

LifeWay

Video Script

“Jungle Jaunt”

Club VBS 2013

Jungle Jaunt

Responding to the One True God

Motto: One God, One Lord, One Savior

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-2 "I exalt You, my God the King, and praise Your name forever and ever. I will praise You every day; I will honor Your name forever and ever."

Treatment: The mysterious Amazon River and surrounding rainforest is the setting for an adventure that requires physical strength, courage, and faith. A small group of travelers sets out from a remote river outpost and quickly runs into trouble. Lost and without their provisions, it looks like the group is in serious trouble. But with help from a young native boy, disaster is avoided.

CAST:

Ms. Olsen- Experienced VBS director/teacher. Totally focused on developing ideas for VBS. Kind of a wacky personality, rough around the edges, but serious about VBS. *Indiana Jones meets Julia Childs.*

Maggie- VBS Trainee- young adult, uncertain about being in the rainforest. Learning from Mrs. Olsen, but has a more serious personality. Prone to screaming. *Female Don Knotts.*

Elizabeth Olsen- Young daughter to Mrs. Olsen. Happy, often overwhelmed but brave, adventurous. Friendly, welcoming personality. *Beth Moore as a child.*

Abilio- (Portuguese meaning "expert, able") Local boy, at home in the rainforest, speaks only Portuguese, uses hand signs to communicate, intrigued by the strangers. *Young Gilligan.*

Mr. McLean- rainforest guide, grumpy man with an accent.

Local Mom

Extras

Day 1- One Amazing Creator

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Summary of Bible story: God created the world and everything in it.

Application: Because God is Creator, I can praise Him and care for His world.

LOCATION: At dock on the river

ACTORS: 4

STORY: Introduce characters and location. The voyage begins as group launches out in a twin hulled zodiac boat.

Music established. Heavy rhythm over black.

EXT. TREE

1

Fade up to an opening shot. It's an extreme close-up of Elizabeth. She is focused on an object out of her reach. Her heart is racing as she tries to remain calm.

ELIZABETH

Come on, you can do it! Just hold on.

She shifts her position slightly and tries again, straining to reach out. Whatever it is, it's still too far away.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

I'm almost there. Hold on.

Reach out! A little bit more... Just a little but more. You can do it.

Finally we see what she's after. It's a mouse. His name is Mr. Wiggles.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Just reach out that little paw of yours... Are you even listening to me?

(MORE)

Close up of Mr. Wiggles.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

You aren't, are you? Mister Wiggles, I believe you are totally ignoring me.

She grabs him and holds him close.

Ah ha! I got ya! Mister Wiggles, you are in so much trouble!
(now in baby talk)
Oh, yes, you are. Oh, yes, you are.

Camera pulls back farther and farther to reveal that Elizabeth and Mister Wiggles are high up in a very large tree.

CUT TO:

EXT. BASE OF TREE

2

Elizabeth climbs out of the tree and begins to gather the mangos she left at the bottom.

Mister Wiggles is in her pocket.

ELIZABETH

If we're late, Mom is gonna be mad as a kitten in a car wash.
And it's all your fault...

As she bends over to collect the last of the fruit- something stirs in the bushes near by-

She freezes. A low growl rises from the same direction.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Mister Wiggles, was that you?

The low growl is now a little louder.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Okay, I think it's time to go...

She struggles to hold the mangos in her arms as she begins to move ahead.

The growl continues and her pace increases, faster and faster. With each increase she drops a mango or two.

Finally the growl is so loud that she drops everything. Mangos go flying. She's now into a full-panic run.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Yeahhhh!

She runs through various rainforest environments. Jumping over logs, crossing water, etc.

Birds are spooked. Animals hide as she passes.

Suddenly she runs smack into a man. (It's Mr. McLean, but we don't know that immediately.)

He grabs her and lifts her up until they are face to face. He's a gruff-looking fellow.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Mr. McLean! Am I glad to see you!

MR. MCLEAN

(angry)

Elizabeth, the rainforest is no place to go wandering off by yourself!

ELIZABETH

Yes, sir. I'm sorry.

He puts her down.

MR. MCLEAN

(softening)

Your mom sent me to look for you. Come on, she's worried about you.

CUT TO:

EXT. FOUR-WHEELER RIDE

3

Elizabeth hangs on to Mr. McLean as they ride a four-wheeler back to the river station.

Close up reveals Elizabeth's smiling face.

Theme music starts

CG INFO

Elizabeth Olsen, adventurer

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

My name is Elizabeth Olsen.

