

sample packet

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Vacation Bible School



a Team Expansion Kids resource



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what is it?

Team Expansion JUMP Vacation Bible School curriculum is designed to get children and children's ministries to jump into missions by involving them in God's plan for spreading His Word.

what's included?

This is a full fledged curriculum that can be used to plan an entire week of Vacation Bible School or you can use the modules you like to supplement your own VBS. Modules included are daily Bible stories, crafts, worship suggestions, opening and closing material, as well as handouts and a website to take the teaching even deeper!

how much does it cost?

The material is free. The only cost would be copies of the digital materials and any props or decorations you might use. We also request that you use your offering toward Team Expansion. Team Expansion is a missions organization transforming communities among the unreached by planting churches. For more information about Team Expansion visit www.teamexpansion.org

story rooms

JUMP VBS utilizes the storytelling method to use modern parables and drama to teach children about missions methods and biblical principles. After exploring this packet please contact us for more information.

This is designed to be all you need, however the modules are designed to fit into your program. Use them all, or pick which ones you need. If you already have a complete VBS program, you can use our Daily Stories for your missions moments.



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Daily Stories

Each day there is a dramatic story based on biblical principles and highlighting different kinds of mission opportunities around the world. These include medical and urban missions, etc. The room the story is told in is decorated to support the type of mission being shared.

Crafts

Each day will have a topic that coincides with the story. To reinforce these new concepts the crafts will be tailored to remind, challenge and put into action that day's topic. One craft will include creating a daily devotional that can be used long after VBS is over.

Opening/Closing

At the start and close of each day, there will be times for everyone to gather together. Supercharged with colorful characters and skits the opening will launch the day's activities and the closing will tie up the day's events. Skits and ideas will be provided to make the best use of this time together.

Worship suggestions

Instead of giving you materials for worship, we'll be providing suggestions/resources to plug into your worship times.

handouts

Every day there will be handouts for you to copy and pass out. These will reinforce the lessons they learned at VBS through games, reminders and resources.

Daily actions

Jump in! Each day will have an action challenge, like bringing cans for a local food drive, gathering medical supplies for use in mission clinics, etc.

Note: If you are only doing a four day VBS program, the first day may be the easiest one to skip since it serves as an introduction.



Day one: Museum of Missions

Step into a musty smelling museum that contains artifacts from places all over the world. Each item has a story and the curator can't wait to walk you through each one and tell you about God and his missions going on around the world!

Day two: Medical Missions

The helicopter drops you off in the middle of the desert, where you find a working medical clinic in a tent nearby. Hear the stories of how missionaries are caring for people's sicknesses and telling them about Jesus at the same time.

Day three: Big City Missions

With horns honking and sounds of people everywhere, the train gets you to your next destination, a city filled with hundreds of thousands of people. You make it to the apartment of a person whose life was changed by a missionary who came and told them about Jesus.

Day four: Need-Based Missions

Children and adults are sleeping in buildings made of cardboard and pieces of wood thrown together. The smell of trash is nearby and people need clothing, food, a place to sleep and - most of all - Jesus. Hear stories of how lives are changed through reaching the poor.

Day five: Undercover Missions

Under a full moon your group makes its way through a jungle maze to find the campfire of a man who wants to tell about the amazing adventures of following God into places that don't allow the news of God to be shared. Shhh...don't get caught.

Note: The title of this section may be misleading, because you don't have to use classrooms. You can divide up a Fellowship Hall or even have some of the stories told outside. Make sure there's good weather in the forecast or have a backup plan in case it gets foul outside.



The rooms

Using paper, sheets or paint decorate each of the walls in the room to transport the kids into another world to make their stories come alive.

Make sure you have sufficient permission before doing any permanent changes.

entrances

Each entrance needs to be decorated like the transportation each Individual story sections highlight. This small addition provides a little opportunity to suspend belief and travel to the "new location".

5 senses

Where possible use materials that evoke all of the senses. If the story is seaside, put some bait in the room or grab an ocean mist candle and put it on a candle warmer during the stories (candle warmers have no open flames). We live in an age of great sound resources, take advantage of this. Use rainforest sounds or jungle effects to add to the memory and realism. These teaching tools are actually memory hooks. Could you ever really forget certain sights, smells and tastes from your past? Provide relevant snacks for the kids to eat while they are with the storyteller. Pass around touchable objects or make the room itself have touchable components.

Be Creative

Ten years from now children will remember the things that stood out to them. Don't let movies, cartoons and music capture more attention than a potentially amazing VBS adventure! Get your best creative minds on this and give them the resources to run with it! Your church, your parents and your kids will be changed by the effort made. Above all God will be glorified and kids will be challenged to be involved in worldwide missions from this point forward!



Room ideas:

This story is set in a desert region. In the back half of the room should be a tent large enough for the storyteller to possibly stand. Inside the tent put a cot and medical supplies. On the outside could be a large red cross.

