



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HANDBOOK



Taking the Gospel to a Forgotten People



# VBS TIPS

- As you arrive in the village, inquire about a good spot for your team to have VBS. Most of the time you can find a pavilion (a building with a roof but no walls) or a large shade tree. Pick something well-ventilated and out of the sun!
- Ask the boat crew for the tarps on the boat to use for sitting.
- Carry all your supplies in canvas tote bags or duffle bags. Don't unpack anything until it is ready to use.....especially the candy!
- Start the day with introductions and singing, and then move into your lesson.
- Plan who will tell the story, explain the craft, act out the skit, etc.
- Put crayons/markers loose in a canvas or large Ziploc bag. You can use
- Frisbees from the game bag as crayons/marker holders when children are doing the craft.
- Bible verses can be printed on labels to send home with the children every day.
- Glue does not dry in the Amazon. Gluesticks work fine.
- Treats are given at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions of Bible School. Find a controlled way to give the candy to the children. Form a circle or rows which they can't leave until every child has their candy. Good ideas for treats are individually wrapped candy such as Sweet Tarts, Tootsie Rolls, Spree, lollipops, Nerds. Jolly Ranchers tend to melt and turn to syrup.
- Don't give prizes or candy to the winning team when playing games. Clap or praise them for a job well done.
- Stickers are fun!
- How to cut yarn fast: Cut a piece of heavy cardboard (a box is good)
- 33 inches long x 16 inches. Wrap yarn loosely around it the long way. When you get quite a lot of yarn on the cardboard, lay it down flat. Hold it carefully and cut at the top and bottom to make 33-inch long strands of yarn.
- If the team will be in the village for only 1 day, use the Wordless Book Story for your lessons.
- We have included a few lesson plans, bible verses, and craft ideas examples, and a place to start planning. After reviewing... you could find other easy crafts and coloring pages online. Remember that you may have 60 kids in one village and all age levels.
- Before the trip, prepare five to six stories and crafts along with a few object lessons, such as the Wordless Book story or The Keys to Heaven.
- As you prepare the crafts to go along, prepare 100-200 each, depending on the sizes of your villages.
- When preparing crafts, group them in bundles of 25 for easy access and counting.
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# VBS SONGS



## Deus e tao Bom

Deus e tao bom, alleluia (2X) Deus e tao bom,  
E tao bom pra mim

## A Cada Momento

A cada momento, andando no  
caminho do Senhor (2X)  
Ao sentar, ao levantar, ao  
dormir, ao despertar  
E andando pelo caminho (2X)  
Ah, ah, ah alleluia  
Ah, ah, ah, Golria a Deus (2X)

## Jesus Ama Cada Um

Jesus ama a cada um,  
Cada um, cada um  
Jesus ama a cada um  
Jesus ama a todos

Ama papai  
Ama mamai  
Ama irmao  
Pequeno irmao  
Ama a te  
Ama a me  
Jesus ama a todos  
Jesus ama a todos

## Meu Coracao

Meu coracao era sujo  
Mais Cristo aqui ja entrou  
Com seu precioso sange  
O meu pecado lavou  
A Biblia assim me diz  
Em ruas de ouro andarei  
Pra creser a cada dia  
Minha Biblia preciso ler

## God is so Good

God is so good, alleluia (2X) God is so good,  
He's so good to me

## Every Moment

Every moment, I'm walking  
on the road with the Lord (2X)  
as you sit, as you rise up, as  
you sleep, as you wake up  
Walking down the road (2X) Ah, ah, ah, alleluia  
Ah, ah, ah, Glory to God

## Jesus Loves Everyone

Jesus loves everyone,  
everyone, everyone  
Jesus loves everyone  
Jesus loves us all

Loves your father  
Loves you mother  
Loves you sister  
Loves your brother  
He loves you  
He loves me  
Jesus loves us all  
Jesus loves us all

## My Heart (Wordless Book Song)

My heart was dark with sin  
Until the Savior came in His precious blood I know  
Has washed me white as snow  
And in God's Word I'm told  
I'll walk the streets of gold  
To grow in Christ each day  
I read my Bible and pray

# VBS SONGS



## Com Cristo no Barco

Com Cristo no barco

Tudo vai muito bem

Vai muito bem

Vai muito bem

Com Cristo no barco

Tudo vai muito bem

E passa o tempora

E passa o temporal

Passa o temporal

Com Cristo no barco

Tudo vai muito bem

E passa o temporal

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gloria ao Senhor, (2X)

Gloria ao Senhor, Alleluia (3X)

Gloria ao Senhor!

