



**LARGE GROUP  
GUIDE  
DAY 3**

# DAY 3 - OPENING SESSION



5:45 - 6:00 CREW LEADER CONNECTION (15 MINS)

6:00 - 6:10 JUMP START (10 MINS)

6:10 - 6:40 OPENING SESSION (30 MINS)

PROPS NEEDED: WALKIE TALKIE, BACKPACK, LARGE-BEAMED FLASHLIGHT,

**VIDEO: COUNTDOWN**

**SLIDE: BUMPER VIDEO**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**6:10-6:15 HOST WELCOME**

*Host 1 enters talking into walkie talkie.*

**HOST 1:** "Stardate log. I don't want to exaggerate but (exaggerates!) I am never ever ever going to find this moon pie! My new friend said he'd come with me to check out the dark side of the moon. It's really the last place we have time to look before our supplies run out.

*Host 2 enters.*

**Host 2:** You ready to head to the dark side?

**HOST 1:** As ready as I'll ever be. Begin walking slowly to the other side of the stage.

**HOST 2:** I have no idea why this is so important to you. I can't even imagine what this moon pie thing must be like for you to think it's worth all this trouble.

**HOST 1:** Sounding extremely frightened. I'm beginning to think that it's not. I, I uh, I- I'm really scared. I don't think I can take another step. Stops walking.

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**HOST 2:** Encouragingly. Aww, yes you can! Don't give up when we're so close to at least **KNOWING** if there's anything over there.

**HOST 1:** You - you don't sound scared at all. And you don't even care about the moon pies. What if we get over there and - no, I can't even think about it. Let's just turn around. Turns around. Again. And again. Frantically.

**HOST 1:** We're lost! Oh no! I don't recognize anything. I don't know where to go. Oh no, oh no, oh no.

**HOST 2:** Hey, now, take a deep breath.

**HOST 1:** Shrieks. How can you be so calm?!

**HOST 2:** It's like I've been saying all along, there's just something different about how I think about things now that the light of Jesus changed my heart and gave me joy. Standing here in the darkness just reminds me of how His light rescued me. That's actually what I wanted to talk to you about today. Today we are learning that the Light of Jesus Rescues Us!

## **SLIDE: DAY 3 MAIN POINT**

**HOST 1:** Okay, but can He come here and rescue us now? I hate being lost on the dark side of the moon! (Covers eyes).

**HOST 2:** Gasps, remembering. You know what I have in my bag? A super flashlight! Grabs flashlight and illuminates the path. You can uncover your eyes now. Host 1 peeks out from his hands and sees the light in the darkness.

**HOST 1:** Whoa...(thoughtfully) if Jesus' light makes that big of a difference, I might need you to tell me some more about Him.

**HOST 2:** I would love to! We'll let them get started with worshipping God first!

*worship team enters.*

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*host(s) exits to side/backstage*

## 6:15-6:25 WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Welcome back to Day 3 of VBS! Tonight we get to learn about the most important journey of our lives! I can’t wait to hear more about what (host names) are talking about! Remember, you can worship however you like, as long as you’re not a distraction to your friends around you! Stand to your feet and worship with us!”

**VIDEO: SONG 1 - HE IS THE LIGHT**

**VIDEO: SONG 2 - INDESCRIBABLE**

*hosts enters holding a Bible as the last song is ending. worship team exits quickly.*

## 6:25-6:30 BIBLE STORY

**HOST 2:** “Today, I am sharing with you another true story from the Bible.” (hold up the Bible). The Bible is God’s Word given to us. It is full of stories about real people like you and me. All of these stories fit together to tell one Big Story, the story of how much God loves us and His awesome plan for us! And believe it or not, God’s plan was to rescue us! Let’s read from John, chapters 19 and 20.

### **SLIDE: DAY 3 BIBLE STORY PICTURE 1**

**HOST 2:** A long time ago, Jesus—the Son of God—was arrested even though He had never done anything wrong. People shouted for Him to be punished, and the rulers sentenced Him to die on a cross. It was the darkest day the world had ever known. Jesus’ friends were heartbroken. It looked like all hope was lost.

