

HELPFUL FACTS



VBS Scripture: Psalm 86:11

VBS Motto
Know the truth! Speak the truth!
Live the truth!

Administrative Guide for Directors

- Administrative resources such as promotion, Family Night ideas, and follow-up have been moved from *Decorating Made Easy* to the *Administrative Guide for Directors*. Only those items related to decorating are in *Decorating Made Easy*. With this redesign VBS directors have easy access to all resources pertaining to planning, administration, and follow-up.
- With the new "VBS Directory" printed on pages 4 and 5 of the *Administrative Guide for Directors*, VBS leaders can easily determine which leader guide, CD, or DVD is needed to quickly locate specific resources.
- Budget planning has never been easier now that the *Administrative Guide for Directors CD* contains a budget form that automatically totals expenditures. This form will provide the finance committee with solid numbers for creating future VBS budgets.
- The Administrative Guide CD also contains a 31-day prayer calendar specific to VBS and the Outrigger Island™ theme. This reproducible calendar will guide your congregation as they pray for every aspect of your VBS.

Kindergarten Leader Pack

- The *Kindergarten Leader Pack* is 2½ bigger for the same low price! The added resources provide more activities for pre-readers and beginning readers, and are designed to help ease their transition to first grade.

Kindergarten Rotation Pack

- The music CD in the *3s—Kindergarten Rotation Pack* is now an enhanced CD with added print resources to help in the preparation for the music rotation.

Children's Leader Guides

- Leader guides for Younger Children, Middle Children, and VBX now include a feature that encourages

teachers to evaluate the daily session to see if they have hit the mark. In addition to the Life Truth (application) statement, each session includes evaluation statements titled "How to Test the Waters" to help teachers know if kids are learning the main truths of the lesson. Example: "The water is just fine if wave riders can name one way they can learn more about the one true God."

Daily Learner Cards

- At your request, the Bible story is back on *Children's Learner Cards*. Along with the story title and Scripture reference, the story is highlighted in bullet point format to help kids remember the day's Bible story.

VBX

- The *VBX Leader Guide* now suggests that preteens go to the Missions Rotation instead of Recreation Rotation. This schedule change makes it possible for a church to offer missions for all first through six graders using only one *Missions Rotation Leader Guide* and DVD. Preteen-specific recreation ideas are now included in the VBX Leader Guide.

VBS New Testament

- The *VBS 2008 New Testament*, both Holman CSB® and KJV, will continue to include Psalms and Proverbs, great activity pages, and a 30-day devotional guide. The devotions will revisit the five truths learned in VBS and help kids go more in depth with each one. As kids discover more about each truth, they will be able to share that truth with others.
- In the section titled "Selected Old Testament Passages" kids will find any Old Testament verses that are part of the Bible story or Bible verse for each day.

Snack Rotation Recipe Cards

- The Snack Card format has been changed to include 16 "High Tide" typical snack suggestions (which require some preparation), 15 Kids Step suggestions (for churches with longer snack times), and 52 "Low Tide" suggestions of ready-made snacks that can be easily purchased. Over 80 snack suggestions perfect for any day of the week! (Ideas are no longer suggested for specific days.) Instead of separate snacks for preschoolers, 14 snacks are marked "preschool friendly" to let snack leaders know the most appropriate snacks for the youngest wave riders. Also included are daily snack prayer suggestions, daily tabletop review activity suggestions, and "Fun Facts to Learn in Snacks."

Music Resources

- The *Music Rotation Leader Guide* now has a DVD (inside the front cover) with motion and performance demonstrations by Jeff Slaughter. Lyrics, synced with music, for all five daily songs are also included on the DVD. Worship Rally leaders and Music Rotation leaders no longer have to share one resource. Demonstrations can also be found on the *Worship Rally DVD*.

- The *Worship Rally DVD* includes a beautiful music video of “The Word” shot on location in Kauai, Hawaii. This video can be shown during VBS, in teacher training, or during your regular worship service.
- The *Worship Rally Enhanced CD* will now include three bonus tracks (songs). These three songs are the “daily” songs that are not suggested as part of the Worship Rally, but are often requested by churches for use in their Worship Rally or Family Night settings.
- Get ready for Jeff Slaughter’s newest VBS hit “Yes to VBS.” You are sure to use it for years to come!
- Due to legal issues no VBS audio CD or DVD product will be reproducible. Tracks that have previously been reproducible, such as motion demonstrations and mission stories, are now available on the *Worship Rally DVD* and in the appropriate rotation leader guides.

Missions Resources

- A free world mission map provided by the International Mission Board is included in every Sampler and Super Sampler. This resource will be a valuable addition to the Missions Rotation Site. Churches who do not purchase a sampler can still receive a map by contacting IMB at: Resources.imb.org or (800) 999-3113. In addition to this great map, mission study can be enhanced with great bonus visual footage of each mission location located on the *Mission Rotation Leader Guide DVD*. The DVD continues to include daily mission stories.

ABCs of Becoming a Christian

- Jeff uses the ABCs and a conversational tone to explain the plan of salvation to kids. The segment, located on the *Worship Rally DVD*, can be used during Worship Rally, Family Night, or as part of training to help workers learn how to talk to kids about salvation.

Adult VBS

- One of the best kept secrets of LifeWay’s VBS curriculum is the five-session parenting workshop included on the *Adult Leader Pack CD-ROM*. The five one-hour reproducible sessions can be used in conjunction with adult VBS or as a separate workshop offered as an outreach event following VBS.

Special Friends...

- This is something every VBS Director needs to have on hand! LifeWay’s VBS Special Education resource, which has previously just been for older youth and adults with special needs, has been expanded to include a complete resource for children’s ministry as well. Named *Special Friends*, this is an all-in-one resource for leaders working with children, youth or adults with special needs. Perfect for mainstreaming or a self-contained classroom. In addition to the expanded leader guide filled with teaching plans, ideas, and practical tips, the accompanying Enhanced CD has all the music, dramas, and extras needed for a great VBS outreach experience.

Spanish Leader Pack

- In addition to leader guides for preschool and children’s workers, Spanish materials now include a Leader Pack. This combination pack provides great resources for both preschool and children.

Visual Pack

- The *VBS 2008 Visual Pack* is more stunning and versatile than ever. The five daily 33”x44” posters can continue to be used separately or attached to each other to create a beautiful island mural that is 18 feet long. The mural is perfect for the decorating a hall or an entire wall of a classroom.

Name Tags

- The *VBS 2008 Name Tags* are more durable than ever. There is more space between the edge of the tag and the hole, and that difficulty to use metal clip is gone. One easy loop of the multicolored lanyard and the tag is secure and ready to use!



Club VBS Scripture: John 3:16

Club VBS Motto
Saddle Up! Tell Others!

Starter Kit

- The all-in-one box has been replaced with the *Club VBS 2008 Starter Kit* containing an *Administration Guide* with CD-ROM, a sample of the leader and learner guides for each age group and all the music you need for a rollicking good Worship Rally.
- Now Club VBS is more versatile and affordable than ever. All Club VBS resources can be purchased individually with the exception of the *Administration Guide* which is only available in the Starter Kit.

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