Welcome to the rainforest.

DISSOLVE TO:

JUNGLE JAUNT STANDARD OPEN

4

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RIVER DOCK

5

Mr. McLean and Maggie are busy loading the boat. They pack the boat with backpacks, daypacks, a duffel bag, suitcases and camping miscellanea. Mrs. Olsen is directing.

CG INFO

Amazon River Station #2

ELIZABETH (TO THE CAMERA)

Have you ever been on an adventure with your mom? Well, I have, and I can guarantee that it's not like any other trip you've been on. You see, my mom has taught Vacation Bible School for . . . well, since before I was born. And, she doesn't believe in doing anything half-way.

CG INFO

Janice Olsen, devoted VBS director.

MRS. OLSEN

(to Maggie and Mr. McLean)

I need that bag with me at all times.

She turns to Elizabeth.

Young lady, where have you been and what do you have to say for yourself?

ELIZABETH

You see, Mister Wiggles was up in this tree and-

She is distracted by the loading.

MRS. OLSEN

No, no, I need my camera and that computer right there- very important.

Mrs. Olsen is wiping Elizabeth's face with a handkerchief and tidying her clothes.

ELIZABETH

And there was this growling noise. It must have been a leopard or jaguar or something-

MRS. OLSEN

Really? Oh, my goodness! What did it sound like?

ELIZABETH

Kinda like “grrroooowwl...”

MR. MCLEAN

Jaguar, I suspect.

MRS. OLSEN

I thought the big cats only came out at night.

MR. MCLEAN

One law of the rainforest you’d best remember, ladies: Always expect the unexpected.

CG INFO

Olly McLean, river guide

MAGGIE

What’s that mean? I don’t like the sound of that.

CG INFO

Maggie Fahvre, VBS leader-in-training

ELIZABETH (TO THE CAMERA)

Maggie is new to all this. This will be her first year to teach in VBS. First time she ever flew on a plane. First time on a boat. First time in the rain forest.

MRS. OLSEN

Maggie, just remember this—no matter what happens,
(using sign language)
“God will make a way.”

MAGGIE

Yeah, okay.

MRS. OLSEN

Forward ho!

MR. MCLEAN

Aye, aye, Skipper.

MAGGIE

Wait- What does that mean, "No matter what happens"?

CUT TO:

EXT. BOAT ON RIVER

6

Establish music bed.

The group is on board the twin hulled boat motoring down the river.

CG INFO

Monday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.

MRS. OLSEN

Okay, Maggie, let's focus on our Day 1 material. This boat trip itself makes me think about it!

MAGGIE

Yes, you're right! Knowing that God is One Amazing Creator is what Day 1 is all about.

Mrs. Olsen and Maggie become involved in their planning conversation. Maggie is taking notes. Mrs. Olsen snaps photos of the surroundings.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

And so, on April 16th at 9 a.m., we started out on our jungle jaunt, conducting our research for Club VBS.

BEAUTY SHOTS TRAVELING UPSTREAM.

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MRS. OLSEN SNAPS PHOTOS ALONG THE WAY AND MAKES NOTES IN HER NOTEBOOK.

MR. MCLEAN PILOTS THE BOAT.

MAGGIE GINGERLY PUTS HER HAND IN THE WATER.

POV FROM SHORE

8

Establish danger music.

POV someone or something is watching from shore.

MRS. OLSEN

Elizabeth, can you reach the Jungle Juice?

ELIZABETH

Yes, ma'am.

Elizabeth gets the canteen/thermos and a cup and hands them to her mother.

MAGGIE

Jungle Juice?

MRS. OLSEN

Maggie, I do hope you've familiarized yourself with all the snacks for VBS. (pause) Write this down.

Maggie readies her pen and paper.

MRS. OLSEN (cont'd)

Jungle Juice---a delicious combination of lemonade and limeade, mixed well with ginger ale. Served over ice.

MAGGIE

Ice Wish we had some right now.

Maggie puts down her pencil and dips her handkerchief in the river.

MR. MCLEAN

Careful not to feed the fishies there, Maggie.

MAGGIE

Oh, I don't have any fish food, Mr. McLean.

MR. MCLEAN

To the piranha, you are fish food.

Maggie pulls up her handkerchief and sees that a piranha is still attached.

She screams and lets go of the handkerchief.

MAGGIE

Aaahhhhhh!

Birds are scared out of the trees.

