



**DAY 2**

**VBS**  
CROCK BRIDGE

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

# ALL-STAR ACTIVITIES

ELEMENTARY LEADER GUIDE

# BEFORE STELLAR

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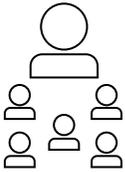
## Pray for everyone who will attend Stellar.

Ask God to prepare your heart and the hearts of the kids and leaders who will be part of VBS.



## Have a plan, but be flexible.

If you have only a few Crews at each rotation, you may have time for all three game options. **Delays in Large Group, or just varying personalities of kids affect how you will execute each rotation. Know your games and plan well so you can be flexible and make decisions in the moment when necessary.**

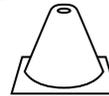


## Determine the number of Crews you'll have in each rotation.

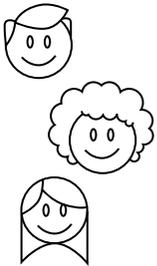
Know how your campus rotation schedule works and how many kids you will have in each rotation. Predecide how many groups you will divide up in for the various games.



## Arrive early and check your supplies.



Your supplies should be ready for you each day, but a walk through before service launch will ensure your success!

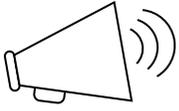


## Coordinate with your Co-Leaders and utilize Crew Leaders.

**Teamwork** will be invaluable to your success. Prior to each day, review the games so you can **give specific directions to Crew Leaders** to help you prepare, distribute, and collect the game supplies.

# DURING STELLAR

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## Use an attention-getting signal.

Attention-getting signals let kids know when it's time to stop what they're doing and look at you. Examples include:

**Leader:** "1, 2, 3... Eyes on me!" Kids: "1, 2... Eyes on you!"

**Leader:** "If you hear me, clap once!" (Clap once and wait.) "If you hear me, clap twice!" (Clap twice and wait.)

**Leader:** "Mission control to crew!"

**Kids:** "Ready for launch!" (Sit up straight and freeze like astronauts preparing for takeoff.)



## Call on kids to help

Every day, allow kids who are paying attention to pass out supplies, read Scripture, or be your helper.

Kids love feeling important and helpful!



## Play Music from the VBS Playlist while kids play.

Music creates a fun atmosphere and, more importantly, reinforces faith!



## Repeat the daily Main Point often.

Every activity focuses on one memorable Bible truth called the Main Point. Repeating the Main Point helps kids remember it and apply it to their lives after VBS.



## Learn (and use) names.

While you won't have the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with participants, kids and adults will be wearing name badges. Try to call people by name.

# TOKENS

This year, our kids will participate in a Token Challenge! To recognize and encourage meaningful participation and positive behavior, we will be rewarding kids with tokens throughout VBS!

- **Who is giving out tokens:** All of our volunteers will receive tokens to reward kids as they catch them engaging well in VBS.
- **What are we doing with the tokens:** Kids will work together to reach an Overall Token Goal and receive a celebration on the last night of VBS! Tokens are used to reward kids for remarkable expressions of love, kindness, great listening, participation, and memorizing our Main Points and Bible verse!
- **When are we passing out tokens:** Immediately! We want to help kids connect their positive attitudes, behaviors, and participation with the reward of the token, so as soon as you see a behavior to celebrate, pass out the reward!
- **Where are we getting tokens from:** We will have tokens available for all volunteers at check-in each night. As we use up our stash, there will be designated spots to go to for more throughout the night.
- **How do we distribute tokens:** Our volunteers will keep their eyes and ears tuned in to our kids so they can immediately reward them with a token to celebrate what we want repeated! They will praise the specific behavior that earned the reward when we give them their token. For example:
  - Active engagement during each rotation
  - Invite kids to “Show Me What You Know!” and let them earn a token by sharing the memory verse, finishing the lyrics to a worship song, sharing today’s “Main Point”, etc.
  - Displays of the fruit of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, self-control, gentleness
  - Demonstrating good manners, listening attentively, and following instructions the first time they're asked
  - Being respectful to volunteers, peers, and the VBS environment.
- **When do kids turn in their tokens:** There will be buckets available at each rotation for kids to drop their tokens in. All tokens will be brought to the closing session and combined so we can see how we're progressing towards our goal each night!
- **Remember, the goal of using tokens is to reinforce positive behaviors,** encourage active participation, and create a fun and rewarding experience for all kids attending VBS. Thank you for your commitment to making VBS a memorable and impactful event!

## MAIN POINT

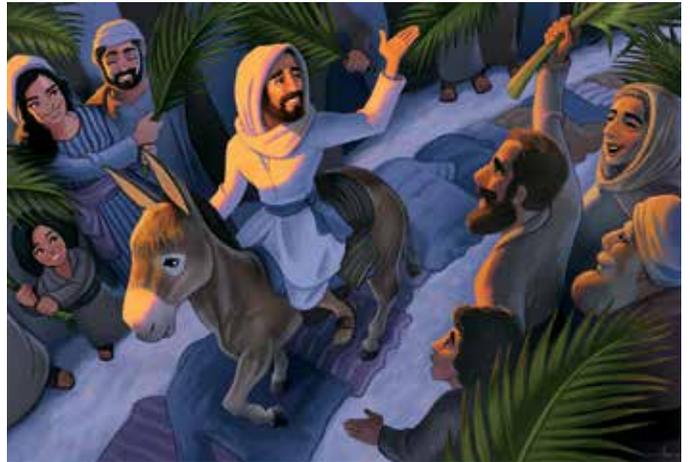
## The light of Jesus brings joy!

