



## Gear Up for Fun!

### Ian is back, and he brought some new friends!

Ian Victor is excited to join a team of fellow inventors who are working on a one-of-a-kind creation! Join them as they review every VBS Point in a fun and flexible way!

### How to Use This Closing Production

Congratulations! Most of the work in preparing your Maker Fun Factory Closing Production is done. Kids already know the songs, you already have most of the props, and your main character has been there all week. You're set!

This Maker Fun Factory Closing Production is flexible. Kids and staff who have been a part of your Maker Fun Factory VBS can perform it for a special wrap-up event, such as a family-night program, a Sunday morning service, a special Sunday school program, or a community-wide matinee. The closing production is easy to prepare. Simply follow these steps.

- 1. Collect and create costumes and props.** You'll need the Sound Wave Sing & Play Music DVD or CD and a sound system for the songs. The characters will also need the clothes described in the character profiles beginning on page 3. Finally, you'll also need a small bucket filled with water.
- 2. Determine who will play the various roles.** For the sake of continuity, the person playing Ian Victor during VBS should continue in his role. The remaining roles can be assigned to older children and adults who have been involved in Maker Fun Factory VBS.



**3. Practice with your actors.** Communicate to your VBS kids that they will be coming forward and leading the audience in singing at various points.



You might want to serve refreshments following the production. If so, meet with the Snack Factory Leader and choose a snack from VBS. Set out the ingredients, and let audience members assemble and enjoy their snacks!

**4. Use clip art to decorate flyers, bulletins, and posters to publicize the event.** Check out the Maker Fun Factory Clip Art & Resources CD for cool clip art! Send information home with children during Maker Fun Factory VBS so families will be sure to come to this exciting event, and be sure kids know when to arrive, especially if you want them to come a little early.



## Set & Props

Just keep your stage set up the same way that it was for the week of Maker Fun Factory. Easy!

## The Characters

**Ian Victor:** You know Ian. He's everyone's favorite sports success turned inept inventor who's excited to learn about how he was designed by God and created for a purpose. Kids will recognize Ian since he's been with them the entire week. Ian has been placed on an innovation team and is responsible for helping to create a revolutionary invention. Ian knows he's not the greatest inventor ever, so he doesn't want to let his team down.

Suggested Costume: Ian can continue wearing what he's been wearing for the previous week. Make sure he has a band-aid on his thumb.

**Leader:** *(either the Sing & Play Leader or the VBS Director)*— He or she is happy and excited to be there.

Suggested costume: Maker Fun Factory Staff T-shirt, cap, and jeans...or whatever he or she wore during the week at VBS.

**Felix:** Felix is one of Ian's new friends. Felix is basically the exact opposite of Ian. He is calm, quiet, terrible at all things athletic, but has all the inventing talent that Ian doesn't. It's that talent that has put Felix in charge of a team of inventors. Felix is a reluctant leader, but Ian, the Leader, and everyone present reminds Felix that **GOD MADE YOU!**

Suggested costume: Felix is a lovable brainiac. Go ahead and give him some glasses and a plaid shirt tucked into his jeans. Some pens in his chest pocket couldn't hurt either.

**Sally:** Sally is one of Felix and Ian's teammates. To say that Sally is high-strung is a bit of an understatement. Sally wants to be the best and is discouraged when other people are coming up with what seem like better inventions than her team's. The others remind Sally that God is always with her and that she doesn't need to be so obsessed with being the best.

Suggested costume: Sally loves to be the best, so she also tries to look the best. Make Sally look like a serious inventor by giving her a tool belt, work shirt, jeans, and safety goggles.



**Gretchen:** Gretchen is well-meaning and sweet, but incredible clumsy. When Gretchen breaks the team's prototype after a series of unfortunate incidents, the team decides to forgive her despite the setbacks.

Suggested costume: Gretchen is pretty "aDORKable." She is sweet and kind, but dorky. Show this by having her wear a comfy sweater and big glasses.

**Maker Maniacs:** The VBS kids who lead everyone in singing songs from the week at Maker Fun Factory. Have the Maker Maniacs sit at the front of the room near the stage so they can quickly jump up and help lead singing and motions.

**Stage Hand:** You'll need one volunteer ready to dose Gretchen with a small bucket of water.

## The Script:

**Leader:** Welcome, everybody! First, I want to thank you all for making this week of Maker Fun Factory VBS such a success. Now, can I have my Maker Maniacs come up to help me sing our theme song?

*Maker Maniacs join the cast on stage.*



Play "Made for This" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD.