ELIZABETH IS HOLDING MR. WIGGLES AND USING BINOCULARS.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

With each passing hour we moved farther from the safety of civilization. No electricity. No cell phones. Traveling deeper into the rainforest... Farther from home, but closer to the howler monkeys and macaws and jaguars... Deeper inside a world that was so different from my own.

Today in Club VBS: Jungle Jaunt, you'll learn that God created the world and everything in it. As mom and Maggie said earlier, the rainforest reminded us of the fact that God is One Amazing Creator. And because He is Creator, we can praise Him and care for His world.

I could tell This trip was going to be somethin' special.

Elizabeth signs to the camera: "God will make a way."

Theme music begins

The boat zips along.

DISSOLVE TO:

Fly over footage

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Pau.

Day 2 – One Miraculous Provider

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-44

Summary of Bible story: God showed His love for people. Elisha helped a widow and her sons trust God to provide for their needs. God protected a group of men from a deadly stew. By God's help Elisha multiplied bread for the people to eat.

Application: Because God is provider, I can depend on Him and share with others.

LOCATION: On the river and in camp.

ACTORS: 5

STORY: Boat is stolen/sinks/drifts away in the night. Group loses provisions and are now lost. Enter local boy.

Recap Day 1

CG INFO

Last time on Jungle Jaunt

Jungle Jaunt Standard open

DISSOLVE TO:

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. IN BOAT ON RIVER

9

The group travels up river in boat-

Elizabeth is showing Mr. Wiggles the sights.

CUT TO:

CU OF ELIZABETH

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ELIZABETH (TO THE CAMERA)

Jungle rivers can be really dangerous. They're always changing.

It's like there's a fight going on between the river and the jungle.

DISSOLVE TO:

GROUP TRAVELS IN THE BOAT.

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ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Every day the water takes away lots of soil from the jungle on one side of the river. Whole sections of the bank can disappear overnight and that seems bad- but then the river puts it all back on the other side- and that's good.

I'm sure glad God figured out such a cool way to move dirt to where He needs it.

MR. MCLEAN

Stand by ladies.

ELIZABETH

Land ho-o-o!

The boat pulls ashore. Elizabeth puts Mr. Wiggles in her backpack. She stands up and readies herself to hop out, but loses her balance...

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Whoaah!

She almost falls into the river, but catches her balance again. She jumps ashore and secures the boat line around a tree.

POV

12

Establish danger music. Someone or something is watching

Mrs. Olsen steps out of boat

MRS. OLSEN

Alright, gang, let's set up camp right over- uhh

She is standing in mud. Maggie steps into same mud.

MAGGIE

Okay, who put this here?

The two slip around in it for a moment. McLean gets down to help. All three are now slipping.

Maggie holds on to Mr. McLean's shoulder and all three sorta squat down to try and keep their balance as they walk forward. Elizabeth is laughing.

MRS. OLSEN

Okay Maggie. This should make you think of one of our Club VBS snacks.

MAGGIE

Are you kidding me? I'm just trying to figure out how to get onto dry land without falling face first into this mud!

MRS. OLSEN

Focus, Maggie. You must stay focused.

MAGGIE

I would guess you're thinking of Rapid River Mud.

MRS. OLSEN

Excellent!

MAGGIE

I, however, would have picked one of our recreational games.

MRS. OLSEN

Of course! The Crocodile Crawl! Girl, you are on your way to being an expert VBS leader!

ELIZABETH

What's the Crocodile Crawl?

POV

CUT TO:

13

The strange trio moves forward while being watched

MRS. OLSEN

I am the crocodile head. You form the crocodile body. We pick up fish along the way. The object is to cross the finish line while holding on to the person in front of you. Like so.

DISSOLVE TO:

Toucan in the trees.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

We made it through the mud, got to our campsite, and set up the tents.

Fast motion slapstick set up of tents---one for ladies, one for Mr. McLean.

INT. TENT

14

Elizabeth snuggles into her sleeping bag.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Settling in that first night felt so good. I love sleeping in a tent. It's like a tiny, little house. And Mom always finds fun ways to decorate it.

Tent is decorated with VBS visuals.

Lights go out.

Camera pans over the faces of the three ladies: Mrs. Olsen is sleeping, Elizabeth is sleeping, Maggie is wide-eyed. Wild rainforest sounds are heard.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER (cont'd)

Interesting thing about the rainforest is that when it gets dark, that's when a lot of animals want to come out and when they do, they make all kinds of weird noises. It's really loud, but it's something you have to get used to.