**Bible Story:** Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king.  
(Luke 19:28-40)

**Bible Verse:** “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Luke 19:38)

### Leader Insights

- Living for centuries under the rule of a foreign king must have felt like a long, endless, dark path for God’s people. Light began to dawn as they started recognizing how Jesus fulfilled God’s promises—although not in the way most people envisioned!
- Hundreds of years before Jesus’ birth, the prophet Zechariah proclaimed this message to God’s people: “Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt” (Zechariah 9:9).
- The joyful cheers, “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” (Luke 19:38) had deep meaning for Jews shouting them. These words are from Psalm 118 and are part of the Hallel, which they sang at Passover.
- During the Maccabean Revolt (167–160 B.C.), a priest named Judas Maccabeus led forces to defeat the Seleucid army and reclaim Jerusalem. In celebration, the people waved palm branches and cheered as he entered Jerusalem. It’s likely that those praising Jesus in Luke 19 recalled this key celebration, hailing Jesus as their coming, conquering king.
- This is the first occurrence of Jesus openly encouraging this title of Messiah.



### Why It Matters Today

Kids love to celebrate! When something exciting happens, they naturally cheer, dance, and clap. But true joy isn’t just about big moments—it comes from knowing Jesus, the light of the world. Every good thing in their lives, from laughter with friends to a warm hug, is a reminder of His love and care. By helping kids recognize Jesus as the source of all joy, we can guide them to praise Him not just in the big celebrations, but in everyday moments too. Today, encourage kids to let their joy shine by pointing to Jesus, the one who gives us light and life!

## Day 2 Supplies:

- Green paper streamers/scarves
- Large 5x8 notecards
- Container or bag for cards
- Optional: glow sticks, stickers, or small pom-poms for added joy
- “Cloaks” (Use small towels, pillowcases, old T-shirts, or fabric squares)
- Cones or chalk to mark a relay path
- Crown or “King Jesus” item (optional prop to carry during the relay)
- Spotify Playlist

## Before You Blast Off:

- Prepare the memory verse phrase cards (write one section of the verse per notecard)



**VBS @ ROCK BRIDGE ACTIVITIES PLAYLIST**

## Let's Play!

Welcome Crews back to All-Star Activities!

**SAY** Let's play some games as we work together to memorize our memory verse and remember today's story!

Today we are learning **The light of Jesus brings joy!**

## Game 1: Palm Parade Memory Pass

**SUPPLIES:** Green paper streamers/scarves, Memory verse phrase cards (one section of the verse per card), container or bag for cards, Music player with upbeat music, Optional: glow sticks, stickers, or small pom-poms for added joy

**SAY** Hey, space explorers! Today we're learning that the light of Jesus brings joy! And wow—our Bible story today is full of joy!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people were so excited to see Him that they waved palm branches, shouted praises, and celebrated like He was a king—because He is the King!

Now, we're going to have our own joyful parade—but with a twist! As we pass the palm branch around, we're also going to collect pieces of our Bible verse. Each part of the verse helps us remember what Jesus said in John 8:12:

'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have the light of life.'

That's good news—and something worth celebrating! So let's get ready to smile big, move joyfully, and discover this awesome verse together!"

### How to Play:

- Form a circle or a large group line. (Create multiple circles for larger groups)
- Give one child a streamer (or scarf).
- Play music — while the music is playing, the palm branch is passed around the circle “parade-style” with joyful motion (they can wave it, march in place, etc.).
- When the music stops, everyone freezes, and whoever is holding the palm branch pulls a Memory Verse Card from a bucket or bag.
- The group helps read the word or phrase together (leader can prompt younger kids).
- Lay the card on the ground or stick it to a board/wall to start building the verse.
- Repeat until the entire verse is collected and assembled in order!

## Game 2: Cloak Dash Relay

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people showed their joy by laying down their cloaks and palm branches to honor Him like a king. This game lets kids act out that joy and celebration in a fun, active way!

**SUPPLIES:** “Cloaks” (Use small towels, pillowcases, old T-shirts, or fabric squares), Cones or chalk to mark a relay path, Crown or “King Jesus” item (optional prop to carry during the relay), Spotify Playlist

### Set Up:

- Mark a start line and finish line for each team’s lane using cones or chalk. Leave enough space between teams for safety.
- Place the cloaks in a pile at the starting line for each team.
- If using, place the crown or sign at the start for the “Jesus” role player to wear or carry.
- Assign a crew leader or volunteer to help manage each team.

Welcome to Day 2, space explorers! Today, we learned that when Jesus came into Jerusalem, the people were SO full of joy, they couldn’t help but celebrate! They cheered, waved palm branches, and even laid down their cloaks on the road so Jesus could walk on them like a king.

In today’s game, you’re going to get to relive that joyful celebration! You’ll work with your team to create a path of cloaks, and one of you will walk like Jesus down the path—only stepping on the cloaks! It’s going to take teamwork, quick feet, and lots of joy.

Let’s remember: **The light of Jesus brings joy!** So let’s celebrate Him while we play!

### How to Play:

- Divide kids into teams (4–6 per team). Each team lines up at the start of their relay path.
- Place a pile of “cloaks” at the start line for each team.
- One at a time, kids run down the path laying down a cloak every few feet (like the crowd did for Jesus).
- Once all cloaks are laid, the next player becomes “Jesus” and walks/dances down the path stepping only on the cloaks.

Optional: Have them wear a crown or carry a “Jesus” sign!

- When they reach the end, they gather the cloaks, run them back, and tag the next teammate.
- Repeat until all team members have gone. First team to finish wins—or play just for fun and joy!

## Extra Time:

If you have extra time, consider a variation of **Hosanna Freeze Tag**

- Choose 1–2 kids to be "Taggers" (they're like grumpy Pharisees) .
- Everyone else runs around joyfully.
- If tagged, they must freeze in place with their hands raised shouting "Hosanna!"
- Another player can unfreeze them by running by and saying, "Jesus brings joy!"