

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## PRESENTS VIRTUAL VBS CLINICS CONCRETE & CRANES DIRECTOR LISTENING GUIDE

### Step 1:

Know your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Purpose – Reaching people of all ages with the Gospel. This is why VBS exists!
  - a. Check out pg.5 in your Administrative guide for more statistics on “why”.
  - b. The other “why” to focus on is sharing the Gospel. Make sure EVERY PERSON serving at VBS is equipped to Share the Gospel and their own story! You never know who a child will go to with their faith questions!
- b. Theme –The theme this year is based around construction, building our lives on Jesus. In a “shaky” world that is ever-changing, we have the opportunity to help kids and families build their lives on the One and Only thing that Never Changes and that it Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow! That is Good News! And as we understand that God created us for an amazing purpose, we can help kids understand that He will complete that work in them until the day of Christ Jesus.
- c. Imagine yourself in a construction zone...what do you see? What do you hear? Boys and girls are growing up in a world that can be unstable, loud with distraction, danger everywhere, but Jesus is our firm foundation. When every part of our lives are built on Him, the distraction fades, we can learn to navigate the dangers through the lens of His Word, and as our lives move and shift underneath us...He helps us remain grounded and unshaken! The hope we have in Him is unmatched to anything the world will try and offer! At VBS this year, ask God to speak through you and your team as you help kids and families begin or continue to build their lives on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ.
- d. Bible Content –
  - a. Day 1 – Foundation of Love – Jesus Chose Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13) Point – Jesus Chose to love me. I can't earn it. It's a short story about Jesus calling Matthew, a tax collector that no one really liked, to follow Him. As Jesus and the disciples joined Matthew at a banquet, the Pharisees complained that He ate with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus boldly spoke to them explaining that He came not for the righteous, but for sinners. You see, Jesus love is bigger than anything we've done and we can't do anything to earn His love. Even in our sin, He loved us enough to die for us.
  - b. Day 2 – Foundation of Forgiveness – Paul's Redemption (Acts 26:1-29) Point – Jesus loves me regardless of my sin. Paul's story is radical! He did a “180” from persecuting Christians to lead people to Christ. On the Road to Damascus, a bright light blinded him. He heard the voice of Jesus and obeyed Jesus' command to tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is the Messiah. Even though, we sometimes

believe that we have done things that cannot be forgiven, Paul is a perfect example that there is nothing that Jesus isn't willing and able to forgive.

- c. Day 3 – Foundation of Worth - Jesus Prayed in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)  
Point – Jesus Chose to Die for Me In the garden, Jesus was in distress as He knew He was about to die on the cross. He asked the disciples to stay awake and pray as He went ahead to pray to His Father, but each time He returned, the disciples were sleeping. After three times, He told the disciples to get up and follow Him. He knew the time had come to do what God sent Him to do. This story gives us a glimpse into the heart of Jesus. He knew the pain He was about to endure, the anguish that was coming, but He chose it because of His great love for us!
- d. Day 4 – Foundation of Promise - Jesus' Resurrection and Promise (Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20) Point – Jesus will always love me On the Sunday after Jesus died, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, went to the tomb. When they got there, the stone was rolled away, and an angel was sitting on it. The angel told them that Jesus has risen from the dead! The angel told them to go and tell the disciples to meet Jesus in Galilee. Soon after, the disciples went there and saw Jesus, where He gave them instructions and promised to always be with them. Oh what day, when our eternity changed as Jesus rose from the grave to defeat sin and death!! And...He promised never to leave us! He is so good!!
- e. Day 5 – Foundation of Life – Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29) Point – Jesus' love is the foundation for the rest of my life – In the parable that Jesus of the wise and foolish builder, He told that all who hear His words and acted on them were like the wise man who built his house on the rock. When the storms came, the solid foundation could withstand it. But the ones who hear His words and did not listen were like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. When the storms came, the house collapsed. If our lives are built on Jesus, we build on the firm foundation and when hard times come, we will not be shaken!!! What a blessed promise!!

## Step 2:

Start \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Make your own planning \_\_\_\_\_ - This helps you and your team stay on track and not get overwhelmed just before VBS. Identify EVERYTHING that needs to be done and make sure it has a place on the calendar. Pg. 12-13 has an example
- b. Set your \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Choose your \_\_\_\_\_...Set your schedule for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (if they are the same...just do one) lots of examples on pgs. 16-23
- d. Order your \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Check out the new \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ VBS Resources
- f. Will you have \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ classes? Please reach out to us if you need help with special needs resources or help.

**Step 3:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your Leaders

Ask yourself...what roles do I need to fill? How many leaders will I need? Make a \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Step 4:**

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- a. Enlist a team to help
- b. How will I promote in my church?
- c. How will I promote in my community?
- d. Great ideas on pg. 44
- e. Don't forget to use social media.

**Step 5:**

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- a. Paper
- b. Online
- c. Kick off events
- d. Bus Ministry
- e. Kid Event Pro

**Step 6:**

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This should be one of your first steps in planning is putting this team together. Let follow up be their sole focus as your energy will be depleted at the end of the week. Have them enlist the help of Sunday School leaders and others in the church that might not be able to help during VBS.

A few ideas...home visits, "drop n'run" ( drop a treat on the front porch for kids), goodie bags with more church info on the alter after VBS labeled with Name and Address for church members to take and drop off to families, invites to Sunday school and other events, etc.

Make sure to have a follow up class for kids who make decisions at VBS such as I/m a Christian Now! Ready to start as soon as VBS ends.

A new class for parents can also be a draw for families that are interested, but don't want to be the only ones there who don't know anyone...This way everyone is new!

On the next page you will find a Prayer Experience for your team. I usually set this up as a self-guided experience. I give each leader a cup and ask them to take time to "fill their cup". Soft worship music is played in the background and I give about 20 minutes for leaders to go through each station, pick up the item from the basket and place in their cup and then pray. This allows leaders to focus their hearts and minds on the Lord before we begin training or look at curriculum. I find it sets the tone for the "why" of VBS so that we don't get off track with decoration and details that can consume us if we are not careful!!

### **Prayer Station – Nail**

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Hold the nail in your hand as you pray, thanking God for the gift of Jesus and what your salvation means to you.

### **Prayer Station – Hand Wipe**

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Open the wipe and clean your hands as you pray asking God to remove anything from your heart that keeps you from growing closer to Him

### **Prayer Station – Match**

Jeremiah 20:9

But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;  
indeed, I cannot

Think about a time when you were so excited about your faith that you couldn't help but talk about what God was doing. Hold the match as you pray asking God to keep your passion for Him alive

### **Prayer Station – Star**

Matthew 2:2

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When Jesus was born both shepherds and wise men sought Him out in worship. We don't know who God will bring to VBS, but just as Mary and Joseph received both groups, we welcome all with open arms. As you hold the star, pray asking God to help you reach people in your community who need to know and worship Him, no matter where they come from or who they are.

## **Prayer Station – Band-aid**

Luke 10:34

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Many of the people who will be a part of VBS have never experienced how God heals our hurts and our hearts. Perhaps God will bring families to the inn (our churches) so that we can care for them until He returns. Hold the band-aid and pray for the hurting families in your community. Ask Him to give you discernment and resources to carefully care for families who come to VBS!

## **Prayer Station – Arrow**

Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

Ultimately, VBS is about pointing people to Jesus. Hold your arrow and pray that wherever each child turns at VBS they will see someone pointing them to Christ, modeling His love, and helping them to experience His grace and mercy. Ask Him to allow you to do be that person as you lead volunteers, minister to families, and love kids!

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