*Maker Maniacs exit.*

**Leader:** Nice job!

*Ian and Felix enter.*

**Ian:** Yo, yo, yo! What is up, maker people?

**Leader:** Ian! It's so good to see you! I'm glad you're here.

**Ian:** It's good to see you too!

*The two do their complicated handshake from earlier in the week.*

**Ian:** I have big news! I've chosen to be a part of an innovation team.

**Leader:** Innovation team?

**Ian:** Yeah, we've been put on these teams and challenged to create an invention that will "change the world." I know, no pressure, right? Anyway, the other inventors are so good at inventing and making things, and, I'm not sure if you remember this, but I'm kind of not the best when it comes to inventing things.

**Leader:** Oh I remember, Ian. You still have the bandage on from when you hit your thumb that one time.



**Ian:** Yeah...That hurt. I just don't want to let my team down. I'm not good enough.

**Leader:** Don't you remember what we talked about on Day 1? Our Bible Point was **GOD MADE YOU!** (*Wow, God!*) Ian, you shouldn't feel like you aren't good enough. Here, why don't you sing our song "The Maker" with us.

*Maker Maniacs join the cast on stage.*



Play "The Maker" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD.

*Maker Maniacs exit.*

**Ian:** Woo! That song is so epic! It's cool to think that the God who made the whole universe loves me.

**Leader:** Ian, aren't you going to introduce us to your friend?

**Ian:** Oh you know it. This here is Felix. Felix, these are the people I was telling you about.

**Leader:** Hi there, Felix! It's nice to meet you.

**Felix:** Hi.

*Felix and the Leader attempt to do the same complicated handshake that Ian and the Leader did, but it doesn't work. The Leader and Felix end up awkwardly shaking pinkies.*

**Ian:** Awkward.... Anyway, Felix here is in charge of the innovation team I've been put on, but he's a little nervous about L-E-A-D-I-N-G.

**Felix:** I know how to spell, Ian! Why would you say that word? You know it makes me freak out!

*Felix attempts to run off the stage, but Ian grabs him by the back of the shirt.*

**Ian:** Felix here needs some help. Could you share with him what you told me about on Day 2?

**Leader:** Sure, Ian. Felix, I know leadership can be a really scary thing, but you can do it.

**Felix:** But I'm so shy. I can barely talk to other people. Let alone lead them.

**Leader:** You seem to be talking with me just fine. Listen, you heard me remind Ian that **GOD MADE YOU.** (*Wow, God!*) And that same God who made you is also on your side. **GOD IS FOR YOU** (*Wow, God!*), and with him all things are possible. Check out this song.

*Maker Maniacs join the cast on stage.*



Play "God Is For Me" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD.



*Maker Maniacs exit.*

**Felix:** I guess if God is for me, then I really don't have anything to worry about.

**Leader:** That's right! When the God who made everything is for you, there isn't anything to worry about.

*Sally enters yelling so loud and so fast that nobody can understand what she is saying.*

**Sally:** IAN AND FELIX!!!

*Felix covers his ears.*

**Sally:** YOU AREN'T GOING TO BELIEVE WHAT I JUST HEARD! I HEARD ONE OF THE OTHER TEAMS IS WORKING ON A...

*Ian interrupts Sally by putting his hand over her mouth.*

**Ian:** Sally! Slooooooow down, sister.

*Ian removes his hand.*

*Sally speaks more slowly, but just as loud.*

**Sally:** I HEARD THAT...

*Ian puts a finger in front of her.*

**Ian:** Shhh...You don't need to yell.

*Sally begins to speak normally. Felix uncovers his ears.*

**Sally:** Fine! I heard that one of the other innovation teams is working on a mini-van that can fly to the moon! WE NEED TO GET TO WORK! WE NEED TO MAKE SOMETHING GOOD! WE NEED TO...AHHH!!!

*Sally collapses.*

**Felix:** Woah, woah, Sally. Calm down.

*Felix helps Sally up.*

**Sally:** Felix, our invention isn't as good as the other team's. We need to come up with something better.

**Leader:** What's your idea for an invention?

*Ian, Felix, and Sally answer in unison.*

**Ian, Felix, and Sally:** The uncloggable toilet.

**Felix:** Sally, our invention might not be the most exciting, but it's very practical.

**Sally:** I know, but it's going to look so lame during the competition.

**Leader:** On Day 3 we all learned about a guy from the Bible named Gideon. Gideon was the definition of an underdog, but God used him to do big things because God was with him, and that's true for you too. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!** (Wow, God!)



