
3. Crew Time Assignment
(Hand out a paper gemstone to each kid.)

Say: The question about the Daily Find is: “What does God do to show you how special you are? *(Help kids write their answers and go up individually or as a group to put their gems on the Rock Wall. This time is for kids to respond to what they have learned at VBS today. Encourage each child to write or draw how God shows that they are special.)*

4. Skit
5. Mission Project
6. Closing Song and Prayer

Here are some ideas for your group today in Jasper Canyon:

- Create a slogan or chant that includes the name of your crew.
- Practice the Daily Find with your Crew.
- Thank another Crew Leader for doing an awesome job. You can even say, “You are an awesome Crew Leader!”
- Give yourself a good stretch by reaching your arms as high as you can. Say, “Jesus made me _____ (Daily Find)! Stretch with me!”
- Participate in the music and encourage your Crew to participate with you.
- Find moments to pray a simple prayer with your Crew members. Ask for prayer requests and be respectful and attentive to their requests.
- Comment on something that is really cool at each station. Your enthusiasm will be catching!
- Compliment a Station Leader. They are doing a great job! Station Leaders will value your appreciation, and it will be a good example to your Crew.
- When you pass another Crew on your way to the next station, give high-fives to as many of the other kids as you can. Encourage your Crew to do the same.
- Encourage your Crew to be good stewards by putting their trash in the trash containers and cleaning up after they are done with each station.
- Do some jumping jacks and encourage your Crew to do the same. Say, “Jesus made me _____ (Daily Find)! Now let's do as many jumping jacks as we can in 30 seconds!”
- Most of all, have fun with your Crew! Laugh and smile. Get eye to eye with each of your kids and call them by their name.

Day 2

Bible Story: Abigail

Daily Find: Jesus made me strong! I dig it!

Actions: Put both arms up and flex your biceps. Strike a cool pose.

Bedrock Verse: For I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers... Romans 8:38-39

Today's Bible story is about Abigail who bravely went to meet an angry King David. Not only was Abigail brave, but she listened to God, who told her what to do. Kids will learn that Jesus made them strong so they can do what Jesus asks them to do.

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Say: I have an assignment for you. I want you to share a time when you felt weak. Examples could be crying, sharing your feelings, sharing your faith, asking for help, being alone, or being frustrated with schoolwork.

Now I have another question for you. The next time you feel weak, what can you do to know you are strong with Jesus? *(This is a time to encourage kids to share what they are thinking and get them ready for what everyone is going to learn about in the stations.)*

6. Dismiss for Stations

Closing

1. Review of Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
2. (Optional) Photo Time
3. Crew Time Assignment
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Say: The question about the Daily Find is: What does God do to give you strength? *(Help kids write their answers and go up individually or as a group to put their gems on the Rock Wall. This time is for kids to respond to what they have learned at VBS today. Encourage each child to write or draw how God gives them strength.)*

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5. Mission Project

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Day 3

Bible Story: Solomon

Daily Find: Jesus made me smart! I dig it!

Actions: Cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow. Put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking. Strike a cool pose.

Bedrock Verse: For I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,) neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below... Romans 8:38-39

It is already Day 3! The Bible character for today is Solomon. When Solomon was young, he became king. One night God came to him and told Solomon, "Whatever you want I will give you." Solomon could have asked for money, a large kingdom, or all kinds of other things, but he asked for wisdom. He asked God to make him smart so he could make good decisions on how to govern the country.

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5. Crew Time Assignment

Say: I have another assignment for you. Share what subject in school that you are really, really good at. *(Examples are math, science, reading, music, sports, etc.)*

Here is another question: Do you wish you could be smarter in some way? *(This is a time to encourage kids to share what they are thinking and get them ready for what everyone is going to learn about in the stations.)*

6. Dismiss for Stations

Closing

1. Review of Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
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Say: The question about the Daily Find is: What does God do to help you be smart? *(Help kids write their answers and go up individually or as a group to put their gems on the Rock Wall. This time is for kids to respond to what they have learned at VBS today. Encourage each child to write or draw how God shows that they are smart.)*

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5. Mission Project

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Day 4

Bible Story: Ruth

Daily Find: Jesus make me in His family! I dig it!

Actions: Hug yourself and/or a neighbor. Strike a cool pose.

Bedrock Verse: For I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,) neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below – there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God... Romans 8:38-39

It's already Day 4! All week your kids have learned how valuable they are to God. The Bible story for today is about Ruth and her family. Ruth had a hard life, but she was faithful to her family and to God and because of that God gave her a special family.

Opening Program

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3. Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
4. Skit and Song of the Day
5. Crew Time Assignment

Say: Think of a time you felt left out, and someone went out of their way to make you feel included and loved. Let me say it again: Think of a time you felt left out, and someone went out of their way to make you feel included and loved. Examples could be like when someone picked you to be part of their team, or someone sat with you at lunch, or maybe someone played with you when you were lonely. *(This is a time to encourage kids to share what they are thinking and get them ready for what everyone is going to learn about in the stations.)*

6. Dismiss for Stations

Closing

1. Review of Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
2. (Optional) Photo Time
3. Crew Time Assignment
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Say: Today's question is: What does God do to show you His love? *(Help kids write their answers and go up individually or as a group to put their gems on the Rock Wall.)*

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4. Skit

5. Mission Project

6. Decision Card

We are offering kids an opportunity to say they want to be Jesus' forever friend. This is something that some kids will be ready to decide and others will not be ready. This is an open offer – allow for the Holy Spirit to impress the kids who are ready.

7. Closing Song and Prayer

Here are some ideas for your group today in Jasper Canyon:

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Day 5

Bible Story: Elijah

Daily Find: Jesus made me to live with Him forever! I dig it!

Actions: Hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle. Strike a cool pose.

Bedrock Verse: For I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,) neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below – there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

All week your kids have learned that no matter their age, they are valuable to God. Today's Bible story is about Elijah who got so close to God that he was taken to heaven without dying. Kids will learn that Jesus wants to live with them forever in heaven.

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Say: Think of a time you had someone over and didn't want to say goodbye. Some examples might be when you are playing with a friend, a relative visiting from out of town, or a parent leaving for work or a trip. *(Crew Leaders, make sure that everyone shares. This is a time to encourage kids to share what they are thinking and get them ready for what everyone is going to learn about in the stations.)*

6. Dismiss for Stations

Closing

1. Review of Daily Find and Bedrock Verse
2. (Optional) Photo Time
3. Crew Time Assignment
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Say: This last question is: What are you looking forward to most about heaven? *(Help kids write their answers and go up individually or as a group to put their gems on the Rock Wall.)*

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4. Skit

5. Mission Project

6. Decision Card

We are offering kids an opportunity to say they want to live with Jesus forever. Some kids signed the decision card stating "I want to be Jesus' best friend" yesterday. This is an opportunity to take the next step. Some kids will be ready to decide and others will not be ready. This is an open offer – allow for the Holy Spirit to impress the kids who are ready.

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