EXT. SKY FILLS WITH STORM CLOUDS AND LIGHTNING

15

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Sometime during the night the weather changed- for the worse. I woke up to a giant clap of thunder. It felt like it was right above us. Then the rain came, and the wind.

Mr. McLean sticks his head in the tent.

MR. MCLEAN

I don't like the looks of this storm. I'm going to check the boat.

MRS. OLSEN

What should we do?

MR. MCLEAN

Just stay put and try to keep from floating away.

Elizabeth and Mrs. Olsen look at each other with concern, and then to Maggie. Maggie is hiding under the covers.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

We waited for what seemed like hours, but Mr. McLean never
(MORE)

came back.
At first light, we went looking for him.

The ladies walk toward the river bank where we last saw the boat.

There is no sign of Mr. McLean or the boat.

MAGGIE
It's gone! The boat is gone!

MRS. OLSEN
Maybe he just moved it downstream.

Elizabeth stands by the tree where she tied the boat. The rope is still tied to the tree and she is holding the broken end.

ELIZABETH
I've got a bad feeling about this.

MAGGIE
The boat's gone. Mr. McLean is gone. We're alone! Lost in the rainforest!

MRS. OLSEN
We're not lost.

MAGGIE
We're not?

MRS. OLSEN
No, we're not lost. We just don't know where we are, that's all.

ELIZABETH
Ah, I hate to bring up more bad news, but...

MAGGIE
But what?

ELIZABETH

We packed all the food on the boat to keep wild animals from getting into it.

MAGGIE

No food?

MRS. OLSEN

Well, I have a little bit of the Macaw Mix.

MAGGIE

Wild animals tried to eat our food? You mean they know we're here?

Elizabeth shakes her head.

Okay, I'm going back into that tent right now and I'm not coming out until the rescue team gets here.

Maggie exits.

ELIZABETH

(to Maggie) You think a rescue team is coming?

Mrs. Olsen makes the hand sign, "God will make a way."

Elizabeth makes the sign.

POV

16

Something watches from a distance.

TIME LAPSE: GROUP STAYS PUT FOR TWO DAYS

17

ELIZABETHER VOICE OVER

We stayed around the tent for two days, but nobody came.
What had happened to Mr. McLean?

Ladies gather water and combine dip mix and mayonnaise packets. Mr. Wiggles eats some crumbs.

We shared what little food we had, but it ran out. I couldn't find a single fruit tree.

Elizabeth eats a berry. Mrs. Olsen is writing/planning/reading VBS stuff.

ELIZABETH

You think this berry is okay to eat?

MRS. OLSEN

I don't know, Lizzy. I'm not very skilled in jungle survival.
That's why we had Mr. McLean here.

ELIZABETH

Well, I'm starving. I'm gonna take my chances.

She continues to munch on the berries.

MRS. OLSEN

Maggie, can you and Elizabeth gather some wood for a fire,
please?

MAGGIE

Sure.

They are searching the edge of a tree line.

MAGGIE (cont'd)

So how does that sign language go? God ...will...make...a
way.

ELIZABETH

Mom and I were just talking about God one day and how He's always there for us, and we kinda made up our own sign . . .
(she's interrupted by Maggie's scream)

Maggie has bent down to pick up a stick of wood and sees two feet. She screams.

MAGGIE

Yeeahhhh!

It's a local boy. He screams.

ABILIO

Yeaahhhh!

He's holding an arm full of fruit, which he drops. He's wearing a T-shirt created with Portuguese/Spanish words painted on it. Maggie runs away screaming.

ELIZABETH

Maggie, wait!

Elizabeth turns back to the boy.

ELIZABETH (cont'd)

Sorry, she's kind of a scaredy cat. My name is Elizabeth. What's yours?

He stands quietly now. He does not speak English. He picks up a piece of the fruit he dropped and offers it to Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH (V.O.) (cont'd)

Okay, so it looks like this guy doesn't speak English, but he brought an arm-full of fruit and that's exactly what we needed. I like to think that God sent him our wayAfter all, God is a miraculous Provider.

(MORE)

Today in Club VBS: Jungle Jaunt you'll learn that God showed His love for people, and people trusted God to provide for their needs. Do you trust God to provide for your needs? Because God is Provider, we can depend on Him and share with others.

I don't know where this guy came from, or if he knows Who God is, but I'm' glad he was willing to share with us.

Day 3 – One Powerful Healer

Scripture: Matthew 9: 1-8, 18-33

Summary of Bible story: Jesus shows His power to heal people.

Application: Because God is Healer, I can thank Him and show care for others.

