

# Vacation Bible School

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**Time Saver Tip:** Cokesbury provides a terrific tool for comparing VBS Programs. It has been **updated for 2015**: See the summary chart showing information for the VBS programs from major publishers. Compare themes, scripture focus/Bible stories, student, teacher, music, craft, and decorating materials and cost at: <http://images.umph.org/cokesburyportals/VBS%20COMPARISON%20CHART.pdf>

## UCC Resources:

### **Cokesbury's G-Force: God's Love in Action VBS 2015**

**Save 50% on the Starter Kit when you pre-order**

Learn More: <http://www.cokesbury.com/>

Your church will come alive with movement and kid-friendly transportation such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, bikes and so much more. Turn your VBS into an exciting skate park or cool bike shop. This theme will teach kids ways to show God's love by **Moving, Acting, Caring, Following and Sharing.**



Faith Stories include:

God Calls Moses	Solomon Builds the Temple
Four Friends Help	Healing of Bartimaeus
Women Find Empty Tomb	



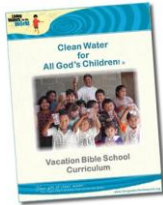
### **Kids-to-Kids VBS Curriculum**

Learn More: <http://www.kids2kidsmissions.org/> or  
<http://globalministries.org/resources/youth-and-children/> (scroll down to VBS section)  
Currently available: [Journey to Colombia](#) , [Journey to Congo](#) and [Journey to India](#)

Kids-to-Kids VBS materials are **free downloads**. All of them are directly related to Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). All of the "Journey" VBS programs use a learning center model, are flexible, and relate to Kids to Kids because they are opportunities for children to learn about and contribute to global mission projects that serve children.

They also offer a program, **God's Love is Everywhere**, which helps children visit a different mission site each day. The last day of VBS is a study of the local congregation and their mission and outreach projects. This will need to be personalized for your congregation and town. Learn More: <http://globalministries.org/resources/youth-and-children/gods-love-is-everywhere-vbs-1.html>

## **Other VBS Resources\*:**



### **Clean Water for All God's Children**

Publisher: Living Waters for the World

Publication Date: 2006

Learn More: <http://livingwatersfortheworld.org/>

A VBS curriculum intended to serve congregations with an interest in fostering mission awareness among their children. It will help churches who want to educate their members about the world's water crisis and what can be done. Children move among 5 stations: Bible Story, Mission, Crafts, Music, and Recreation learning what scripture teaches us about water and about our responsibility for the goodness of Creation and for the care of the physical health of others. Designed for children K-5, with special section for pre-school inclusion.



### **Shining Star: See the Jesus in Me!**

Publisher: Abingdon Press

Learn More: <http://www.cokesbury.com/>

Participants will:

- Discover the Bible as a light for life's path
- Realize that each one has Star Power in Jesus Christ!
- Have community fun shining like stars for God!
- Be encouraged to believe that Jesus is the light that shines in them

This curriculum features video, crafts, games, skits, music, movement and Bible lessons, including: Hearing God's Call (*1 Samuel 3:1-10*), Keeping to God's Path (*Psalms 119:9-16*), Jairus' Daughter Get Up (*Luke 8:40-42, 49-56*), Living as Children of God (*Ephesians 4:29-5:2*) and Shining Like Stars (*Philippians 2:12-16*)



### **SonSpark Labs Discovering God's Plan 4U=Jesus!**

Publisher: Gospel Light

Learn More: <http://gospellightvbs.com/>

At SonSpark Labs VBS, kids will discover that through Jesus they can be members of God's family and personally experience God's formula for life - GP4U = J!

Session 1: Creation Formulation (creation story)

Session 2: Sin Separation (sin enters the world)

Session 3: Personification Revelation (Jesus' miracles)

Session 4: Salvation Solution (Jesus' death & resurrection)

Session 5: Infinite Implementation (early church of Acts)

\*Resources listed in this section have been successfully utilized and recommended by local church(es) in the New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ.