The mission emphasis to your VBS program provides a unique opportunity for children to participate in giving to ministries that share the gospel. You can feature the Mission Moment during the assembly time or during one of the rotations.

This year, we’ve partnered with Children’s Hunger Fund (CHF) to provide food and the hope of the gospel to hungry children in the US and across the globe. *The Great Treasure Hunt* is a powerful addition to your VBS program. Your kids will explore five different countries, discovering that everyone is a treasure to God. They’ll also learn about children living in poverty around the world and ways to make a difference.

As your students explore Haiti, Guatemala, Nepal, Romania, and the US, they’ll hear the stories of boys and girls whose lives have been touched by poverty. These children have no guarantee of meals, shelter, or an education. They need help. And they need the hope that only comes from salvation in Jesus Christ.

The good news is you and your kids have the power to make a difference!

The Bible says that giving generously to the poor is really giving generously to God Himself (Proverbs 19:17). Teach your VBS class the great joy that comes from sacrificing for the sake of Jesus and His gospel.

**The Great Treasure Hunt!**

During the Mission Moment, a long-time treasure hunter, Walter, will take your group on a treasure hunt. He’ll show them tools used in searching for treasure and explain how those tools relate to our own spiritual journey. Walter has traveled the world and met people who are a treasure to God – each day he’ll introduce your kids to one of them.

Rally your kids to help with *The Great Treasure Hunt*! Your mission is to collect coins to fill Children’s Hunger Fund Coin Paks and help provide meals for children in need – children like those that Walter introduces.

When your VBS children earn coins for their Coin Paks, they make it possible for Children’s Hunger Fund to fill Food Paks. A Children’s Hunger Fund Food Pak is a box of up to 20 pounds of nutritious food that can feed a family for up to a week. In a Food Pak, a meal costs just 25¢! A dollar can provide four meals for hungry children.

The Food Paks are provided to partner churches in the US and around the world who deliver them to homes of families in need. Along with food delivery, relationships are built and the gospel is shared.

**The following items are available on the Resource DVD-ROM or for download from www.AnswersVBS.com/Missions:**

* Daily videos
* Daily scripts and activities
* Printable Prayer Journals, featuring true stories about hungry children living in poverty and prayer prompts that will help your kids connect with the needs of suffering children
* Printable “Map of the World” activity sheet, featuring locations of the children from the daily videos
* Printable and digital banner artwork
* PowerPoint images to help your kids track their fundraising progress
* Printable fold-up Coin Pak bank for collecting coins
* Donation Submission Form to accompany your donation to CHF at the end of your VBS program

**Items for Purchase**

Included in your starter kit is a sturdy, pop-up *Coin Pak* bank made for your kids to use as they collect quarters for meals. After VBS, these will be fun souvenirs that can be kept as reminders to always care for the needs of others. Coin Paks are available for purchase from Children’s Hunger Fund (order info below).

Also available for purchase are beautiful handmade bracelets from Uganda. The beads on these bracelets are rolled by hand out of magazine paper. They’re crafted by Ugandan men and women who have been trained and given fair-wage employment through one of our trusted ministry partners in Africa. A limited number of these bracelets are available for purchase to give as prizes and souvenirs for your kids or as thank-you gifts for your volunteers.

**To order Coin Paks or bracelets, please visit ChildrensHungerFund.org/AnswersVBS.** To place an order over the phone, call Children’s Hunger Fund at 800-708-7589.

For questions regarding your Mission Moment resources, please call 800-708-7589 or email VBS@ChildrensHungerFund.org.

Orders must be received 14 days prior to your VBS date. Available while supplies last.

**Collecting and Submitting Donations**

Give every child their own Coin Pak or coin bank for collecting donations. Once you’ve totaled your donations, please make out a check to Children’s Hunger Fund and indicate “*The Great Treasure Hunt*” in the memo area to ensure proper recognition. Complete the Donation Submission Form. This can be found on the Resource DVD-ROM or at AnswersVBS.com/Missions. Mail check and Donation Submission Form to:

Children’s Hunger Fund  
Attn: The Great Treasure Hunt

DEPT LA 24373  
Pasadena, CA 91185-4373

**Tracking Your Progress**

To keep building excitement, announce how many meals your VBS students have provided each day.

Here are two fun ways to help your kids see their progress as they fundraise.

1. Show your progress with *The Great Treasure Hunt* Daily Count PowerPoint slides, found on the Resource DVD-ROM. Update the slides with the total number of meals raised each day.
2. Make your own goal tracker and update it throughout the week. Create or print an empty thermometer and put five equally spaced marks on it. Each day, fill in the thermometer up to the next mark and write the total number of meals raised so far on the corresponding line.
3. Consider having a contest between boys and girls, or between teams, to see which group can bring in the most money. (Printable “teams” and “daily count” artwork are on the Resource DVD-ROM.)

NOTE – COUNTING COINS: It may be helpful to recruit two or three adult volunteers to count and/or roll the coins at the end of each day. Some banks provide coin counting service, but they may require several days to do so. Check ahead with your local bank.

**Activities**

If you’d like to go a step further to illustrate to your kids the struggles faced by those in need, there are special activities for each day to go along with your Mission Moment program. These activities include talking points for you and your kids to discuss the issues presented and gain a deeper understanding of what it’s like to struggle with poverty.

The activities can be conducted at the end of each Mission Moment. An explanation of the daily activities can be found in this guide or on yourResource DVD-ROM.

**Daily Scripts and Handouts**

Scripts and handouts for each day are available in this booklet or on your Resource DVD-ROM. Special videos to highlight children in need during your Mission Moment, along with all printable and digital resources, can be found on your Resource DVD-ROM.