LOCATION: In rainforest

ACTORS: 4

STORY: Sickness or injury to a member. Group prays for help

I. Recap Day 2

EXT. OUTSIDE TENT

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ELIZABETH (TO THE CAMERA)

So here we are, lost and starving in the jungle... no food, no boat, with a kid we've never seen before. Who doesn't speak English. So what do we do? We ate fruit until we were stuffed.

Group stuffs their faces with food.

Tight of Elizabeth.

Tight of Maggie.

Tight of Mr. Wiggles.

Tight of Mrs. Olsen. She has skewered several types of fruit.

MRS. OLSEN

Okay, three seconds. Name this snack.

MAGGIE

Shish-ka-snakes.

MRS. OLSEN

Take a picture.

Maggie snaps a photo. Mrs. Olsen then takes a bite from the skewer. Abilio approaches Mrs. Olsen and proudly shows her that he also has a skewer of food. Bugs of some kind are on his skewer. He takes a bite.

MRS. OLSEN
(sarcastically) Well, I'm sure that's yummy.

Elizabeth approaches Abilio.

ELIZABETH
Thank you for the food. My name is Elizabeth.

He smiles but doesn't know how to respond.

MAGGIE
Here, let me help.
(speaking too loudly)
Her name is Elizabeth! What is your name?

She points to Elizabeth.

MAGGIE (cont'd)
Her E-liz-a-beth. You-?

He figures it out.

ABILIO
Abilio.

ELIZABETH
Abilio? Your name is Abilio?

ABILIO
Sim. Abilio.

MRS. OLSEN
He's speaking Portuguese. He's a local.

MAGGIE
Are you from around here?

He tries hard to understand, but it's no use. Suddenly his eyes focus on something in the distance.

ABILIO
Pantera. (panther)

Abilio begins to urgently call them into the tent.

ABILIO (cont'd)
Para dentro! (inside)

At first they resist.

MRS. OLSEN
What's he saying?

ELIZABETH
I don't know. I think he wants us to go inside the tent.

MAGGIE
He looks scared to me.

ELIZABETH
Then maybe we should-

MRS. OLSEN
Go! Go! Go!

The group gets into the tent and Abilio quickly zips it up.

He gives them the sign for shhh. Soon they hear a low growl. Maggie takes in a deep breath to scream.

MAGGIE
Y-!

Abilio puts his hand over her mouth to silence her.

Outside the tent a jaguar walks by.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

We couldn't see what was out there but we could hear it.
Whatever it was, it sounded big.

After a moment, Abilio signals that it's okay to exit. He opens the tent and the group steps out. As the ladies exit, Abilio is gone.

MAGGIE

Where's Abilio?

ELIZABETH

He was right here.

The mood is tense as they scan the jungle around them.

As suddenly as he disappeared, he's back. Abilio returns with a backpack on his shoulder.

MRS. OLSEN

Looks like he's ready to move on.

He motions for them to follow.

MAGGIE

Do you think he knows where he's going?

ELIZABETH

He's helped us twice already.

MRS. OLSEN

I say let's follow him.

MAGGIE

Give me a minute. I just want to grab a few things.

CUT TO:

MAGGIE WITH OVER-STUFED BACKPACK

Maggie is a bit wobbly as she tries to balance the pack that towers over her.

MRS. OLSEN

Oh, boy.

MAGGIE

I got it. I got it.

Mrs. Olsen takes a moment to slowly take a visual scan of the area.

MRS. OLSEN

(almost as if speaking to herself) I'm worried about Mr. McLean Where is he?

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. GROUP ON RAINFOREST TRAIL

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ELIZABETH (TO THE CAMERA)

You have to admit, this is an interesting hike. If I were at school we'd probably call this a nature hike because Abilio did his best to show us the way to survive in the rainforest.

Abilio turns over a plant leaf and finds a caterpillar. He pops it in his mouth.

MAGGIE

Did he just do what I think he did?

ELIZABETH

Uh huh.

MRS. OLSEN

He ate it.

MAGGIE

Oh, no he didn't! Oh, no he didn't!

ELIZABETH

It must be "bug day" in the rainforest.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. GROUP CROSSES WATER

20

Abilio splashes the water.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Abilio made all kinds of noise as we moved through the rainforest. He would splash water and bang sticks and scare Maggie.

He puts a lizard in her hand and she screams.

MAGGIE

Yeahhhhh!

Animals run away.

ELIZABETH

He sure does make a lot of noise as he walks.

MRS. OLSEN

Well, I read that most jungle animals keep in contact by sound.