But Jesus *chose* to go to the cross because He loves us. He took the punishment for our sin—all the wrong things we’ve ever done—so we could be forgiven and rescued.

After Jesus died, His body was placed in a tomb. A huge stone was rolled in front of it. Three days later, some of His friends went to the tomb and saw something incredible: the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty!

### **SLIDE: PICTURE OF AN EMPTY TOMB**

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Jesus wasn't there—because He was alive! He had risen from the dead just like He said He would! He defeated sin and death forever, and when His friends saw Him again, they were filled with joy and hope. The light had come back into the world!

Because of what Jesus did, we can be rescued too. When we believe in Him, ask for forgiveness, and choose to follow Him, His light fills our hearts and changes everything.

You can respond to this amazing truth by trusting Jesus as your Savior and Leader of your life! We'll learn more about this in our small group rotations today, so listen carefully!"

HOST 1: Wait... Jesus *chose* to go through all of that? Just to rescue us? Even though we don't deserve it?

HOST 2: Exactly. That's how much He loves you, me - and everyone else here. You don't have to stay lost in the dark. Jesus wants to rescue you—from sin, from fear, from being far from God—and bring you into the light of His love forever.

HOST 1 (*emotionally, with wonder*): I want that. I want to be rescued by Jesus. I believe He died and rose again to save me. And I want to follow Him.

HOST 2 (*grinning*): That's the best decision you'll ever make! Jesus just gave you a brand new start—and His light will always be with you. Everything I was telling you that was true for me, is now true for you. Let's see if we can remember it all!

**SLIDE: DAY 1 MAIN POINT**

**SLIDE: DAY 2 MAIN POINT**

**SLIDE: DAY 3 MAIN POINT**

HOST 2: Angels rejoice in heaven every time someone chooses to follow Jesus. I say we join them in the celebration! Let's worship together right now!

*worship teams enters*

WORSHIP LEADER: Let's sing another song as we think about how awesome it is that God loves us so much that he sent His Son Jesus to take our punishment. We can ALWAYS praise God because He loved us enough to rescue us!

**VIDEO: SONG 3 - SHINE**

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## 6:35-6:40 MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

HOST 1 OR 2: Recap the “what” and “why” of our missions giving. Give offering instructions.

**VIDEO: DAY 3 MISSIONS**

**SLIDE: THEME**

## 6:40 PRAYER/DISMISSAL

*Children’s Minister/Host enters and gives dismissal instructions.*

## 6:45-7:50 ROTATIONS



# DAY 3 - CLOSING SESSION



7:50-8:00 MINI JUMP START  
8:00-8:15 CLOSING SESSION  
8:15 DISMISSAL

VIDEO: COUNTDOWN

SLIDE: BUMPER VIDEO

SLIDE: THEME

8:00-8:05 HOST RECAP

*host enters. Consider using a call and response chant to call attention.*

HOST 1: Welcome back, friends! I've loved learning about the greatest story ever tonight - The Gospel of Jesus and God's rescue plan! Today I learned that The Light of Jesus Rescues Us! Say that with me

SLIDE: DAY 3 MAIN POINT

HOST 1: The whole story about Jesus dying on the cross for our sins helps me understand our theme verse so much better. Let's read it together:

SLIDE: THEME VERSE

He said, *"I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life."*

HOST 1: I am so excited to see how many more kids we can tell this story too! You've been collecting money all week to partner with Samaritan's Purse. Let's see how we're doing!

HOST 1 OR 2: Gives missions/giving update

*worship team enters*

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Host 1: Wow, that is a LOT of people who get to hear that the light of Jesus rescues us! I think we should go ahead and praise God for that through worship!

**8:10-8:15 WORSHIP**

WORSHIP LEADER: I'm so thankful for what Jesus did for us! Let's sing this song that reminds us we can believe what God says!

**VIDEO: SONG 4 - TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD**

**SLIDE: TOKEN CHALLENGE**

**8:15 PRAYER/DISMISSAL**

*Children's Minister/Host enters and gives dismissal instructions.*

**SLIDE: GOODBYE\_MOTION**

