

# Vacation Bible School Worship Express Script



# *The Great Commission Express— A Mission Adventure of a Lifetime*

## **Suggested Elements of Worship for Children (Completed Grades 1-6)**

**Scripture:** Each day the Scripture passage chosen for the week will be read. It is important for children to understand the Scripture and learn how to apply the Bible truths to their everyday life. Children's departments are encouraged to review the unit scripture each day.

**Music:** Music is a powerful medium to use with children. The praise songs suggested were chosen because of the simplicity of the words and the message. Children are literal learners. If other songs are chosen, remember to find Scripture-based songs without symbolism, if possible. The songs on the PowerPoint® and the countdown video may be individually downloaded from [www.godskidsworship.com](http://www.godskidsworship.com).

Click on the *download* tab to instantly download the suggested songs and countdown video. Choose *countdown videos* and choose *Cool Dino with a Drink*. The countdown video is a five-minute video that is fun, animated and energized. Click on **All Songs** and download *You Promised, Every Move I Make, You Are God Alone (Not a God), I'll Praise You, Your Name, Our God*, and *This is the Way God Loved*.

The songs are recorded using children's voices and are easy to sing-along. Preview the songs and see free streaming rehearsal videos for song leaders and praise teams with the links here: [God's Kids Worship Streaming Rehearsal Song Video Links](#). Lyrics may be downloaded at no cost. The songs are available in stereo and split track as video, mp3 files, and for all popular presentation programs. The words to the songs may only be used as a PowerPoint® presentation. **Permission has been granted for this purpose only.** Instant, easy-click licenses for CD/mp3 performances may be purchased online, also.

Consider using a children's praise team to lead each day. The children would learn the songs prior to VBS. Each day, they would stand at the front with the children's minister, minister of music, or other leader to lead in worship. Sign language for key words or appropriate movement could be added to help the children remember the words to the songs. The links or YouTube® videos may be embedded in emails, websites or Facebook® pages.

**Mission Story:** Missions should be an important part of VBS. Children should hear how Texas Baptist Churches work together through the Cooperative Program to tell others about Jesus. Each day the children will hear a mission story about a ministry supported by the Cooperative Program. The story may be presented in the following ways: (1) The children may listen to the mission story and view the pictures on the PowerPoint® (2) someone may read or tell the story using the script provided for each day; (3) the mission story may be told in the individual

classrooms during the mission emphasis. Any one of these options can be effective. The curriculum materials contain activities to go along with the story each day. The mission story and pictures may also be found as a resource item for each age group.

**Offering:** Another element of worship is bringing an offering. Children and parents need to understand that VBS is free and these offerings are not payment for them to attend. The offering may be used for a local mission project, or it may be sent to your state convention office to be used in other mission efforts. Older children may receive the offering during the joint worship time or older children could stand by the exit doors with containers. As the children are dismissed by grade level, they could place their offerings in the container. Create a diagram for each class, showing them which door to use for an exit. This will speed up the exit each day.

**Pledges:** The pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag, and the Bible are also important elements of VBS worship. Allow children in each grade to hold the flags and the Bible. Prepare a schedule prior to VBS indicating which departments will be responsible for leading the pledges for each day. The children chosen from those departments will meet with the director of VBS early each day to go over instructions about the pledges.

**Presenting the Plan of Salvation:** On Day 4, the plan of salvation may be presented to the children. Please refer to the **Joint Worship Teaching Resource: Talking to Children About Salvation** for suggestions on presenting the plan of salvation to children. See other suggestions in the joint worship material for Day 4.

### **Suggested Order of Worship**

**Processional music or use a Count-down clock (music as the children come in)**

**Welcome and Introduction of VBS Theme**

**Theme Song**

**VBS Scripture**

**Praise Song**

**Pledges**

**Worship Song**

**Mission Story**

**Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Recessional and Offering**

The suggestions given in this script are provided as a guide only. The elements of worship may be changed to fit your individual needs. A separate PowerPoint® presentation is provided on the Baptistway Press® website, [www.baptistwaypress.org](http://www.baptistwaypress.org). The following script may be used in conjunction with the PowerPoint® presentation. The words to the songs may be used only as a PowerPoint® presentation. **Permission has been granted for this purpose only.**

## Day 1

### **Slide 1: Theme of VBS**

**Processional:** (Music playing as children are entering worship center) "**You Promised**"<sup>1</sup> or download the *Cool Dina with a Drink* countdown clock (see download instructions for countdown and songs on page 2)