So people who live in the jungle have learned to use noise to let the wild animals know they're coming.

MAGGIE

Let 'em know we're coming? Why, so they can ask us over for dinner?

MRS. OLSEN

No, I'd say it gives the animals a chance to get out of our way.

MAGGIE

Okay, then. (yelling) Hey, you wild animals! Here we come!! You just move along!

The ladies join in.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. ALONG CLIFF

21

As the group moves ahead. Elizabeth is eating some wild berries that she had earlier. She offers some to Abilio.

ELIZABETH

Abilio, what are these called? Name?

He motions to ask her if she has eaten them. He looks concerned.

ABILIO

Coma? (eat)

ELIZABETH

Yeah, sure I've been eating them all day. They're not very sweet but they're good, right?

He looks terribly concerned and begins shaking his head.

ABILIO

Nao. Nao.

He looks toward Mrs. Olsen and makes the eating sign and shows the berries.

ABILIO (cont'd)

Veneno. Veneno.

MRS. OLSEN

Veneno. V- Venom? That sounds like venom.

ELIZABETH

You mean...?

MRS. OLSEN

Poison.

MAGGIE

Abilio's been eating bugs, and she's gonna get sick from eating berries?

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

My adventure was just about to become a nightmare. It wasn't long before I began to feel really bad.

EXT. ELIZABETH ON GROUND

DISSOLVE TO:
22

Mom and Maggie are beside her.

DISSOLVE TO:

ABILIO SEARCHES THE JUNGLE

23

Abilio moves through the rainforest searching for something.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

People who live in the rainforest know about plants that are like medicines. Abilio knew exactly what he needed to find to help me.

At last he finds a flower.

He crushes the flower petals and adds water.

ABILIO
Medicina. Ajuda. (help)

He gives it to Elizabeth. Mrs. Olsen puts her hand on Elizabeth's forehead.

MRS. OLSEN
She's burning up with fever. We have to cool her down.

Abilio feels her forehead.

ABILIO
Rio.

CUT TO:

ABILIO AND ELIZABETH IN THE RIVER

Abilio and Mrs. Olsen walk/carry Elizabeth to the river. Abilio carefully lowers her into the water. Maggie and Mrs. Olsen anxiously watch from the shore. They pray a short prayer together.

MRS. OLSEN
I hope he knows what he's doing. That's my baby girl.

MAGGIE
(comforting Mrs. Olsen) She's going to be fine. I'm sure she'll be fine. He knows what he's doing.

DISSOLVE TO:

JUNGLE SCENES---ANIMALS, ETC.

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DISSOLVE TO:

ON SHORE

26

Back on shore Elizabeth comes around. She offers a weak smile. Mom is teary-eyed and hugs her. Maggie signs to Elizabeth, "God will make a way."

The crisis is over.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Make a note: Don't eat wild things in the rainforest unless you know for certain that they're not poisonous!

I knew I was going to be okay. I'm glad Abilio knew what would make me feel better.

Now, Abilio wasn't any kind of miracle worker. But, today in Club VBS: Jungle Jaunt, you'll be learning about the One Powerful Healer—God. You'll hear stories about how Jesus was able to heal people, using the power given to Him by God. Because God is the One Powerful Healer, we can thank Him and show care for others. I'm thankful that God sent Abilio our way, and that Abilio showed care for me.

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Pau.

(cont'd)

Day 4 – One Living Savior

Scripture: Luke 23-24:1-12, 36-49

Summary of Bible story: Jesus was tried, convicted, and crucified. He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive.

Application: Because God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world, I can trust Jesus as my Savior and Lord and tell others about Him.

LOCATION: In the rainforest

ACTORS: 4

STORY: Group travels through the rainforest to the native village.

Recap Day 3

EXT. ON RAINFOREST TRAIL 27
Group travels in rainforest again.

Abilio is in the lead, followed by Mrs. Olsen. Elizabeth is playing with Mr. Wiggles.

Maggie is struggling with/discarding items from her backpack.

CUT TO:

EXT. GROUP AT POND SWING 28

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

You know that really cool feeling on the first day of summer vacation?

Well, that's how it was for me. I felt great. Sure, we were still miles from anywhere, but I had a feeling deep down that God was watching out for us and that He would make a way.

Water splash fight

MAGGIE

(quietly to Mrs. Olsen) What do you think happened to Mr. McLean?

MRS. OLSEN

I don't know. I hope he's arrived safely somewhere.

Mr. Wiggles takes a dip.

