

VOLUME 10 SUGGESTED THEMES

Unit 28: Jesus Is for Us
In this unit, two characters will welcome kids into the Rescue & Restore Workshop—a repair shop for different items in need of repair or restoration. The characters will discover how brokenness can't always be repaired with tools. Decorate by setting up a work table with clipboards and work orders as well as tools. Label individual bins with *Broken*, *Lost*, and *Repaired* with various items in each. Gather a toaster, clock, jewelry box, and lamp.

Theme Idea: Repair Workshop

- **Session 1:** The characters enter the shop and find a work order for a broken toaster. According to the order, the toaster makes a huge mess. When the shop owners try the toaster, it works great. They discuss how people sometimes reject something even though it works perfectly. The instructors connect this to how some people rejected Jesus even though He is perfect.
- **Session 2:** A customer brought in a fancy clock to be repaired. The shop owners tally the cost and realize it will be more expensive to fix than expected. One offers to pay so the customer can still have their special clock repaired. They discuss how sin has a very high cost. Jesus willingly paid the price of sin for anyone who follows Him.
- **Session 3:** The shop owners are repairing a jewelry box but confused at what to do next. They suddenly discover the instructions, which gets them back on track. They discuss how Mary likely felt confused when Jesus died, but when He suddenly reappeared, she knew exactly what to do: tell the disciples Jesus is alive!
- **Session 4:** The shop owners face a difficult repair on a lamp. One believes the fix is impossible. They connect this to the miracle of Jesus's resurrection, which seemed impossible.
- **Christmas Bonus Session:** The workshop owners arrive to discover a simple box has been delivered to the shop. Inside is a simple picture of a family that has been carefully packaged. The shop workers discuss how the humble item was handled with care, which reminds them the King of the world also arrived humbly.



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Unit 29: Jesus Is with Us
In this unit, kids step inside Helper Headquarters, a busy help center where the two characters solve everyday problems for people in their community. Each session, the helpers discover that while they can offer kindness and encouragement, the greatest help comes from God. Create a help desk with clipboards labeled *Help Request Forms*. Include walkie-talkies, lanyards, and envelopes labeled *Mission Ready*.

Theme Idea: Helper Headquarters

- **Session 1:** The two helpers look at a Help Request Form together. It reads, *Tell Others About Jesus*. They realize this is a huge job, and it feels like it's too much for them to tackle. This reminds them of the Great Commission. It was a huge mission, but Jesus didn't expect the disciples to do it alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them.
- **Session 2:** The helpers try to make sense of a Help Request Form written in a different language. They flip the form over to discover the same message in their language. This leads to a discussion about how the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to speak different languages at Pentecost.
- **Session 3:** The helpers consider a new Help Request Form. Someone keeps asking his friend to tie his shoes. The friend is frustrated and thinks he is just being lazy. The helpers consider that the friend may not be lazy after all. Maybe he just need help. This reminds them that the Holy Spirit helps everyone who follows Jesus.
- **Session 4:** One of the helpers shares a story about a time he wanted to speak up and help someone who was being bullied, but he was afraid of getting in trouble. The helpers discuss how the apostles were often in tricky situations, but they chose to obey Jesus rather than let their fear of punishment keep them quiet.
- **Session 5:** The helpers consider a new Help Request Form. It's labeled *Being teased for doing what is right*. They talk about how hard it can be to do the right thing, especially when others may tease you. They connect this to Stephen telling people about Jesus, even though it made some people angry. Stephen even forgave the people who hurt and killed him. The helpers realize that similar to how the Holy Spirit strengthened Stephen, He will also give courage to believers today.



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Unit 30: Jesus Changes Us
In this unit, kids are invited into the New Creation Art Studio. The two leaders are art instructors and teach different art forms including painting, sculpting, drawing, and mixed media. Along the way, they realize art takes time and practice. Each week they connect the theme to the truth that people who turn to Jesus in faith are transformed. Christians grow over time to become more like Jesus. Decorate by setting up easels, paintbrushes, palettes, sketch pads, and art smocks. Display different types of paintings, drawings, pottery, and sculptures.

Theme Idea: Art Studio

- **Session 1:** The instructors show a work of art to students and help them understand what the artist was depicting. They tie this to the story of how Phillip helped the Ethiopian man understand the meaning of Isaiah's writing.
- **Session 2:** The instructors are considering a painting that has been totally restored. They discuss how this painting was badly damaged and stained, but it has been re-made into something beautiful. They connect this to the story of Saul who was stained by sin but made clean and new when he met Jesus.
- **Session 3:** The instructors are working with different colors of paints, mixing certain ones to create even more beautiful colors. They discuss the way different colors interact with each other. They tie this to the story of Peter and Cornelius and how they came from different backgrounds, but they were both invited to put their faith in Jesus.
- **Session 4:** The instructors discuss their latest art class with students who were doing their best to practice their new art skills. They talk about the need to encourage these students to keep going. It can be easy to want to give up, especially when things don't turn out the way we expect. The instructors connect this to the story of Barnabas encouraging the believers in Antioch.