

A stylized illustration of a castle with a central tower and two side towers, each with a flag. The castle is set within a shield-like frame. The background of the entire page is dark blue with wavy lines.

KINGDOM QUEST

LARGE GROUP GUIDE

DAY 1

DAY 1 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)

VIDEO SLIDE: THEME

On the first night, Children's Ministers will come on stage ~2 minutes before the countdown begins. Welcome kids to VBS @Rock Bridge, introduce yourself, talk about the flow and what to expect, talk about our Token Challenge for the week. See Token & Behavior Guide for more info.

6:08 VIDEO: 60 SEC COUNTDOWN

VIDEO SLIDE: THEME

Props Needed: Golden ticket, Holy O's cereal box back, a strategy guide (Bible), a pedestal with a large red button, a second pedestal with a large box/cube(each side painted a different color), Random items outlining the perimeter of the stage (phone, 2 Bibles, a trophy, a kickball, snacks, bike, skateboard, game controller, other filler items -- 15-20 total items, Knight game piece (left of board))

6:10-6:15 HOST SKIT BEGINS

HOST 1 enters looking amazed and shocked, excited to have the golden ticket to participate in the final round of the Kingdom Quest Tournament!

HOST 1: I cannot believe this is real. One minute I'm eating my Holy-O's cereal... and the next minute I'm invited to the FINAL LEVELS of Kingdom Quest!

This says I'm a finalist. A finalist! I don't even know what the first 6 levels were...

HOST 2 enters doing lunges, holding a Bible, checking a smart watch, stretching like a serious competitor.

HOST 2: speaking to himself Level 6 complete... XP maximized... strategy optimized.

This is it... the final rounds of KINGDOM QUEST. I've trained for this my entire life. I've spent years studying the strategies to make it to the final 4 levels of KINGDOM QUEST!!

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Notices HOST 1 Oh hey buddy! You look.... very lost. The viewer section is that way. You're gonna want a good seat for this. I'm "CHAMP" and I'm about to win this thing!

HOST 1: Hi, "CHAMP", I'm "SCOUT"! And no, I'm not a spectator. I'm in the game! *Holds up golden ticket* I found this in my Holy-O's cereal this morning. It says I'm a finalist.

I don't really know how to play... but I'm here now, so... challenge accepted!

HOST 2 freezes. Slowly lowers his watch to stare incredulously.

HOST 2: You... you cereal-boxed your way into the FINALS?

Do you know how many hours I've trained? Do you know how much I've read?
(Holds up Bible)

I have studied every level, every challenge, every move. I earned my spot here!

HOST 1: Well, that's awesome! I brought... this. *Holds up cereal box and ticket proudly.*

HOST 2: *Pauses, taking a deep breath and looking skyward as if trying to summon patience.* Oh no no no... this is a disaster!

You don't just walk into Kingdom Quest. You prepare. You train. You prove yourself.

I've been memorizing scripture, I have perfect attendance at church, I pray twice a day - before every meal AND before I go to sleep.

If anyone's ready to get to the Kingdom... *turns to the audience* it's me!

HOST 1: Well, the invitation says "Open to Anyone." And I'm an "Anyone"! Besides, I'd love to know the way to enter the Kingdom of God and that's the whole point of the quest..right?

SLIDE: DAY 1 BOTTOM LINE – JESUS INVITES US TO FOLLOW HIM.

Looks at the screen where the Bottom Line has appeared. Look!

Jesus invites us to follow Him. It doesn't say "Jesus invites the best, most prepared players." It just says He invites us.

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Turns to the crowd **Everyone say it with me. Jesus invites us to follow Him.** *pause to say Bottom Line together*

HOST 2: *taking a deep breath* **Sure, I get that. I'm just saying that I'm sure getting into the Kingdom probably takes more than just showing up.**

HOST 1: **Well... for my sake, I hope that's not true.**

SLIDE: LEVEL 7 - PRESS THE POWER BUTTON TO BEGIN

HOST 1: *looks at the screen* **Well, let's get this thing started and figure out what's going on!** *walks to press the button*

SLIDE: LEVEL 7 TIME TO PREPARE

Welcome to Kingdom Quest. For the final 4 levels, both players will have to work together to finish each challenge, you will have 5 minutes to gather your equipment and prepare for the challenge. Best of luck, players.