**Welcome** (Worship leader): Say, *Welcome to VBS! This week, we will take a train to explore stories in the Old and New Testaments. Our theme is "The Great Commission Express—A Mission Adventure of a Lifetime"*

### **Slides 2-46: Theme Song**

**Theme Song—"You Promised"**<sup>2</sup>

### **Slides 47-50: VBS Scripture**

**VBS Scripture** (Worship leader): Say, *Each day we will read the Great Commission from the Book of Matthew. Matthew is in the Gospel division of the New Testament. Listen as I read the verse.*

**Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).**

*This verse is a command from Jesus. He told all of us to tell others about him. He also gives us a promise! He promised that he would be with us to the very end of the age! Wow! Isn't that exciting! Now, let's read the Great Commission together. (Read verse.) Are you ready to sing? Stand up, and let's join our praise team as we sing!*

### **Slides 51-79: Praise Song**

**Praise Song—"Every Move I Make"**<sup>3</sup>

**Pledges**—Each day, the children holding the flags and the Bible will sit on the front row. During the song, ask the children to take their places on the platform with the flags and the Bible.

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### **Slide 80: Pledge to the American Flag**

**Pledge to the American Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). Say, *I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.* When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all the pledges have been given.

### **Slide 81: Pledge to the Christian Flag**

**Pledge to the Christian Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Christian Flag. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). *I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting all Christians in service and love.* When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all pledges have been given.

### **Slide 82: Pledge to the Bible**

**Pledge to the Bible**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Bible, God's holy word. ATTENTION* (child stands with the Bible in one hand down the side of his or her body), *SALUTE* (child lifts the Bible to waist position and holds the Bible with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child straightens arms so Bible is visible). Say, *I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path, and hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.* When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the Bible and return to sit on the front row for the remainder of the service.

### **Slides 83-111: Worship Song**

**Worship Song**—"You Are God Alone (Not a God)"<sup>4</sup>

### **Slide 112: Mission Story**

Tell the mission story. Show the picture on the PowerPoint® as the children hear the story.

## **Texas Baptists Men Disaster Relief**

**Introduce the Mission Story:** Say, *Today our story is about the Texas Baptists Men. Look at the picture as you hear her story!*

### **Slide 112: Texas Baptists Men Disaster Relief**

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As Hurricane Florence, a Category 4 storm, hit the East Coast in September 2018, Texas Baptist Men (TBM) stood ready to respond.

In a partnership with Bayboro Baptist Church of North Carolina, just days after the storm, TBM volunteers deployed feeding, chainsaw, shower and mud-out units to enable families to begin the recovery process.

Helping those in North Carolina was a full-circle experience for TBM. “Since so many people from North Carolina came to Texas to help with Hurricane Harvey disaster relief, we are now able to do the same for them,” said Rand Jenkins, chief communications officer for TBM. “It’s incredible to be able to come back together with a group of people that came to visit us when we were in the midst of Harvey.”

Carol Prewitt, TBM chainsaw unit volunteer, said, “My prayer is that God would establish our work so that we would ease the suffering and be helpful, and that those in North Carolina would come to realize that it’s Jesus who provides—He is the one that is with them and comforts them.”

Because of our church’s gifts through the Cooperative Program, TBM offers help to those in need. Join me in praying today for those affected by natural disasters across the state and nation.

### **Slides 113: Mission Story Picture**

**Conclusion:** *Let’s pray the people who are still recovering from the hurricane. Let’s thank God for the way Texas Baptists Men supply needs and for everything that is possible when churches work together by giving to the Cooperative Program.*

**Worship Leader:** (At this time, the children chosen to receive the offering should take their baskets and stand by the exit doors.) *As you leave, there will be children at the door with baskets for your offerings. This week the money that you bring each day will be given to \_\_\_\_\_.* (Explain this ministry to the children so they will understand what their money will help to buy)

**Prayer Time**—*Thank you, God, for this first day of VBS. Thank you for all the children who came today. We pray that new friends will come tomorrow.*

### **Slide 114: VBS Theme**

**Recessional and Offering**—**"You Promised"**<sup>5</sup> (Play this song as the children exit) Dismiss the children by grade level and remind them to use the doors assigned to them (See page 2 for explanation about offering) to exit.