## Meu Deus e tao Grande Meu

Deus e tao grande, tao forte

e capaz de tudo el epode

fazer (2X)

Os montes sao dele

Os rios sao dele

As estrelas sao dele tambem

Meu Deus e tao grande, tao

forte e capaz ed tudo ele

Pode fazer, pra voce!

## With Christ in Your Vessel

With Christ in your vessel

You can smile at the storm

Smile at the storm

Smile at the storm

With Christ in your vessel

You can smile at the storm

Sailing, sailing home

Sailing, sailing home

Sailing, sailing home

You can smile at the storm

As we go sailing home

Hallelujah

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluia

Praise ye the Lord (2X)

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah (3X)

Praise ye the Lord!

## My God is so Good

My God is so big, so strong

and so mighty there's nothing

my God cannot do (2X)

The mountains are His

The rivers are His

The stars are His handiwork too

My God is so big, so strong

and so mighty there's nothing

my God cannot do, for you!



# VBS SONGS



## Deuse Bompra Mim

Deus e bom pra mim (2X)  
Contente estou, com ele vou  
Deusebompramim

## Eu decide

Eu decide seguira Cristo  
Eu decide seguira Cristo  
Eu decide seguira Cristo  
Atras nao volto  
Nao volto mais!

## Tchi, Tchi Tchi

Bata as maos e cante ao Senhor  
Aleluia, aleluia, aleluia (2X)  
Aleluia, aleluia, aleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

Estale as dedos e cante ao Senhor,  
Aleluia, aleluia, alleluia (2X) Aleluia,  
aleluia, aleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

Levante as maos e cante ao Senhor  
Aleluia, aleluia, aleluia (2X)  
Aleluia, aleluia, aleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

Balanca a cabeca e cante ao Senhor  
Aleluia, aleluia, aleluia (2X)  
Aleluia, aleluia, aleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

## God is so Good to Me

God is so good to me  
I am content with him God  
is so good to me

## I Have Decided

I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back  
No turning back!

## Tchi, Tchi, Tchi

Clap you hands and sing to the Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (2X)  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

Snap your fingers and sing to the  
Lord, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (2X)  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

Raise your hands and sing to the  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (2X)  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

Shake your head and sing to the Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (2X)  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Amen, tchi, tchi, tchi (2X)

# VBS SONGS



## Fruto do Espirito

O, fruto do Espirito nao e \_\_\_\_\_  
Banana  
Manga  
Maca  
Melencia  
Morango Coco  
Os frutos sao.... Amor  
Alegria  
Paz  
Paciencia  
Delicadeza  
Bondade  
Fidelidade  
Humildade  
Dominio Proprio

## The Fruit of the Spirit

Oh, the fruit of the Spirit's not a \_\_\_\_\_  
Banana  
Mango  
Apple  
Watermelon  
Strawberry  
Coconut  
The fruits are.... Love  
Joy  
Peace  
Patience  
Kindness  
Goodness  
Faith  
Humility  
Self Control



# VBS GAMES

## Balloons

Blow 'til they pop  
Blow up and sit on them Blow the biggest  
Keep them in the air

## Bubbles

They gather a crowd!

Paper Cup Relay

Fill small paper cups with water. Run to a point where there are two water bottles. See which line gets the most water in the bottle in a given time.

## Cotton Ball Relay

Walk with the cotton ball on the head.

Carry a cotton ball in a plastic spoon.

Two children at a time run with a cotton ball held between their open hands.

Blow cotton balls with a straw across a given area.

## Beanbags

Run relays. The first child in the row drops the beanbag in the brown bag and goes back to the next child in line and slaps his hand. That child runs up and gets the beanbag out of the bag and returns it to the next child in line, etc.

## Egg Toss

Fill plastic eggs with water. Two rows of children face each other and toss eggs. Step back farther after each toss (Have them throw underhand.). Jump Ropes

Play centipede relay with two or more lines. Five children or more hold onto the jump rope in a line. At the signal they run up and around a given goalpost. This can be a log or branch. When they return to the line the next group grabs onto the rope and runs.

## Blanket Toss

Bounce beach balls on sheets and try to keep them on the sheets. This gets wild, so take the sheets away and just let them keep the balls in the air.

## Frisbees

When not in use as crayon holders, play games with them. Don't give out too many because they "fly away", and you won't have them for crayons the next day!

## Circle Games

Play "Duck, Duck, Goose." Variation: A beanbag can be dropped as the child walks around the circle, and then the chase is on.

# VBS GAMES

## Beach Balls

With the children in lines, they pass the beach ball over one head and between the next child's legs. Balloons can also be used.

## Supplies needed for games:

Bean bags  
Paper sacks Jump Ropes Beach balls Sheets  
Frisbees Balloons  
Small paper cups Cotton balls Bubbles