One idea for the walls would be to put white paper or sheets along the walls and paint or draw sand dunes rolling around the room. A few palm trees in the corners will help round out the room. Or draw a camel on the wall too.

Make sure and place rugs or blankets around the room for the kids to sit on during the story. Snack ideas are on the back page of the story section.

Add quiet wind or desert bird sounds on a mp3 player, and for older kids you could even add battle sounds from afar indicating a war torn country.

The kids will be "arriving" by helicopter so the door can be decorated as such, as well as sounds of a helicopter landing as the kids are coming in.



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The script

Storyteller prep: *Make sure you take sufficient time to read through and memorize this script. Don't worry if you miss a word here or there and make it your own. If it feels natural to say, "howdy" to the kids instead of, "welcome," do that. Your time spent in prayer and preparation is directly proportional to what impact this story will be on the kids. Get some scrubs to wear while telling the story. They are sold at major retail stores.*

Story Script:

(Welcome the kids into the room off the "helicopter" they just rode in on).

"Come in, come in. I hope the copter ride wasn't too bumpy. Please come near the tent and have a seat on the rugs (or pillows or blankets) and relax after your journey. I imagine that you have been to a hospital before, or at the very least a doctor's office. I'm guessing this tent behind me doesn't look anything like what you're imagining a hospital or doctor's office to look like."

"In this place, there aren't many hospitals or even doctors. Many people here even die of sicknesses that have cures. The reason's because there isn't the money or doctors to get them the medicine!"

"You know, I remember a story about Jesus in the desert and some very sick people came to him for help....but wait where are my manners?"

"My name is Dr. Shepherd. I came here to this clinic in the middle of nowhere many years ago. I came so that I could help people with their sicknesses, but even more importantly, I came to show love to people like Jesus does."

"Let me pass some snacks around and I will tell you some incredible stories about this clinic and about Jesus as well!" *(see the back story page for desert snack ideas).*

"Everybody take one and pass it around quietly." *(wait for the kids to get their treat before continuing, have several trays so it goes quick and have the adults help).* "Now, where was I? Oh, I remember. There was a loud sound and several men showed up outside my clinic tent. Now I'd like to say this was the first time, but.....((CONTINUED in the full version of JUMP VBS curriculum))

Note: This section includes ideas for kids to act on the concepts that they are learning about each day. There is a space on the daily handout where you can put a reminder for what to do for the next day's action step!



Day two: Medical Missions Daily Action Ideas

Contact Team Expansion a few weeks in advance to request from medical missionaries a current list of medical supplies that kids could bring unpackaged and donate to various medical missions around the world.

This list might include things like:

cotton balls
cotton swabs
gauze
bandaids
etc.

Or contact an area children's hospital or Ronald McDonald House and see if there are things which your kids could donate.

This list might include things like:

puzzles
stuffed animals
board games
coloring books
etc.





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Day 2

Medical Missions

Hey Kids! Cosmo here. I hope you've had a gr8 time today learning about Medical Missions. I know I did! Check out the fun stuff below to learn more about this exciting topic. Have an adult at home help you go through this and pray about people using medicine to care for others and tell people about the love of Jesus. Be sure and read about the Daily Action for tomorrow and see what you can do to help! As always, spend time reading God's word to see God's heart!



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Daily Actions



Using the template provided PASTE YOUR DAILY ACTIVITY CARD HERE before making any copies in order to remind students what they are challenged to do tomorrow!

An example is to have students bring medical supplies that can be mailed to a medical missions team.

The template will be provided in the full version of the JUMP VBS curriculum.

Shopping List:

- cotton balls
- cotton swabs
- gauze
- bandaids

Spike's facts



About 9 million children die around the world each year of preventable diseases because they don't have medicine.*

and Dr. Livingstone was a Scottish missionary, doctor and explorer who opened up Africa to missions over 100 years ago!**

* according to the who.int website
** wholesomewords.org

Prayer TOPICS

As a family, pray for...

- ...all the medical missionaries around the globe.
- ...all the sick children who need medicine and God's love.
- ...all the people who are in need of surgeries and through this difficulty they will come to know Jesus.



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Note: Remember this is free curriculum that is being offered for you to highlight Team Expansion missions. Except for offerings, the only cost is copies, decorations and things like craft materials and snacks. If you would like to use this curriculum in full or part, there are a couple ways for you to request your free materials. Check out the two ways below and choose the easiest for you!

online

Email us at mcrosser@teamexpansion.org to request your free copy of the JUMP VBS program. We will send you a link to download the materials. Please include your church name, address, your name and what dates you are using the material when you email.

mail



Send your request to the address below, filling out the following info and we will mail you a copy of the materials via postal mail.

Church Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

What dates will you be using the material? _____

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