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## Day 2

### **Slide 1: Theme of VBS**

**Processional:** (Music playing as children are entering worship center) "**You Promised**"<sup>6</sup> or download the *Cool Dino with a Drink* countdown clock (see download instructions for countdown and songs on page 2)

**Welcome** (Worship leader): Say, *Welcome to VBS! Did you have a fun time yesterday? If this is your first day of VBS, raise your hand. Wow! Thank you, children, for inviting your friends. Keep up the good work! Our theme this week is "The Great Commission Express—A Mission Adventure of a Lifetime!*

### **Slides 2-46: Theme Song**

**Theme Song—"You Promised"**<sup>7</sup>

### **Slides 47-50: VBS Scripture**

**VBS Scripture** (Worship leader): Say, *Let's read the Great Commission from the book of Matthew. Matthew is in the Gospel division of the New Testament. Listen as I read the verse.*

**Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).**

*Now, it's your turn! Let's read the Bible verse together. We need to memorize the verse this week. Are you ready to sing? Stand up, and let's join our praise team as we sing!*

### **Slides 51-99: Praise Song**

**Praise Song—"I'll Praise You"**<sup>8</sup>

**Pledges**—Each day, the children holding the flags and the Bible will sit on the front row. During the song, ask the children to take their places on the platform with the flags and the Bible.

### **Slide 100: Pledge to the American Flag**

**Pledge to the American Flag**—(Worship leader) Say, *Let us now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all the pledges have been given.

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### **Slide 101: Pledge to the Christian Flag**

**Pledge to the Christian Flag**—(Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Christian Flag. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all pledges have been given.

### **Slide 102: Pledge to the Bible**

**Pledge to the Bible**—(Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Bible, God's holy word. ATTENTION* (child stands with the Bible in one hand down the side of his or her body), *SALUTE* (child lifts the Bible to waist position and holds the Bible with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child straightens arms so Bible is visible). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the Bible and return to sit on the front row for the remainder of the service.

### **Slides 103-130: Worship Song** **Worship Song—"Your Name"<sup>9</sup>**

#### **Slide 131: Mission Story**

Tell the mission story. Show the picture on the PowerPoint® as the children hear the story.

**Introduce Mission Story:** Say, *Today our mission story is about Bible Drill Ministry.*

#### **Slide 131: Bible Drill**

According to a LifeWay Research study in 2017, 53 percent of Americans have read little to nothing in the Bible, and one in 10 Americans have never read the Bible.

With this decline in reading Scripture, many pastors fear our churches will become biblically illiterate. There is, however, a longstanding tradition within Texas Baptists churches to equip children and youth in scripture memory and Bible knowledge, a program we know as Bible Drill.

Bible Drill exists to develop biblical memory skills for children and youth from 4th-grade through high school. These students memorize the order of books in the Bible as well as passages of scripture. Bible Drillers even learn ways to apply the meaning of scriptures to their own lives.

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2018 High School Bible Drill winner Josh Britton said, "It's great when a situation comes up and I think back to a verse I know. Bible Drill has helped me in my everyday life and in my walk with the Lord."

By our church's giving through the Cooperative Program, we support ministries like Bible Drill that are making an impact on our youth. Let's pray for Bible Drill, for those on the Texas Baptists Great Commission Team who facilitate it, and for the students who participate.

### **Slides 132: Mission Story Picture**

**Conclusion:** *Say, Let's thank God for giving us the Bible so we can learn more about Him.*

**Worship Leader:** (At this time, the children who have been chosen to receive the offering should take their baskets and stand by the exit doors.) *Today as you leave, children will be at the door with baskets for your offerings. This week the money that you bring each day will be given to \_\_\_\_\_.* (Explain this ministry to the children so they will understand what their money will help to buy)

**Prayer Time:** *Thank you, God, for VBS. Thank you, God, for all the children who came today. We pray that new friends will come tomorrow. Thank you for protecting us. We love you. Amen.*

### **Slide 133: VBS Theme**

**Recessional and Offering—"You Promised"<sup>10</sup>** (Play this song as the children exit) Dismiss the children by grade level and remind them to use the doors assigned to them to exit.

