2023 AiG VBS Assembly Scripts

**Day 1: Ehani - Nepal**

Slides and videos for this section are on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.

SHOW: “Forged in Hope” slide

As we spend this week learning about standing strong in God’s truth, we are also going to get the chance to meet a boy or girl living in a different part of the world. We are partnering with Children’s Hunger Fund to help children who are living in poor conditions and don’t have enough to eat.

But the best part is that you can help them! And along with sending food, you can help them hear about the truth of the gospel, too!

SHOW: “Forged in Hope – Ehani” slide

Are you ready to meet the first child? [Pause for participation.] Great! Today, we’re going to meet a little girl named Ehani (eh-ha-nee), who lives in the country of Nepal.

SHOW: Video 1 – Ehani

Child’s Name: Ehani

Country: Nepal

Problem: Generational Poverty

Ehani doesn’t have the same opportunities that you have here. If her mom can’t afford school supplies, Ehani doesn’t get to go to school. Without an education, Ehani’s children could live in poverty someday, too. Thankfully, a pastor from a local church came to break the cycle of poverty for Ehani and her family!

Do you want to help other kids just like Ehani? [Pause for participation.] Great! This week at VBS, we will be collecting coins to provide meals just like what Ehani received from the pastor. You will each get one of these Coin Paks that you can use to collect your coins [show Coin Pak.]. Take this home today and share with your family and friends about Ehani and her family. Just 25₵ can provide a nutritious meal for a hungry child.

With the coins you raise, food will be packed into a Children’s Hunger Fund Food Pak, which is a box filled with nutritious food. Inside, there’s enough food to feed a family for several days.

Bring back the coins you’ve collected each day this week, so we can count how many meals we’ve raised so far. You can help us deliver hope to suffering families around the world.

PRAYER JOURNAL: Give each child the “Ehani” Prayer Journal page to take home. (Included on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.)

DISTRIBUTE COIN PAKS: Send each child home with a pop-up Coin Pak. (Sturdy, pop-up Coin Paks are available for purchase from Children’s Hunger Fund at ChildrensHungerFund.org/AnswersVBS. Printable Coin Paks are included on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.)

**Day 2: Chiumbo - Kenya**

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SHOW: “Forged in Hope” slide

Do you guys remember Agnes who we met yesterday? She’s going to be introducing us to children around the world who need to hear about God’s truth. Each one of these children lives in poverty, and you will have a chance to help them!

Do you remember how we are able to help them? [Pause for participation.] Yes! By collecting coins in your Coin Pak! Remember, just one quarter can provide a meal to a hungry child.

SHOW: “Forged in Hope – Chiumbo” slide

Today, Agnes is going to introduce us to a little boy named Chiumbo, who lives in the country of Kenya. Let’s hear his story.

SHOW: Video 2 – Chiumbo

Child’s Name: Chiumbo

Country: Kenya

Problem: Orphan

Chiumbo’s story is very different from the story we heard yesterday, isn’t it? In the story we heard yesterday, Ehani has a mother to care for her and her sister. Chiumbo doesn’t know where his parents are.

But despite his circumstances, Chiumbo is pretty blessed, right? The woman who found him took him in and continues to care for him. A local pastor comes to visit, bringing food to eat. He even takes the kids to learn about God’s Word!

Did everyone take home their Coin Paks? [Pause for participation.] Did you tell anyone what we are collecting coins for? [Pause for participation.] Remember, every 25₵ you collect this week means one meal for a child like Chiumbo.

Some of you have already turned in the coins that you’ve collected. Do you want to hear how many meals we’ve raised so far? [Pause for participation.] Well, we’ve counted your coins, and we’ve already raised enough to send \_\_\_\_\_\_ meals! *(Remember, one dollar can provide 4 meals. To calculate your VBS meal progress, multiply the dollars raised by 4.)*

SHOW: Daily Count slide Day 2, with current meal count filled in.

That’s a great start to our week, but we’ve still got a few more days to go. So keep bringing in your coins all week long! If you haven’t already shared with your families what we are collecting coins for, be sure to do that today!

PRAYER JOURNAL: Give each child the “Chiumbo” Prayer Journal page to take home. (Included on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.)

**Day 3: Orik - Albania**

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SHOW: “Forged in Hope” slide

It’s time to check in on our friend, Agnes, and meet another child from around the world!

But first, who can tell me what we are collecting coins for this week? [Pause for participation.] And who can tell me how much it costs to provide one meal? [Pause for participation.] That’s right! It only costs 25₵ to send a nutritious meal to a child in need. Isn’t that awesome?

SHOW: “Forged in Hope – Orik” slide

Today, we are going to meet a little boy named Orik who lives in the country of Albania.

SHOW: Video 3 – Orik

Child’s Name: Orik

Country: Albania

Problem: Extreme Hunger

Did you notice the place where Orik and his family live? Do you think it would be cold there in winter? Do you think they have a good way of keeping warm in an abandoned building? They don’t have any electricity or heating; they just have blankets and jackets to keep them warm. And they often don’t have enough money to buy food.