Slap-stick: Abilio slips and falls into water.

EXT. GROUP ON TRAIL

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We see various shots of animals.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

That day we spotted more than 46 different birds

six different mammals (not including humans), tapir, deer and ocelot,

and lots of reptiles, spiders, butterflies, moths and fish.

Maggie found a rat.

Maggies screams close-up.

MAGGIE

Yeaahhhh!

Animals hide. Birds fly.

EXT. GROUP ON RAINFOREST TRAIL. TREES

30

Kids try to knock down coconuts/fruit from trees with rocks. It doesn't work.

ELIZABETH (TO THE CAMERA)

Did you know that there are so many trees in the rainforest that they make their own rain shower? It works like this...

PAN UP TREE

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Each tree has roots that can suck up hundreds of gallons of water every day, but the tree only needs a little bit of that water, so the rest is released back into the air through evaporation. When the air gets full, it rains again.

Elizabeth climbs on Abilio's shoulders in an attempt to reach for a limb or coconut. They fall down.

Monkeys are overhead.

Mrs. Olsen and Maggie sit nearby. Maggie gets an idea.

MAGGIE

Okay . . . I'm thinking of a snack.

MRS. OLSEN

Oh, really?

MAGGIE

Can you guess which one?

MRS. OLSEN

(looking at the monkeys) Monkey Delight!

MAGGIE

Bananas, crushed pineapple, orange juice, yogurt... but we don't have to tell the kids it has yogurt in it.

MRS. OLSEN

Maggie, I do believe you're going to be a top-notch VBS leader.

Maggie smiles with a feeling of satisfaction.

Group stops to eat. Abilio is a short distance away from the group.

ELIZABETH

I wonder if he's ever heard about Jesus?

MRS. OLSEN

I don't know. Maybe from some missionaries.

MAGGIE

I'm sure if we told him we were here for VBS, he wouldn't know what we were talking about.

ELIZABETH

I wish he could speak English.

MRS. OLSEN

Or we could speak Portuguese.

ELIZABETH

I've got an idea. We may not speak the same language, but that doesn't mean we can't communicate.

She grabs a small Bible and approaches Abilio.

Hey Abilio . . .

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

Okay, so maybe it was a crazy idea, but it was fun trying to find a way to tell Abilio about Jesus. I acted out the story about Jesus being born in Bethlehem.

I drew pictures on the ground.

We made a cross out of sticks to tell him about the cross where Jesus died.

I dug a hole in the ground so I could describe the tomb where Jesus was buried.

(MORE)

I was just about to use a flashlight to show how he rose from the dead when...

The sounds of a helicopter approaching. Abilio looks up.

Everyone looks up.

MAGGIE

Is that what I think it is?

ALL

Helicopter!

The group explodes in a mad dash to find the helicopter and draw its attention.

ALL (cont'd)

Hey! Hey!

Over here!

Here we are! Etc.

Abilio is yelling something different.

ABILIO

Paragem! (stop) Paragem! (stop) Penhasco! (cliff)

Abilio jumps in front of them and forces them to stop. They are confused and mad at him.

MRS. OLSEN

Abilio, get out of our way!

MAGGIE

What are you doing?

The helicopter goes off into the distance.

MRS. OLSEN

Why did you stop us? Don't you understand-

Abilio steps back to reveal that they are standing on the edge of a cliff that drops into a deep ravine.

They have stopped just in time.

ELIZABETH

(suddenly frightened)

We almost...

MRS. OLSEN

(also frightened)

If you hadn't stopped us we would have...

Close-up of Maggie. She looks over the edge, screams and runs away.

MAGGIE

Yeaahhhhh!

Abilio smiles and signs, "God will make a way."

Maggie's scream echoes across the ravine.

DISSOLVE TO:

BEAUTY SHOTS OF THE RAINFOREST

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ELIZABETH (V.O.)

Wow, that was close! Once again, Abilio came to our rescue! I don't know if he understood when I was trying to tell him about Jesus.

I wish I could've used the ABCs of becoming a Christian, but... I guess it wouldn't be A-B-C in Portuguese, would it? (pause) Do you know the ABCs of becoming a Christian?

(MORE)

CG the ABCs

A stands for ADMIT. Admit to God that you're a sinner. We all are sinners. B stands for BELIEVE. Believe that Jesus is God's Son and accept His gift of forgiveness from sin. C stands for CONFESS. Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Today in Club VBS: Jungle Jaunt, you'll learn more about the ABCs of becoming a Christian. You'll learn that because God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world, you can trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord and tell others about Him.

