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Time Saver Tip: Cokesbury provides a terrific tool for comparing VBS Programs. It has been **updated for 2022**. 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: <https://www.cokesbury.com/vbs-comparison-chart>

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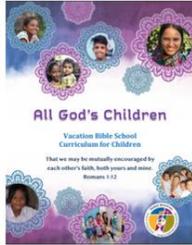
Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit - VBS Curriculum

This VBS curriculum is designed to help children discover the fruits of the spirit and how to apply them in their daily lives while exploring the Caribbean. In this material, you will meet the children of Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia. See how the children of these countries live out their values in their daily lives.

Each lesson contains a letter from a child in that country, a story from the Bible that demonstrates a fruit of the spirit, a craft, a game, and a song. Connect your children to Global Ministries' Caribbean Initiative and help them see how their faith is connected to real children and real places in the world today. The Bible stories are paired with children today, encouraging children to consider how these lessons apply to their own lives.

Download this VBS at:

https://www.globalministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Embrace_the_fruits_of_the_spirit.pdf



All God's Children VBS Curriculum

In this Vacation Bible School curriculum kids will learn about how we are *All God's Children* no matter who we are, where we may come from, or what we believe. Students will have the opportunity to hear Bible stories about people who had may have been different from one another but were still able to learn from one another, help one another, or find beauty in their diversity. Kids will also have the opportunity to learn about different places, cultures, and faith traditions present in Southern Asia

Download this VBS at:

https://www.globalministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SAI_VBS_2020.pdf



Kids-to-Kids VBS Curriculum

Summary: 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.

Currently available:

- [Journey to Columbia](#)
- [Journey to Congo](#)
- [Journey to India](#)

Learn More: https://www.globalministries.org/kids_to_kids_vbs_curriculum

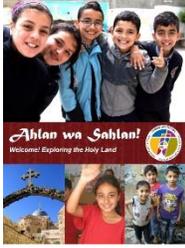


God's Love is Everywhere

Summary: A program 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: https://www.globalministries.org/gods_love_is_everywhere_vbs_resource

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Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Welcome – Exploring the Holy Land

Summary: a 10-session children’s curriculum designed to help children connect the stories in the Bible to real children who live in those places today. In this material, you will meet the children of Israel/Palestine as you visit Nazareth, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Bethany, Jericho, Nablus, Taybeh/Ephraim, Cana, and Jerusalem. See how the children of these cities find meaning in the stories from the Bible that happened in their hometowns!

Each lesson contains a letter from a child in that city as well as a game, craft, activity, and other supplementary elements such as snacks and storybooks. Connect your children to Global Ministries’ Middle East Initiative and help them see how their faith is connected to real children and real places in the world today. The Bible stories are explained in their historical context and encourage children to consider what these stories mean for them.

Download this curriculum at: https://www.globalministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Ahlan_Wa_Sahlan_Welcome_-_exploring_the_holy_land.pdf

Other VBS Resources:



Passport to Peace (2022)

Summary: Peacemaking skills are essential for those who want to follow Jesus’ way of peace. The five Bible stories in this curriculum encourage children to listen to and learn from people who are different, care for people who are sick or suffering, creatively work to keep everyone safe, and refuse to respond to conflict with violence. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art projects and active games, children learn that there are many opportunities and ways to live as peacemakers. *Passport to Peace* invites children to see every person as part of God’s family, and every interaction as an opportunity for peacemaking. In a world that is too often divided by race, class, ethnicity, and country of origin, *Passport to Peace* is a reminder that the love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions.

Learn More: <https://shinecurriculum.com/vacation-bible-school/>

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Food Truck Party (2022)

Summary: Ready to cook up some fun? Cokesbury's Food Truck Party VBS invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party!

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

Learn More: <https://www.cokesburyvbs.com/theme/food-truck-party/>



ReNew: The Green VBS (2022)

Summary: Celebrate God's creation this summer with ReNew VBS. This VBS is 100% downloadable! ReNew is a 5-day curriculum that empowers kids in grades PreK-Grade 6 to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Each day, kids will explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower with three age-appropriate activities that help kids learn how to care for God's creation. ReNew is the most affordable, environmentally-focused VBS program available. Experience the change your kids can make today!.

Available as a digital download at:

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/product/ITEM008146/ReNew-The-Green-VBS>



Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness

Summary: VBS curriculum that can be used in-person, with a hybrid model, or virtually. Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world. While developed for preschool-aged children and K–5th graders, Compassion Camp is highly flexible, adaptable, and fun for the entire family—older siblings included.

Learn more/order: https://store.illustratedministry.com/products/compassion-camp-changing-the-world-with-lovingkindness?ck_subscriber_id=1228500344

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Discovery on Adventure Island VBS 2021

Summary: From a whimsical lighthouse on the tropical, enchanted Adventure Island, children (Explorers) begin their quest in search of five mysterious infinity lanterns that help light their way on the island. These lanterns are the light of Love, the light of Trust, the light of Faith, the light of Joy, and the light of Hope.

Learn More: <https://www.cokesbury.com/discovery-on-adventure-island?pagenumber=1>



To Mars and Beyond

Age Level: One Room VBS Kit

Summary: Cokesbury's To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly area-an outpost on Mars-they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

Learn More: <https://www.cokesbury.com/9781791000400-vacation-bible-school-vbs-to-mars-and-beyond-one-room-vbs-kit>



Water All Around the World

Originally published in 2016

Publisher: Living Waters for the World

Summary: This Vacation Bible School (VBS) Curriculum takes children on a journey to countries where clean water is not readily available and helps them learn about:

- the value of clean water
- how children in Haiti, Cuba, Honduras, Ghana, and Mexico struggle for clean water
- how VBS children can help

VBS for at church: <https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/vbs>

A free downloadable VBS for home: <https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/vbs-at-home>

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