Can you imagine how Orik must feel whenever he sees the pastor coming with another box of food? That box means he gets to eat that day! And the pastor who visits doesn’t just bring food; he brings the truth that Jesus came to bring eternal life!

Have you done anything special to earn coins for your Coin Pak this week? Get creative! See if there are extra chores you can do to earn money. Share the stories you are hearing with others and see if they want to help you provide meals for kids like Orik.

Does anyone have a guess at how many meals we’ve raised so far? [Pause for participation.] Together, you’ve raised enough to send \_\_\_\_ meals! (*Remember, one dollar can provide 4 meals. To calculate your VBS meal progress, multiply the dollars raised by 4.*) You guys are doing great!

SHOW: Daily Count slide Day 3, with current meal count filled in.

Remember, just like Orik, every one of the children receiving these meals will get to hear God’s truth of the gospel. I think more children around the world need to hear this good news, don’t you? Who’s excited to see how many more meals we can raise tomorrow? [Pause for participation.]

PRAYER JOURNAL: Give each child the “Orik” Prayer Journal page to take home. (Included on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.)

**Day 4: Diego - Honduras**

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SHOW: “Forged in Hope” slide

Well, today is our fourth day raising money to provide meals for hungry kids! Can anyone tell me how much it costs to provide one meal? [Pause for participation.] Right! Just twenty-five cents can provide a meal! Can anyone tell me what else the family receives with those meals? [Pause for participation.] Yes! They can hear the message of the gospel.

It’s time for Agnes to introduce us to another child.

SHOW: “Forged in Hope – Diego” slide

Diego is a boy from the country of Honduras. Honduras is one of several countries that connect North America—where we are now—with South America.

SHOW: Video 4 – Diego

Child’s Name: Diego

Country: Honduras

Problem: Disaster

In Honduras—where Diego lives—they sometimes get storms that are strong enough to destroy buildings. In 2020, Honduras was hit not just by ONE big storm, but TWO! It takes a long time to rebuild after a natural disaster, but it often takes far longer in developing countries, like Honduras.

For someone like Diego, whose entire community was flooded and buried under mudslides, do you think he might have a lot of fears and questions? [Pause for participation.] Do you think that knowing about a loving God who sent his Son to save him would bring him comfort? [Pause for participation.] Well, the pastor who brough Diego’s family food was able to share that exact same message of hope!

Are you excited to hear how many meals we’ve raised so far? [Pause for participation.] All right! In just three days, you have raised enough to provide a total of \_\_\_\_ meals! *(Remember, one dollar can provide 4 meals. To calculate your VBS meal progress, multiply the dollars raised by 4.)* You guys are doing an incredible job! That’s amazing!

SHOW: Daily Count slide Day 4, with current meal count filled in.

And the best news is that these meals will do so much more than fill empty stomachs! These meals will allow pastors around the world to share the hope of the gospel with children and families in need. But the week isn’t over yet! We have one more day to collect coins, so see if there is anyone else you can ask to help donate coins or if there are any chores you can do to earn extra money.

PRAYER JOURNAL: Give each child the “Diego” Prayer Journal page to take home. (Included on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.)

**Day 5: Olivia - United States**

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SHOW: “Forged in Hope” slide

Every day this week, Agnes has introduced us to a different boy or girl facing poverty in a different part of the world. We’ve also learned this week that we have the ability to make a difference!

SHOW: “Forged in Hope – Olivia” slide

The little girl we are going to meet today doesn’t live in a remote village in Rwanda or a tiny apartment in Thailand. She’s not an orphan, and her home wasn’t destroyed in a natural disaster. Her name is Olivia, and she lives here in the United States.

SHOW: Video 5 – Olivia

Child’s Name: Olivia

Country: United States

Problem: Invisible Poor

Did you know that there are children in the United States who don’t have food to eat? Olivia’s family didn’t always struggle. Her family lives in a house. Her parents both used to work. When the pandemic hit, a lot of people lost their jobs, just like Olivia’s parents.

The coins that you have been collecting all week can be used to provide meals for children like the ones you met this week. Children like Ehani in Nepal, Chiumbo in Kenya, Orik in Albania, Diego in Honduras, Olivia in California, and so many more children.

Children’s Hunger Fund partners with churches around the world who search for families in need of food and the saving knowledge of Jesus. Every box of food means a chance to share the gospel. Your quarters are making a huge difference! Isn’t that incredible?

Are you ready to see how many meals we raised this week? [Pause for participation.]

The grand total number of meals we can provide this week is \_\_\_\_\_meals! *(Remember, one dollar can provide 4 meals. To calculate your VBS meal progress, multiply the dollars raised by 4.)*

SHOW: Daily Count slide Day 5, with final meal count filled in.

You guys have done an amazing job collecting coins to feed children in need. Because of you, more children and their families will learn about the love of Jesus.

Did you know that you can keep sending meals to children in need even after this week is over? You can keep making a difference for children around the world with Children’s Hunger Fund. Ask your parents how you can continue to share meals and the love of Christ with children in poverty.

PRAYER JOURNAL: Give each child the “Olivia” Prayer Journal page to take home. (Included on the *Keepers of the Kingdom* USB.)