HOST 2: *To audience* **Five minutes is plenty of time to prepare! Honestly, I'm pretty sure my winning streak comes from one thing... worship.**

HOST 2 waves goodbye as HOST 1 shrugs and exits
worship team enters

HOST 2: *continues speaking to the audience* **We are going to have an amazing time on our Kingdom Quest journey this week! The awesome part is that you get to join in on the challenges too, and we will need your help.**

We have four final levels but we'll start off each one by worshipping Jesus. Worship is using your words, thoughts, and actions to show God how great He is and that you love Him!

During VBS @ Rock Bridge, we spend lots of time worshipping God by dancing and singing! We will have an amazing team lead us each day. You can worship however you like, as long as you're not a distraction to the people around you. We encourage you to dance and sing with your whole heart! Let's gooo!!!

host 2 exits to side/backstage

6:15-6:25 WORSHIP

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey everyone! My name is _____ and I'm so excited to be here with our VBS worship team! These first two songs are all about how great God is and why we worship Him! Listen to the words and join in with the motions! It's okay if you don't know them yet, you will by the end of VBS!"

VIDEO: SONG 1 - OUR GOD IS HOLY

VIDEO: SONG 2 - PSALM 8 (HALLÉ)

SLIDE: THEME

Worship team exits quickly.

6:25-6:30 BIBLE STORY

HOSTs enter again. HOST 2 walks to the Quest Cube.

HOST 2: All right, listen up since you've never played the game. We have to roll the Quest Cube to see our challenge. Each day, we will complete 2 challenges to make it to the next level. We have 4 days to get to level 10 and finish this thing, you ready?

HOST 1: Ready as I'll ever be! Let's do it! *turning to the audience* We'll need your help! Cheer as loud as you can for us as we complete our challenges.

SLIDE: QUEST CUBE

(HOST 2 gently tosses/rolls the cube and both look to the screen)

VIDEO SLIDE: KNIGHTS TREASURE

In the Knight's Treasure, you will have 30 seconds to gather everything you need to follow Jesus. When you're finished, press the power button to see if you failed or passed. Choose wisely. Begin NOW!

VIDEO: 30-SECOND COUNTDOWN

HOSTs 1 and 2 are rushing around, looking for items and dropping them into the game square center stage. Audience is cheering and counting down.

SLIDE: THEME

HOSTs are out of breath from rushing around the stage collecting everything and bringing it to the tarp. With only seconds to spare, they both rush to press the power button.

SLIDE: RED "X" sound to indicate the wrong answer.

FADES TO 3 HEARTS, ONE CROSSED OUT

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HOST 2: *in disbelief* What?! We lost a life. It must be something you picked. I got all the important stuff for sure. *Points to each item.* I have a phone to call my family, my Bible, a trophy, a kickball, snacks, another Bible, devotional, etc.

HOST 1: Well my stuff is important too! My Golden Invitation in case anyone questions why I'm here. My Holy-Os, my bike, my skateboard, my cards, my game controller, ____

HOST 2: I cannot fail. Let's look at the Strategy Guide! Every challenge in the whole Kingdom Quest tournament has been done before, you just have to know where to look. We cannot lose anymore lives this early.

Here, grab this other Bible. Let's read it together. Turn to Luke Chapter 5.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY PICTURE 1

HOST 2: This is a true story from the Bible. Verse 1 says,

"One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him and listened to the word of God. ² Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the water. They had been left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into the boat that belonged to Simon.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY PICTURE 2

Jesus asked him to go out a little way from shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people. ⁴ When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. Jesus said, "Go out into deep water. Let down the nets so you can catch some fish."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY PICTURE 3

HOST 1: *continuing* *⁶ When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.*

SLIDE: Bible Story Picture 4

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They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. (Looks up from reading) Wow! Jesus did a miracle for them even though they failed! Maybe that's the key to our win!