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## Day 3

### Slide 1: VBS Theme

**Processional:** (Music playing as children are entering worship center) "**You Promised**"<sup>11</sup> or download the *Cool Dino with a Drink* countdown clock (see download instructions for countdown and songs on page 2)

**Welcome** (Worship leader): Say, *Welcome to the third day of VBS! Have you had fun this week? If this is your first day of VBS, raise your hand. Wow! Thank you, children, for inviting your friends. Keep up the good work!*

### Slides 2-46: Theme Song

**Theme Song**—"You Promised"<sup>12</sup>

### Slides 47-50: VBS Scripture

**VBS Scripture** (Worship leader): Say, *Let's read the Great Commission from the book of Matthew. Matthew is in the Gospel division of the New Testament. Listen as I read the verse.*

**Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).**

*Now, it's your turn! If you think you know it without looking, close your eyes. Let's say the Bible verse together. Someone of you said it without looking! That's great! Are you ready to sing? Stand up, and let's join our praise team as we sing!*

### Slides 51-79: Praise Song

**Praise Song**—"Every Move I Make"<sup>13</sup>

**Pledges**—Each day, the children holding the flags and the Bible will sit on the front row. During the song, ask the children to take their places on the platform with the flags and the Bible.

### Slide 80: Pledge to the American Flag

**Pledge to the American Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), **SALUTE** (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her

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stomach, holding the flag with two hands), **PLEDGE** (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all the pledges have been given.

### **Slide 81: Pledge to the Christian Flag**

**Pledge to the Christian Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Christian Flag. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), **SALUTE** (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), **PLEDGE** (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all pledges have been given.

### **Slide 82: Pledge to the Bible**

**Pledge to the Bible**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Bible, God's holy word. ATTENTION* (child stands with the Bible in one hand down the side of his or her body), **SALUTE** (child lifts the Bible to waist position and holds the Bible with two hands), **PLEDGE** (child straightens arms so Bible is visible). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the Bible and return to sit on the front row for the remainder of the service.

### **Slides 83-118: Worship Song**

**Worship Song—"Our God"<sup>14</sup>**

### **Slide 119: Mission Story**

Tell the Mission Story. Show the picture on the PowerPoint® as the children hear the story.

**Introduce the Mission Story:** Say, *Today our mission story is about the Children at Heart Ministries*

### **Slide 119: Children at Heart Ministries**

Brandon, only a teenager, didn't have a father figure and had a struggling relationship with his mother. He had a hard time controlling his anger and had little respect for authority.

However, all of that started to change when he went to Miracle Farm in Brenham, Texas. Miracle Farm, a ministry of Children At Heart Ministries, gives struggling boys the opportunity to experience healing and learn respect through its Horse Program and trainings.

He realized how much the staff at Miracle Farm genuinely cared about him. The Lord softened his heart and helped him learn how to trust their guidance. Brandon is now enjoying healthy relationships for the first time in his life and experiencing reconciliation with his mom.

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When our church gives through the Cooperative Program, funds go to Children at Heart Ministries and their Miracle Farm program. The four ministries that make up Children at Heart impact the lives of thousands of vulnerable children and families each year. Please join us in prayer for the leadership of Children at Heart, that they be filled with wisdom as they seek to honor God by serving children and families.

### **Slides 120: Mission Story Picture**

**Conclusion:** *Let's pray for Brandon and the other children living in Miracle Farm. Let's thank God for churches that work together to help people.*

**Worship Leader:** (At this time, the children chosen to receive the offering should take their baskets and stand by the exit doors) *Today as you leave, children will be at the door with baskets for your offerings. This week the money that you bring each day will be given to \_\_\_\_\_.* (Explain this ministry to the children so they will understand what their money will help to buy.)

**Prayer Time:** *Thank you, God, for our VBS. Thank you for all the children who came today. Thank you for everything you've created. We love you, Amen.*

### **Slide 121: VBS Theme**

**Recessional and Offering—"You Promised"<sup>15</sup>** Play this song as the children exit. Dismiss the children by grade level and remind them to use the doors assigned to them to exit.

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## Day 4

### Slide 1: VBS Theme

**Processional:** (Music playing as children are entering worship center) "**You Promised**"<sup>16</sup> or download the *Cool Dino with a Drink* countdown clock (see download instructions for countdown and songs on page 2)

**Welcome** (Worship leader): Say, *Welcome to the fourth day of VBS! Have you had a good time? Do we have new children today?*

### Slides 2-46: Theme Song

**Theme Song**—"You Promised"<sup>17</sup>

### Slides 47-50: VBS Scripture

**VBS Scripture** (Worship leader): Say, *Let's read the Great Commission from the book of Matthew. Matthew is in the Gospel division of the New Testament. Listen as I read the verse.*

**Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).**

*Now, it's your turn! Can we all say it without looking? Let's try! Great job! Are you ready to sing? Stand up, and let's join our praise team as we sing!*

### Slides 51-99: Praise Song

**Praise Song**—"I'll Praise You"<sup>18</sup>

**Pledges**—Each day, the children holding the flags and the Bible will sit on the front row. During the song, ask the children to take their places on the platform with the flags and the Bible.