**Ian:** You see, Sally? You don't need to feel like an underdog, especially since **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU.** (Wow, God!)

**Leader:** Let's sing a song about how God is all around us.

*Maker Maniacs join the cast on stage.*



Play "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD.

*Maker Maniacs exit.*

**Sally:** You guys are right. I don't need to be so obsessed with being the best when the God of the universe is with me.

*Gretchen enters somberly.*

**Gretchen:** Hey guys...

*Ian, Felix, and Sally respond in unison.*

**Ian, Felix, and Sally:** What did you do now, Gretchen?

**Leader:** I'm sorry, who is this?

**Ian:** This is Gretchen, the fourth and final person on our innovation team. Gretchen is great, but she's a little clumsy and is always breaking things.

**Gretchen:** That's actually what I came to talk with you guys about.

**Felix:** Oh no...

**Gretchen:** I decided to perform some recalibrations on our uncloggable toilet. Everything was going fine until I dropped the wrench I was using. When I bent over to pick it up, I bumped the side of the toilet.

**Sally:** Gretchen, please tell me you put the parking brake on the wheels we attached to it.

**Gretchen:** Yeah...I may have forgotten to do that. The toilet rolled down the hall until it got to the stairs. Then it somersaulted down the stairs.

*Gretchen does a somersault across the stage.*

**Gretchen:** Now, I thought everything was okay. So I approached the toilet.

*Gretchen tip-toes across the stage.*

**Gretchen:** It was at this point that a pressure differential within the toilet gave way and sprayed me with water.

*A volunteer with a small bucket of water douses Gretchen.*

**Felix:** That would explain why you're all wet. Is the toilet okay?

**Gretchen:** Unfortunately, no. It was at that point that the toilet exploded. I'm so sorry, guys. I really messed this up.



**Ian:** It's okay, Gretchen. We know it was an accident.

**Felix:** That's right, Gretchen. We appreciate that you came and told us.

**Sally:** I suppose starting over will give us a chance to make some of those modifications we wanted to make.

**Gretchen:** So wait, you're forgiving me?

**Felix:** Of course!

**Gretchen:** You guys are the best.

*Gretchen gives Ian, Felix, and Sally a group hug.*

**Leader:** This reminds me of our point on Day 4. **GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!** (Wow, God!) All of us have messed up and done things that God doesn't like. But God loves us and there's nothing that can change that. If we ask for forgiveness, God will give it to us. Let's sing a song about God's great forgiveness.

*Maker Maniacs join the cast on stage.*



Play "You Forgive Me" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD.

*Maker Maniacs exit.*

**Ian:** Okay, gang. So what now?

**Felix:** That's a valid question.

**Sally:** I guess we just have to start from the beginning.

**Gretchen:** That's a lot of work.

**Leader:** Don't get discouraged, guys! Ian, why don't you remind them of our Point on Day 5.

**Ian:** For sure, boss! On Day 5 we learned that **GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON** (Wow, God!) Wait...

*To Leader.*

Oh I see where you're headed, boss. I got this one.

*To group.*

Guys, **GOD MADE US FOR REASON.** (Wow, God!) That means when things get hard, or look bad, we can take comfort in the fact that God put us here for a reason and has a plan for us!

**Felix:** That is awfully reassuring.

**Sally:** I hear ya, Ian! It's time for an attitude check, everybody. God has us here for a reason so let's do our best. Let's get back to work!

**Gretchen:** I'm in!





**Sally: Me too!**

**Ian: Me...**

*Ian counts on his fingers.*

**...three!**

**Felix: I'm with you guys too. Let's go!**

*The four begin to exit.*

**Leader: Wait!**

*The four stop.*

**Leader: Before you go, would you like to...**

*Sally interrupts.*

**Sally: Let me guess, you want us all to sing a song... don't you....**

**Leader: Well...I mean...we can! You brought it up.**

**Sally: Let's do this!**

**Leader: Oh good! This is a fun one. In fact, let's have everyone do this one with us.**

*Maker Maniacs join the cast on stage.*



Play "Let's Get a Little Crazy" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD.

*Maker Maniacs exit.*

**Felix: Alright, makers. Let's go innovate our toilet...again!**

**Ian: Right behind you, Felix! Bye, everybody!**

*The innovation team waves goodbye as they exit.*

**Leader: You know, they might need some help. I'm going to go join their team! Thank you all for coming! We hope you had a good time and that you'll join us for VBS again next year. Bye!**

*Leader exits.*



Play "Made for This" from the Sound Wave Sing & Play DVD as the audience leaves.