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY PICTURE 5

HOST 2: Let's see what happened next.. ⁸ *"When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees. "Go away from me, Lord!" he said. "I am a sinful man!"* ⁹ *He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught.* ¹⁰ *So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who worked with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will fish for people."* ¹¹ *So they pulled their boats up on shore. Then they left everything and followed him."*

HOST 1: Wait, weren't they pros? Do you know what kind of TREASURE that would have been for them to have alllllll of that fish?

HOST 2: (laughs) That's the funny part. They were actually professional fishermen. But when Jesus showed up, He wasn't looking for the people who had the most fish; He was looking for people who would listen and obey. Did you notice what He did?

HOST 1: Yes! He gave them the ultimate invitation. He invited them to leave everything behind and follow Him.

HOST 2: That's it! We don't have to bring anything to earn the right to follow Jesus. He just asks us to follow. Leave everything here and let's go try again!

HOSTs quickly take all of their stuff out of the game square and run to the button to push it together.

SLIDE: CORRECT / LEVEL UP

Correct answer sound.

HOST 2: YES!! We did it! Jesus invites us to follow Him! That's all we have to do, just choose to follow!

SLIDE: DAY 1 BOTTOM LINE – JESUS INVITES US TO FOLLOW HIM.

HOST 1: Wow! That was amazing! Can everyone out there say this together with us as loud as you can? *Jesus invites us to follow Him!*

DAY 1 OPENING SESSION

Let's celebrate by worshipping some more together!

6:30-6:35 WORSHIP

worship teams enters, hosts exit

WORSHIP LEADER: "Remember, today we are learning that JESUS INVITES US TO FOLLOW HIM. Let's sing another song to worship God together!"

VIDEO - SONG 3 - OVER AND OVER

SLIDE: THEME

Worship team exits. STAGE HOST enters and dismisses preschool.

SLIDE: MISSIONS

6:35-6:40 MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

HOST 1 OR 2: Share the "what" and "why" of our missions giving. Give offering instructions.

SLIDE: THEME

6:40 PRAYER/DISMISSAL

Children's Minister/HOST enters and gives dismissal instructions.

6:45-7:50 ROTATIONS

DAY 1 CLOSING SESSION

7:50-8:00 MINI JUMP START

8:00-8:15 CLOSING SESSION

8:15 DISMISSAL

VIDEO: COUNTDOWN

SLIDE: THEME

8:00-8:05 HOST RECAP

Hosts enter. Consider using a call and response chant to call attention.

HOST 2: Welcome back, friends! What an amazing day we've had! Today we heard the story of the fishermen leaving everything behind to follow Jesus. Today's bottom line is: Jesus invites us to follow Him! Let's say it together!

SLIDE: DAY 1 BOTTOM LINE

We learned that Jesus, this mighty miracle-worker, calls us to follow Him. We can open our Bibles and see that everything we're learning this week about Jesus being the way comes from the Bible! In John 14:6 it says: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

SLIDE: THEME VERSE

HOST 1: I am so thankful that God's Word reminds us that Jesus is the way. As we work together to help kids all over the world hear the gospel, let's see how far we reached in accomplishing our mission today!

SLIDE: MISSIONS

8:05-8:10 MISSIONS/GIVING UPDATE

host gives missions/giving update

worship team enters

HOST 1: Are you going to come back tomorrow and join me for another Kingdom Quest Challenge? pause Yes!! We made it to Level 8, I can't wait to see what tomorrow's challenge will be! Let's sing a song to close us out and worship God for all we've learned today!

DAY 1 CLOSING SESSION

8:10-8:15 WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER: Let's stand together and sing this song about being close to the same God that does miracles, invites us to follow Him, and loves each and every one of us!

VIDEO: SONG 4 - CLOSER

SLIDE: THEME

SLIDE: TOKEN CHALLENGE

Token Update

8:15 PRAYER/DISMISSAL

Children's Minister/HOST enters and gives dismissal instructions.

SLIDE: GOODBYE_MOTION