### Slide 100: Pledge to the American Flag

**Pledge to the American Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all the pledges have been given.

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### **Slide 101: Pledge to the Christian Flag**

**Pledge to the Christian Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Christian Flag. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), **SALUTE** (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), **PLEDGE** (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all pledges have been given.

### **Slide 102: Pledge to the Bible**

**Pledge to the Bible**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Bible, God's holy word. ATTENTION* (child stands with the Bible in one hand down the side of his or her body), **SALUTE** (child lifts the Bible to waist position and holds the Bible with two hands), **PLEDGE** (child straightens arms so Bible is visible). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the Bible and return to sit on the front row for the remainder of the service.

### **Slides 103-135: Worship Song**

**Worship Song**—"This is the Way God Loved"<sup>19</sup>

### **Slide 136: Mission Story or \*Talk to the Children about Salvation**

Tell the mission story. Show the picture on the PowerPoint® as the children hear the story.

### **Slide 136: Special Friends Retreats**

**Introduce the Mission Story:** Say, *Our story today is about some special friends and how they have a unique opportunity to have an overnight camp experience thanks to the offerings our church gives to the Cooperative Program.*

Special Friends Retreat gives those with intellectual disabilities a unique opportunity to have an overnight camp experience. It is something repeat campers look forward to all year long.

“One of the parents told me that at the beginning of summer, their daughter begins to pack for camp,” said Diane Lane, childhood discipleship specialist with the Texas Baptists Great Commission Team. “And a Sunday School teacher told me that they start talking about camp at Easter (even though it takes place in the fall) because they have so much joy when they come to the retreat.”

During the overnight retreat, campers have a chance to participate in Bible studies, worship, games and crafts in a refreshing, safe atmosphere. Parents benefit from talking to other caregivers going through similar challenges and by learning about helpful resources.

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Special Friends would not be possible without our gifts from our church and others through the Cooperative Program. We help provide scholarships to families who cannot afford registration fees and help cover the cost of stipends for people working during the retreats. Let's pray for this ministry and for the families and participants whose lives are changed by it.

### **Slide 137: Mission Story Picture**

**Conclusion:** *Let's pray for the campers and leaders as they prepare to go to Special Friends Retreat. Let's give thanks for churches that work together to minister to youth and adults with special needs.*

**\*Option:** At this time, you may decide to share the plan of salvation with the children. Decide which children should remain in the worship center. You may decide that sending children entering second and third grades back to their classes may be best for your situation. A minister or director of that department could share with those children in their classroom. As the younger children leave, lead the other children in singing "**This is the Way God Loved**"<sup>20</sup> again. They will give their offerings as they leave. Please refer to **Joint Worship Teaching Resource: Talking to Children About Salvation** for guidance in sharing the plan of salvation with children. The resource is available from [www.baptistwaypress.org](http://www.baptistwaypress.org).

After sharing the plan of salvation with the children, ask the children who would like to know more about becoming a Christian to come to the front. It's better not to offer an invitation because some children will walk down because their friends are coming. Dismiss the classes as you have done each day. The children taking the offering should be at the door. Communicate with the teachers that someone will bring the children who have made decisions back to their room. Make sure to have enough adults to talk to the children at this time and record the decisions so a follow-up visit can take place.

**Worship Leader:** *Today, as you leave, there will be children at the door with baskets for your offerings. This week the money that you bring each day will be given to \_\_\_\_\_.*  
(Explain the ministry to the children so they will understand what their money will help to buy.)

**Prayer Time:** *Thank you, God, for VBS. Thank you, God, for all the children who came today. Thank you for giving us never-ending life. Help us to know you better. We love you. Amen.*

### **Slide 138: VBS Theme**

**Recessional and Offering—"You Promised"**<sup>21</sup> Play this song as the children exit. Dismiss the children by grade level and remind them to use the doors assigned to them to exit.

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## Day 5

### Slide 1: VBS Theme

**Processional:** (Music playing as children are entering worship center) "**You Promised**"<sup>22</sup> or download the *Cool Dino with a Drink* countdown clock (see download instructions for countdown and songs on page 2)

**Welcome** (Worship leader): Say, *Welcome to the last day of VBS! Have you had a good time this week? Let's show your teachers how much we appreciate all they have done to help you have a fun week.* (Clap)

### Slides 2-46: Theme Song

**Theme Song**—"You Promised"<sup>23</sup>

### Slides 47-50: VBS Scripture

**VBS Scripture** (Worship leader): Say, *Let's read the Great Commission from the book of Matthew. Matthew is in the Gospel division of the New Testament. Listen as I read the verse.*

**Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).**

*You have done a great job with memorizing the Great Commission this week! Are you ready to sing? Stand up, and let's join our praise team as we sing!*

### Slides 51-79: Praise Song

**Praise Song**—"Every Move I Make"<sup>24</sup>

**Pledges**—Each day, the children holding the flags and the Bible will sit on the front row. During the song, ask the children to take their places on the platform with the flags and the Bible.

### Slide 80: Pledge to the American Flag

**Pledge to the American Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while

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all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all the pledges have been given.

### **Slide 81: Pledge to the Christian Flag**

**Pledge to the Christian Flag**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Christian Flag. ATTENTION* (child stands straight beside the flag), *SALUTE* (child picks up the flag and places the end of the pole in the center of his or her stomach, holding the flag with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child lowers the flag so it is visible while all say the pledge). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the flag and place it in the stand. The child remains standing by the flag until all pledges have been given.

### **Slide 82: Pledge to the Bible**

**Pledge to the Bible**— (Worship leader) Say, *Let us now say the pledge to the Bible, God's holy word. ATTENTION* (child stands with the Bible in one hand down the side of his or her body), *SALUTE* (child lifts the Bible to waist position and holds the Bible with two hands), *PLEDGE* (child straightens arms so Bible is visible). When the pledge is complete, the child will lower the Bible and return to sit on the front row for the remainder of the service.

### **Slides 83-110: Worship Song**

**Worship Song**—"Your Name"<sup>25</sup>

### **Slide 111: Mission Story**

Tell the mission story. Show the picture on the PowerPoint® as the children hear the story.

**Introduce Mission Story:** Say, *today our mission story is about BOUNCE Student Disaster Recovery ministry.*

### **Slide 111: BOUNCE Student Disaster Recovery**

BOUNCE Student Disaster Recovery gives students from middle school through college the opportunity to help people who have suffered property damage after a disaster.

BOUNCE staffers use their construction and management experience to guide young people in assisting with recovery efforts. Last year, 1,546 students participated in BOUNCE devoting a portion of their spring or summer break to help others in need.

In 2018, BOUNCE work focused on recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Many projects in 2019 will target those same areas still rebuilding after the massive storm.

One man who was served by BOUNCE was Mr. Nemo in Victoria.

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“He had a huge piece of concrete fall on his house and ruin his roof. It also resulted in a lot of damage to the interior of his home because of the water that came in,” shared David Scott, director of BOUNCE.

Mr. Nemo’s house was uninsured, and he didn’t have the means to do repairs.

“He was buying one sheet of sheetrock every two weeks, which was when he was able to [afford] a purchase,” Scott said. “BOUNCE was able to give him a new roof and connect him with additional help to finish sheetrocking his home.”

Our church’s gifts through the Cooperative Program help fund the ministry of BOUNCE. Please pray for the students who respond and for those who lead them.

### **Slides 112: Mission Story Picture**

**Conclusion:** *Say, Let's pray for the students serving this summer with BOUNCE and the people receiving their help. Let's thank the Lord because churches can work together giving to the Cooperative Program to help and tell people about Jesus.*

**Worship Leader:** (At this time, the children who have been chosen to receive the offering should take their baskets and stand by the exit doors.) *I'm so glad that you came to VBS this week! If you don't have a church to attend each Sunday, we want to invite you to bring your family on Sunday. I hope you heard this week that Jesus loves you very much!*

*Today as you leave, children will be at the door with baskets for your offerings. This week the money that you bring each day will be given to \_\_\_\_\_.* (Explain the ministry to the children so they will understand what their money will help to buy.)

**Prayer Time:** *Thank you, God, for VBS. Thank you, God, for all the children who came today. Thank you for giving us never-ending life. Help us to know you better. We love you. Amen.*

### **Slide 113: VBS Theme**

**Recessional and Offering—“You Promised”<sup>26</sup>** Play this song as the children exit. Dismiss the children by grade level and remind them to use the doors assigned to them to exit.

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