



DAY 2

VBS
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ALL-STAR ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOL LEADER GUIDE

BEFORE STELLAR



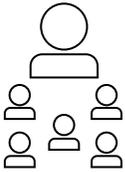
Pray for everyone who will attend Stellar.

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.



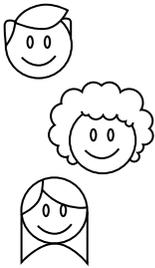
Determine the number of Crews you'll have in each rotation.

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



Arrive early and check your supplies.

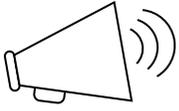
Your supplies should be ready for you each day, but a walk through before service launch will ensure your success!



Coordinate with your Co-Leaders and utilize Crew Leaders.

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

DURING STELLAR



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 AWVBS Playlist while kids play.

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



Repeat the daily Bible Point often.

Every activity focuses on one memorable Bible truth called the Bible Point. Repeating the Bible Point helps kids remember it and apply it to their lives after VBS. Each time kids hear the day's Bible Point, they fling out their fingers and say, "Shine Jesus' light!"



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!



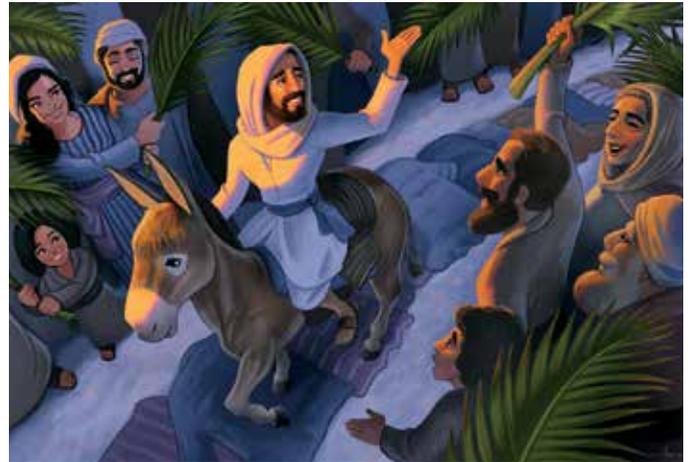
The light of Jesus brings joy!

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

BibleVerse: “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 his 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 (1/kid)
- Large 5x8 notecards
- Container or bag for cards
- Spotify Playlist
- Optional: glow sticks, stickers, or small pom-poms for added joy
- 6–8 “cloaks” (old t-shirts, small towels, or fabric pieces)
- Cones or chalk to mark the starting line and finish line
- Small crowns for the “Jesus” player to wear
- Spotify Playlist

Before You Blast Off:

- Prepare the memory verse phrase cards (write one section of the verse per notecard)
 - “I am the light”
 - “of the world.”
 - “Anyone who follows me”
 - “will never walk in darkness.”
 - “They will have the light of life.”



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 Freeze Dance

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

Hi friends! Today we're learning that Jesus brings us joy! That means Jesus makes our hearts happy!

In our Bible story, Jesus was riding into a big city called Jerusalem. All the people were SO happy to see Him! They waved palm branches, cheered, and sang loud praises—because Jesus is our King!

Now we're going to dance and freeze to help us reminds us how Jesus is the light of the world!"

Are you ready to march, wave, and have fun learning God's Word?

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

How to Play:

- Form a circle or a large group line. (Create multiple circles for larger groups)
- Give each child a green streamer (or scarf).
- Play joyful music and let the kids dance around the space. Encourage big smiles, waving arms, and joyful motion. They can use palm branches or scarves if you have them!
- Pause the music randomly (every 15–30 seconds). When the music stops, kids must freeze like statues!
- While they are frozen, hold up or point to a Memory Verse card. Read it out loud slowly and clearly.
- Have the children repeat it with you once or twice (with motions if desired). Then say: "Let's celebrate Jesus again!"
- Start the music and let them dance again!
- At the end, review all the cards together and say the whole verse out loud, one part at a time.

Optional Ending:

Let each child take a joyful "parade lap" around the space holding a streamer or palm branch as you play music and cheer: "Jesus brings joy! Hooray for our King!"

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:

- Set up a clear space for the relay with a starting line and a finish line.
- Place the cloaks in a pile at the starting line for each team.
- Set out crowns near the starting line for the “Jesus” player to wear.
- Make sure there’s enough space for the kids to run around safely, with no obstacles in the way.

SAY

Hi friends! Today we are going to play a game that helps us celebrate Jesus, just like the people in Jerusalem did! When Jesus entered the city, people were so happy and excited. They waved their palm branches, and even laid down their coats on the road to honor Him like a king!

In our game today, we’re going to lay down our cloaks and walk like Jesus, just like the people did. It’s going to be a lot of fun!

Remember, the light of Jesus brings joy! Let’s get started and show Jesus how much we love Him!

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

How to Play:

- Divide the kids into teams (4-5 kids per team, depending on the group size).
- Start the game by showing them the cloaks (towels or fabric) at the starting line.

“Here are your cloaks! When you go down the path, you get to lay down a cloak for Jesus, just like the people in Jerusalem did. Then, one of you will walk down the path like Jesus and step only on the cloaks!”

- The first player from each team runs down the path and lays down one cloak at a time along the way, moving towards the finish line.
- Encourage the kids to say “Hosanna!” while they lay down the cloaks (cheering, celebrating).
- Once the cloaks are down, the next player puts on the crown (optional) and carefully walks like Jesus, stepping only on the cloaks to the finish line.

- When the player reaches the end of the path, they pick up the cloaks and run back to the start to hand them to the next player.
- Repeat until every child in the team has had a turn to lay down cloaks and walk like Jesus.
- After the last player finishes, cheer for them and remind them:
- “Great job! You celebrated Jesus just like the people in Jerusalem did! The light of Jesus brings joy!”

Extra Time:

- If you have extra time, let the kids play another round or just celebrate by walking together in a joyful "Hosanna parade" with the cloaks, waving their hands and saying, “Jesus is King!”