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Pau.

Day 5 – One Lord of All

Scripture: Acts 10:24-43

Summary of Bible story: Peter visited in the home of a non-Jew and showed that God loves all people of all cultures and nationalities.

Application: Because God is Lord of all, I can follow Him and show respect to all people of all cultures and nationalities.

LOCATION: Village

ACTORS: 9-10

STORY: Group arrives at native village and discovers the locals are Christians.

Recap Day 4

Group continues trek.

ELIZABETH (V.O.) (cont'd)

Okay, here's my list of the top three most interesting animals in the rainforest.

Shot of jungle tarantula.

#3 The jungle tarantula.

Shot of howler monkey

#2 The howler monkey

Shot of basilisk lizard

And #1 The basilisk lizard. This weird creature can actually run across the top of the water.

How sweet is that?

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

And here's my top three most interesting Maggie screams.

Insert Maggie screams real fast

1,2,3

Group is marching along.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER (cont'd)

But the most interesting thing in the whole rainforest is...
Abilio's backpack. What's he carry in that thing? Surely, no cell
phone. Maybe a fish net? Chap stick?

The group stops to rest/drink water/eat fruit

Mrs. Olsen begins to survey the bark on the trees

MRS. OLSEN

(pondering the possibility) You know, we're going to make
those Bark Cloth Prayer Journals.
I wonder . . .

MAGGIE

You're not thinking of doing that, are you?

ELIZABETH

Mom, surely there's some law against taking bark from trees
in the rainforest.

MRS. OLSEN

Well, that's how the local people make paper. They remove it
from the trees, soak it in water, and pound it until it's smooth.

MAGGIE

I bet we'd have to have some sort of bark-removal-by-
outsiders permit or something.

Maggie indicates to Abilio that the group should get moving.

EXT. GROUP ON RAINFOREST TRAIL

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Abilio begins to move faster.

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

And then, almost as suddenly as it started, our Jungle Jaunt came to an end.

MAGGIE

Hey, Abilio, where ya going?

Group enters a clearing. Abilio is way ahead.

Suddenly they have arrived in a local village. Mr. McLean is there, and greets the group with hugs.

Abilio who is way ahead, runs into one of the huts.

MR. MCLEAN

Praise be, I was so worried about you ladies.

MRS. OLSEN

We were worried about you. I'm so thankful you're all right.

Hugs and conversation continues. Abilio steps outside the hut to invite them in.

ABILIO

(Enter.)

Group discovers that these locals are Christians and are preparing for VBS. One group is making Rainforest Frames, a Day 1 craft.

Ladies are offered a beverage.

LOCAL LADY (ABILIO'S MOM?)

Please, come in! Would you ladies like a glass of Waterfall Mist? It's a lemon-lime drink, blue food coloring---

Mrs. Olsen and Maggie complete the sentence with her, but with great puzzlement.

MRS. OLSEN, MAGGIE, AND LOCAL LADY
---crushed or shaved ice, served in a fish bowl.

LOCAL LADY
Yes!

She hands them each a glass of the drink. Mrs. Olsen and Maggie feel as if they are in a bizarre dream.

MAGGIE
(whispers to Mrs. Olsen) What is going on here?

MRS. OLSEN
I'm not believing this is real. Pinch me.

Maggie pinches Mrs. Olsen's arm pretty hard. Mrs. Olsen grabs pulls arm away.

MRS. OLSEN (cont'd)
Ouch!

A group is gathered at the other end of the hut, doing motions to the Jungle Jaunt theme song. As the song continues, the group parts to reveal Jeff Slaughter leading them.

Elizabeth joins the music group, and is having a ball.

MRS. OLSEN (cont'd)
(to Maggie) Did we eat any weird berries today?

MAGGIE
Is that . . .

MRS. OLSEN
(in disbelief) It's Jeff Slaughter

JEFF

(continuing with the motions) Hey! Come and join us! We're learning the Jungle Jaunt theme song!

Elizabeth joins Jeff, standing by his side as the song continues

ELIZABETH VOICE OVER

(chuckling) What a blast! We never could've dreamed that our Jungle Jaunt would end like this! And to think, Abilio does know what Vacation Bible School is! Isn't it neat to know that God is the One Lord of All? That He loves all people?

Theme song continues to play.

Abilio makes hand sign- "God will make a way."

A Rainforest Frame crosses the screen. A photo of Mrs. Olsen, Maggie, and Elizabeth is inside the frame.

End with scream from Maggie.