



Crafts

Leader Guide



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God Saves Baby Moses

Exodus 1:8-14, 22;
2:1-10

God finds me
when I have
troubles.

Call upon Me
in the day
of trouble;
I will
deliver you.

Psalm 50:15

2



Ruth and Naomi

Book of Ruth

God finds me
when I'm
lonely.

Fear not,
for I am
with you.

Isaiah 41:10

3



Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

God finds me
when I'm
lost.

You are
precious in
My eyes . . .
and I love you.

Isaiah 43:4

4



Jesus Rises from the Dead

Luke 24:1-12

God finds me
when I think
there's no hope.

You, O Lord,
are my hope,
my trust.

Psalm 71:5

5



Jesus Appears to Paul

Acts 9:1-19

God finds me,
no matter
my sin.

Christ Jesus
came into
the world to
save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Crafts Leader Basics

How Do Crafts Work at VBS?

One of the sites kids visit after the Opening is Crafts. Kids move in Teams—groups of five or six kids with one Team Leader. Ask your Director how many Teams will visit your site each rotation and how many rotations you will do each day.

What You Do

Before VBS, do these things to get ready:

- Pray for the kids who will attend VBS. Read the five Bible accounts.
- Read through this *Crafts Leader Guide*.
- Gather craft supplies. Ask for craft supply donations to stretch your budget. Your Director may help you purchase items needed or solicit donations.
- Reflect on the points in “Connect.” These help you connect the crafts to the Bible account each day.
- Recruit volunteers. The Crafts site is a great place for volunteers of all ages.
- Attend training with other volunteers. Learn to lead the call and response of the Take-Home Point.

During VBS, do these things:

- Arrive early and set out supplies needed for each day. Use this *Leader Guide* to prepare. Get an update on the number of kids expected.
- Read each day’s Leader Devotion (available from your Director).
- Attend the Opening and the Closing to connect with kids and families.

During each rotation, do these things:

- Welcome kids; introduce helpers and yourself.
- Demonstrate how to make the craft and show a finished craft.
- Allow for creativity! Know each child’s project will look unique.
- Use the points in “Connect” with the whole group or print copies of them for Team Leaders to discuss with their Teams.
- Review the Bible Memory Verse and lead Teams in a call and response of the Take-Home Point for each day.
- Distribute completed crafts to Team Leaders or set crafts aside to distribute at Closing.

Role of Team Leaders

Team Leaders help kids understand the directions to create the craft, assist as needed, and may discuss the “Connect” questions with their groups. Team Leaders may hold finished crafts for their groups and distribute them after the Closing each day.

Site Setup and Decorating

- Set up enough tables and chairs to accommodate the number of kids and leaders who will visit the Crafts site each rotation.
- Set up a table for supplies and demonstration. Display a completed craft. Add a sign with the craft’s name for each day.
- Transforming your area into a tropical island is a breeze! Try one or more of these ideas. Use green plastic tablecloths, fabric, and backdrops to cover walls and tables. Add silk greenery or hang premade *Tropical Leaf Decorations* and *Tropical Flower Decorations*. Make a dormant volcano by covering a pile of boxes with green fabric and flowers. Create a plumeria grove by twisting craft paper into branches and adding tissue-paper flowers. Pile craft-paper boulders or drape a gray tarp over a large box to make a cave. Use a long piece of blue fabric to make a winding river leading down to the sandy canvas-tarp beach. Don’t forget to use the fun images on the *Decorating Posters*!
- Hang the Crafts Site Sign (available on the *Decorating Posters*) near the entrance to the room.

Reaching All Children

Plan to provide one-on-one support as needed while encouraging kids to work as independently as they are able. Encourage Team Leaders to do the same. Make on-the-fly modifications as needed.

Take-Home Point

Each day has a new Take-Home Point. You will say the Take-Home Point and Teams will respond, “**Jesus came to seek and to save!**” using these actions: **Jesus came** (*point index finger to palm of each hand, then make beckoning motion*) **to seek** (*hold hand above eyes, looking around*) **and to save** (*form a cross with both forearms*)!

We want to know what you think!

Fill out a survey at cph.org/vbsfeedback. Thank you!



Lesson 1

God Saves Baby Moses

Exodus 1:8–14, 22; 2:1–10

Take-Home Point: God finds me when I have troubles.

Bible Memory Verse: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you. Psalm 50:15

God Saves Us Basket

Supply List

- *God Saves Us Basket* for each kid (purchase in packs of 12 from cph.org)
- Markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- 20-inch piece of yarn, thin ribbon, or Twisteez sculpture wire per kid (available at cph.org)
- Optional: brown or green crinkle paper for basket filler

Craft Prep

- Set out a cardboard basket craft sheet for each kid.
- Place coloring utensils and pieces of yarn, ribbon, or sculpture wire at each table.

Welcome

Welcome to Crafts! My name is [name], and I can't wait to make crafts with you this week! Show a finished sample of the *God Saves Us Basket*. Today's craft reminds us that God finds and helps us when we have troubles!

Connect

God knows when we go through troubles, and He cares! In Psalm 50:15, God says to us, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you."

Connect to the Bible lesson with these key points:

- All of us have troubles at some time in our lives.
- God sees our troubles, and He wants to help. He invites us to call on Him in times of trouble.
- God worked through Moses' mom, his sister, and a princess to save Moses. God works through people in our lives to help us also. Jesus came to save us from our greatest troubles: sin and death.



Create!

1. Have kids write their name and Team name or number on the bottom of the basket.
2. Punch out the basket and the baby from the die-cut cardboard sheet.
3. Color both sides of the basket and the baby.
4. Follow the fold lines to make the basket. Secure in place by inserting the tabs.
5. Use yarn, thin ribbon, or sculpture wire to lace around the holes at the top of the basket.
6. Put filler in the basket, if desired.
7. Place baby Moses in the basket.

Close

Review the Bible Memory Verse for today.

Say the Take-Home Point with the actions:

SAY: GOD FINDS ME WHEN I HAVE TROUBLES.

TEAMS: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE!