

Day 1: Under-the-Sea Opening Assembly

Welcome (2 minutes)

PROPS: None

Each day, you will need two people for the Welcome. You can use teens, dive club leaders, or your assembly leaders for this short skit that provides a fun beginning to the day and introduces the daily teaching theme. The welcomes usually take somewhere between one and three minutes, depending on the day.

PERSON 1 comes out on the stage and welcomes everyone, getting them excited to be at VBS. He (or she) points out the great decorations and the theme verse sign or slide: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

Then PERSON 1 introduces himself and begins to introduce PERSON 2, but realizes PERSON 2 is not around. PERSON 1 starts calling out for PERSON 2.

PERSON 1: ____! Where are you?? Are you here? We've started VBS and the kids are here, but I can't find you!

PERSON 2: Hey, I'm out here! You said that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, so I thought I would look for Grace, too. Now where did she go? Grace! Grace! Grace! Go around in the audience asking different kids if they are Grace, or if they have seen Grace. Then head up to the stage as PERSON 1 beckons you to come on up.

PERSON 1: Wait a minute! When it says Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, that's not talking about him finding a person named Grace. Grace means Noah received a free gift from God. He was saved from the Flood and from eternal death. He couldn't save himself—God had to provide the way. And even though nowadays we don't have to get on an Ark to be saved from a flood, we'll be talking about how we can be saved from eternal death by God's amazing grace. It's going to be an amazing week, so let's get started and sing our first song "Ocean Commotion!"

Song (3 minutes)

"Ocean Commotion"

Song (3 minutes)

"Amazing Grace"

Mission Moment (4 minutes)

Slides and videos for this section are on the Family Reunion Voyage DVD-ROM.

Today at *Ocean Commotion*, we're learning to Stand for God! And a big part of standing for God is standing up for those who need our help, the hurting and hungry children of the world.

Here's a fact you might not know; every child on Earth today is a descendant of Noah. It's true! They may not look exactly alike, but kids in Africa, Asia, South America, North America, Europe, and Australia all come from the same ancestors—Noah's sons Ham, Shem, and Japheth (Genesis 9:18–19).

You see, after the Flood, Noah's sons and their wives began having kids of their own. And since they were the only new dads and moms on Earth, every person born since then is related to them. That means that kids everywhere, you and you and you and me, we're all from the same family!! We're all sons and daughters of Noah!

Turn to a boy near you and say, "Hi, relative!" Good! Now turn to a girl near you and say, "Hi, relative!"

But there's bad news. Many children around the world don't have enough food to eat, and they desperately need someone to help them survive. Some kids are very hungry and thirsty. Some kids don't have homes. Some of them have escaped terrible disasters like typhoons and wars, so they're sad and afraid.

Even worse, some kids don't know the truth about Jesus. They don't know that God sent Jesus to save them from their sins so that they could live forever as His own sons and daughters. (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:4–6)

Here's the good news! Jesus told us to go to the ends of the earth to preach the gospel (Matthew 28:18–20) and to care for the hungry and thirsty (Matthew 25:34–40). So that's just what we're gonna do.

SHOW: Family Reunion Voyage Slide

We're teaming up with Children's Hunger Fund to deliver food and hope to hungry kids all over the world! Each day during mission time, we'll set sail on a worldwide Family Reunion Voyage to visit and help other sons and daughters of Noah wherever they live.

We'll hear their stories and learn about the problems they face. Then we're gonna do something to help them! So are you ready to set sail?

SHOW: "Daughter of Noah—Badu" slide

Okay! Our first Family Reunion Voyage takes us all the way across the ocean to Africa! On the Western coast, we find the little country of Ghana where we'll meet a little girl named "Badu" (BAW-doo).

Badu is a daughter of Noah, one of Ham's descendants. And since we're all sons and daughters of Noah, that means we're family—and God wants us to treat one another like family.

SHOW Video 1—"Badu"

Child's Name: Badu (means "Tenth Born")

Descendant of Noah's son: Ham

Country: Ghana

Problem: Extreme Poverty & Superstition

Many children like Badu don't have enough food, safe drinking water, or shelter. One out of every four people in Ghana live in poverty. In Ghana, many people believe that the tenth-born child is a curse, so Badu's neighbors say and do mean things to get her to leave.

All right! Now, who's ready to deliver hope for children like Badu? Okay, here's what we're gonna do. Children's Hunger Fund delivers Food Paks to hungry children and shares the gospel with them using tracts like these. (SHOW sample tracts from KIT.) **And we can put meals into Food Paks for only 25¢ each!**

That's where you come in. We're gonna give you one of these quarter collection banks to take home. (SHOW collection bank.) **You're gonna take your bank to your family and friends and tell them about kids like Badu. Then ask them to donate quarters for meals. For every quarter you collect, you provide one meal for a hungry child!**

SHOW: Progress Tracker Slides—Day 1.

Starting tomorrow, drop your quarters in the special buckets out in the foyer. Then each day, we'll announce how many meals you've raised so far. Together, we can deliver hope to Sons and Daughters of Noah all over the world! We'll give them

food to eat, AND they'll get to hear the truth about our amazing God! Let's set sail and deliver hope!!

(Send each kid home with a "Daughter of Noah—Badu" profile sheet and a pop-up coin collection bank. Sturdy, pop-up collection banks are available for purchase from Children's Hunger Fund. See Mission Moment page for ordering instructions. Printable sheets and banks are included on the Assembly DVD-ROM.)

Announcements (time varies)

Besides announcing anything pertinent to your situation, also announce that we'll be having daily contests and explain how they work. See the Cool Contests section in this guide for more details. Announce the Cool Contest for today: Goldfish Guess. Children guess how many fish-shaped crackers are in the jar. Let them know where the jar is and that the winner will be announced in the closing assembly, at which time he or she will get to take the jar home. Share that anyone participating in this contest by putting in a guess gets credit on his team roster.

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

C: "Stand Up" / T: "Backbone" / Memory Verse Song: "Genesis 6:8"

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Song (3 minutes)

C: "Stand Up" / T: "Backbone"

Song (3 minutes)

"Ocean Commotion" / Memory Verse Song: "1 Corinthians 16:3"

Creature Feature (5 minutes)

Blue Whale

PRESENTATION SLIDES: See Resource DVD-ROM.

PROPS: None

SHOW: Creature Feature title slide

PERSON 1: On the count of three, I want you to shout as loud as you can! 1-2-3! Everyone shouts. That was pretty loud. But not as loud as the animal we're going to talk about today.

Genesis 1:21 tells us God created all the sea creatures on the fifth day of creation. And our creature feature today is definitely about a sea creature—a loud mouth of a sea creature! Does anyone have a guess what creature it is? Take guesses. Yes, the blue whale.

Blue whales are the loudest animals on Earth! Sound is measured in something called decibels. Everybody, shout again. Do so. Person Two shouts longer and louder than everyone as Person One stares and waits.

Humans can shout about 70 decibels. Airplanes can reach up to about 140 decibels. Well, guess what? Blue whales can get as loud as 188 decibels! This is much too loud for a human ear—it would hurt us to hear it. Whales are so loud that in good conditions, they can communicate with each other even when they're 1,000 miles away.

PERSON 2: Wait a minute! Wait a minute! That would be like if I were here and you were 1,000 miles away in (insert a recognizable place in that is about 1,000 miles away), and we could talk to each other—without using a phone or computer or anything—just our voices!

SHOW: Slide comparing whale to other animals/people/objects

PERSON 1: But besides being the loudest animal, God also made it the largest animal on Earth! It's the size of a medium plane, its heart weighs as much as a small car, and its tongue weighs as much as an elephant!

PERSON 2: Guess how many people could stand on its tongue at one time? Fifty! Isn't that nifty?

PERSON 2: But here's a question I have. If they're so huge, why don't they just sink?

SHOW: Slide of modern submarine

PERSON 1: As big as they are, God designed them to be very streamlined—more so than a modern submarine! And He designed them to be able to live perfectly in the sea.

SHOW: Slide of crushed soda can

PERSON 1: And even though we would be crushed like a soda can if we went down deep into the sea, a blue whale has no problem at all being deep in the ocean.

Also, if we ended up in some of the chilly waters of the ocean, we wouldn't be able to survive. But God gave the blue whale something called blubber. It's like fat that keeps the blue whale warm.

PERSON 2: Wow! I can see that God made blue whales perfectly suited for the ocean, and He made them enormous!

SHOW: Slide of Hydro the animal pal

PERSON 1: Yep! And you know, our animal pal, Hydro, reminds us of an enormous problem on earth—far bigger than a blue whale. In fact, we're calling it a whale of a problem! In Noah's day, sin was everywhere! People disobeyed God's commands. They thought and did and said bad things all the time. But guess what? That problem still exists today. We still have that whale of a sin problem. This week we're going to learn more about how sin affects us and how this whale of a problem can be fixed.

Drama (10–12 minutes)

Announcements (time varies)

Cool Contest (2 minutes)

Announce today's contest winner. Explain tomorrow's contest: Club Cheers. Have the kids make up songs, posters, cheers, or chants to show their team spirit. They can share these during the opening or closing assembly tomorrow.

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

"Ocean Commotion"

Day 2: Under-the-Sea Opening Assembly

Welcome (2 minutes)

PROPS: Toolbelt, real or pretend building plans, construction hat, or other construction-oriented items or clothing

PERSON 2: Hey, everybody! I got THE greatest idea last night! Since we're talking about the Ark, wouldn't it be cool to build a life-size Ark? Oooo, I'm so excited! The only problem is that the Bible says the Ark was measured in cubits, and I don't know what a cubit is. So since I couldn't figure it out, I just went ahead and drew up my own building plans. I can't wait to show you! They look like this.

SHOW: Slide of bathtub ark

PERSON 1: Wait a minute! People often draw Ark pictures like that, but we know it couldn't have looked like that because the Bible describes the general idea and dimensions, so it would be something more like this.

SHOW: Slide of realistic Ark

PERSON 1: It was one big boat! The Bible gives its measurements in cubits. A cubit is the measurement of an adult guy's arm from fingertip to elbow. This could vary depending on how long the person's arm is, but the average cubit back then would have been 20.5 inches long, so that would make the Ark 510 feet by 85 feet wide.

And I hate to burst your bubble, but a group is already building a life-size Ark in Kentucky. It's called the Ark Encounter, and it's being built by Answers in Genesis. It's gonna be so cool! But while we're talking about it, let's sing an awesome song about the Ark called Rock the Boat.

Song (2 minutes)

C: "Rock the Boat" / T: "Noah Found Grace"

Song (3 minutes)

"Amazing Grace" / Memory Verse Song: "John 14:15"

Mission Moment (4 minutes)

Slides and videos for this section are on the Family Reunion Voyage DVD-ROM.

SHOW: Family Reunion Voyage slide

If you remember, our mission project is called The Sons and Daughters of Noah Family Reunion Voyage. And we're working together to provide as many 25¢ meals as we can for Children's Hunger Fund. Every quarter we raise buys a meal that will be packed into a Food Pak and delivered to a hungry family! And the best part is that every Food Pak is a new opportunity to tell a child about our amazing God! Isn't that exciting?

Well, we're already off to a great start. You brought in so many quarters for hungry kids! I'm super proud of you. And I'm gonna tell you how many meals you provided right . . . (hold for anticipation) . . . after we meet the Son or Daughter of Noah for today.

Yesterday, we met Badu and heard about how people mistreat her and how she doesn't have enough food to eat. Today we're gonna meet a little boy named "Guillermo" (Gee-YAIR-mo).

SHOW: "Son of Noah—Guillermo" slide

Like Badu, Guillermo doesn't get enough food to grow strong and healthy. And what's worse—Guillermo's family doesn't have a place to live. Can you imagine what it would be like not having a place to call home?

Well let's climb aboard the S.S. *Deliver Hope* and set sail for Honduras. It's a long trip back across the ocean to Central America—that's the skinny part between North and South America. There, we'll see what we can do to help kids like Guillermo.

SHOW Video 2 (Family Reunion Voyage DVD): "Guillermo"

Child's Name: Guillermo (means "Protector")

Descendant of Noah's son: Japheth

Country: Honduras

Problem: Hunger & Homelessness

Guillermo and his family are very poor. Six out of ten people in Honduras live in poverty. Guillermo and his family built their shack on someone else's property without permission. The owners of the land want Guillermo's family to leave, but they don't have anywhere to go.

Wow! Can you imagine how sad you would be if you had to leave the only home you've ever known? I think I would be so sad and scared. The good news is, with the money you bring in this week, we'll provide nutritious meals, which will be used to feed and share the gospel with kids like Guillermo.

Wait. Did I forget to tell you something important? What was it? It's on the tip of my tongue . . . Oh yeah! Now I remember. Do you want to know how many meals we collected yesterday? Well, we counted up all the quarters you brought in, and because of you, we'll be able to provide _____ Food Pak meals for kids like Guillermo!

SHOW: Progress Tracker Slides Day 2, and fill in your current meal count on the flag.

Awesome! Let's see how much more we can collect for tomorrow—and remember to bring your quarters so we can deliver hope to hungry Sons and Daughters of Noah all around the world!

Send each kid home with a "Son of Noah—Guillermo" profile sheet.

Announcements (time varies)

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

"Ocean Commotion"

Day 2: Under-the-Sea Closing Assembly

Song (3 minutes)

Memory Verse Song: "Genesis 6:8"

Song (2 minutes)

C: "Rock the Boat" / T: "Noah Found Grace"

Creature Feature (5 minutes)

Hammerhead Shark

PRESENTATION SLIDES: See Resource DVD-ROM.

PROPS: Hammer attached to a sweat band, worn by Person 2

SHOW: Creature Feature title slide

PERSON 1: _____, what are you doing?

PERSON 2: I've heard that God made this incredibly cool creature called a hammerhead shark, so I want to be Hammerhead (your name) now.

PERSON 1: _____, God made you in an incredible way just how you are! You don't need to try to be something else . . . especially since you don't exactly look like a hammerhead shark. Hammerhead sharks don't have an actual hammer on their head or anything.

SHOW: Slide of hammerhead shark—close up of head with eyes showing

PERSON 1: They do have a T-shaped head, though, that has an eyeball on each side. With a head like that, the hammerhead has to swing its head from side to side in order to see, thus the name *hammerhead*. It's actually very helpful in spotting animals to eat.

SHOW: Slide of hammerhead with teeth showing prominently

PERSON 1: Try biting down on your teeth. Have them do so. You may have some or all of your baby teeth, depending on how old you are. But once you get your adult teeth, you get to keep your teeth. Well, that's not how sharks are! Sharks lose their teeth all the time, so the hammerhead continually grows new

ones. In its lifetime, the hammerhead shark may grow and lose several thousand teeth!

And try squeezing your wrist. Have them do so. Do you feel the bones there? You probably feel bones in your arm. Well, guess what? Sharks' bodies don't have bones! Their skeletons are made entirely of something called cartilage.

Feel your nose and your ears—that's cartilage! Can you imagine if your whole skeleton were made of cartilage?!

PERSON 2: I can see hammerheads are incredible animals designed by our amazing God.

SHOW: Slide of Hammer the animal pal

PERSON 1: Yep! And here's Hammer, today's hammerhead shark animal pal. Hammer's head may not be an actual hammer, but he can remind us of a very important spiritual lesson—to nail obedience. Remember Noah whom we talked about today? Well, the Bible says of Noah in Genesis 6:22: "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did." Noah obeyed God and did everything God told him to do. He "nailed" obedience. And with God's help, so can we.

Drama (10–12 minutes)

Announcements (time varies)

Cool Contest (2 minutes)

Announce today's contest winners and explain tomorrow's contest: Animal Dress Up Day. Dress up in animal gear (animal headband or hat, animal print shirt, animal print bandana, etc.). Or they can dress up in Bible time costumes to represent Noah and family, or play construction hats and toolbelts. Anyone who wears anything thematic (even if it's just a headband or something small) gets credit on the team roster for participating in the contest.

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

Memory Verse Song: "John 14:15"

Day 3: Under-the-Sea Opening Assembly

Welcome (2 minutes)

PROPS: Boat-oriented prop, like an oar, a life vest, or a skipper's hat

PERSON 1: Hey, everybody, welcome back to *Ocean Commotion*. Are you ready to have a great day?

PERSON 2: Runs in wearing or holding the prop. Whew! I just got off the boat and, wow, was it a wild ride! It was so much fun!

PERSON 1: Makes a comment about the last time he was on a boat, or liking boats, or something boat-oriented.

PERSON 2: How about you guys? Jump up if you've ever been on a boat.

PERSON 1: You know, there are lots of different kinds of boats on the water. Let's brainstorm and see how many we can think of. Raise your hand (or give a shout out) if you have an idea.

Take a minute to see what they come up with. You may want to show the slides of the appropriate ones as they say them. Possibilities may include canoe, kayak, row boat, pontoon boat, speed boat, ferry, yacht, and cruise ship.

PERSON 2: Today we'll be talking about the most famous boat of all time, and one that's still considered an engineering marvel. But it wasn't just an amazing boat. God used it to offer His amazing grace to all who got on and were saved from the Flood. Let's sing about that boat God used to save Noah and his family as we sing "Rock the Boat."

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Rock the Boat" / T: "Noah Found Grace"

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Billions of Dead Things" / T: "You Are My Refuge" / Memory Verse Song: "Psalm 31:14"

Mission Moment (4 minutes)

Slides and videos for this section are on the Family Reunion Voyage DVD-ROM.

Can you guess what time it is now? It's time for our mission moment—The Sons and Daughters of Noah Family Reunion Voyage!

SHOW: Family Reunion Voyage slide

Every day we're working together to collect as many 25¢ meals as we can for Children's Hunger Fund Food Paks. Think about this: every quarter we raise buys a meal. Every meal goes into a Food Pak. Every Food Pak is delivered to a hungry family! And every family gets to hear about our amazing God!

Remember yesterday when I announced that we'd already raised enough for ____ meals? Well, today you brought in even more quarters! So are you ready to hear how many meals

you've raised so far? Okay. I'm gonna tell you . . . (hold for anticipation) . . . in just a minute!

First, let's climb aboard the S.S. *Deliver Hope* and go meet our Son or Daughter of Noah for today.

SHOW: "Son of Noah—Piotr" slide

Today we'll sail a very long way, across the ocean, through the Mediterranean Sea and up into the Black Sea to a country called Ukraine (You-CRANE). We'll have to keep our eyes and ears open when we arrive because there's been war in Ukraine recently and we need to be cautious. We're going to visit a Son of Noah named "Piotr" (Peter) to make sure he's safe and to care for his needs.

Are you ready to go meet Piotr? Okay. Let's go!

SHOW Video 3—"Piotr"

Child's Name: Piotr (means "Rock")

Descendant of Noah's son: Japheth

Country: Ukraine

Problem: Hunger & War

There's been a war going on here and it can be very dangerous, which makes children and families very afraid. Food costs a lot more during a war, and sometimes Piotr is very hungry. One in four people lives in poverty.

Oh no! I feel really bad for Piotr! His life seems really scary right now, doesn't it? When I hear stories about kids like Piotr, I wish I could do something to help. But guess what! We are doing something! The money you brought in for our mission moment will be used to provide Food Pak meals for kids like Piotr so he can hear God's Word and learn about our amazing God and amazing salvation through Jesus Christ!

So who wants to know how many meals you collected so far? Really? Okay. With all the quarters you brought in on Monday and Tuesday, we can now provide ____ Food Pak meals for hungry kids like Piotr!

SHOW: Progress Tracker slides—Day 3, and fill in your current meal count on the flag.

Are you as excited about this as I am? Keep collecting quarters to feed hungry kids and together we will deliver hope!

Send each kid home with a "Son of Noah-Piotr" profile sheet.

Announcements (time varies)

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

"Amazing Grace" / Memory Verse Song: "1 Corinthians 16:13"

Day 3: Under-the-Sea Closing Assembly

Song (2 minutes)

C: "Sing and Shout" / T: "Treasured"

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Trusting My Life" / T: "The One Who First Loved Me"

Creature Feature (5 minutes)

Puffin

PRESENTATION SLIDES: See Resource DVD-ROM.

SHOW: Creature Feature title slide

PERSON 1: I've got something to share with you. Stand up if you think it's true, and stay seated if not. Ready? Okay. There's a bird that can fly in the sky AND underwater.

PERSON 2: Comments on whether the kids are standing or sitting and mentions that it's a tough one to figure out.

SHOW: Slide of Piers the animal pal

PERSON 1: That was a tricky one. Well, today's animal pal is Piers the Puffin, and guess what? Drum roll please. He can fly in the sky, but he also "flies" underwater. It's not technically flying, but God has designed this incredible bird to use its wings to swim through the water as it chases fish to eat.

PERSON 2: Oooo . . . I know something cool about puffins. Even though they're birds, they spend most of their time at sea, only coming to land to lay eggs.

SHOW: Slide of puffin flying in the air

PERSON 1: True! And not only is this bird great underwater, but it's also amazing as it flies in the air above the ocean. I want you to spread out a little from your neighbor. As I count to ten, count how many times you can flap your arms. All right, on your mark, get set, go!

PERSON 2: Flaps along with the kids as Person 1 counts to 10. Person 2 pretends to huff and puff.

PERSON 1: Did anyone get 30? 40? 50? 60? Puffins can flap their wings over 66 times in 10 seconds. With all that wing action they can fly pretty fast. In fact, puffins can fly around 55 mph, which is about the speed of a car on the highway.

PERSON 1: Puffins normally stay closer to the surface, but they're able to dive down 200 feet! That's the height of a 20-story building.

PERSON 2: God made puffins to swim and fly and dive well because, in our fallen world, they need to be good at catching fish. You see, puffins feed their babies whole fish. Sometimes their babies may be hungry and want more than one fish. Not to worry, though, because the puffin can carry up to 30 fish in its beak at one time. Puff out your cheeks and imagine stuffing 30 fish inside there. Do so. Gross!

SHOW: Slide of Piers the animal pal

PERSON 1: Puffins teach us more than just how amazing a designer God is. Piers the Puffin, our animal pal, teaches us a little saying: "Trust the Lord and get on board." Today, we learned how Noah and his family trusted God, got on board the Ark, and were saved from the disaster of the Flood. Even though we don't need an Ark anymore, we learned how we can trust the Lord and get on board so we can be saved from a disaster that is bigger and worse than the Flood, and that's being separated from God forever. We need to repent of our sins and believe in Jesus.

Drama (10–12 minutes)

Announcements (time varies)

Cool Contest (2 minutes)

Announce today's contest winners and explain tomorrow's contest: Scripture Look Up—Thankful Verses.

Challenge the kids to see if they can find verses in the Bible that have to do with thankfulness. Pass out the Scripture Look Up—Thankful Verses sheet (see Resource DVD-ROM) and have them bring it back completed tomorrow.

Anyone participating in the challenge gets credit on the team roster.

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

"Ocean Commotion"

Day 4: Under-the-Sea Opening Assembly

Welcome (2 minutes)

PROPS: None

PERSON 1: Hey, everybody! Welcome back to our fourth day of VBS! Give me a wave.

PERSON 2: You know, they're pretty good at waving, but I've got an even better wave for us to try. When I point to your area, raise both of your hands over your head quickly and put them right back down. Let's start over on this side, and we'll quickly go the whole way across the room and back, making a wave.

Try making a wave. PERSON 2 needs to run across the stage, sweeping his finger from one side of the room to the other, and back again.

PERSON 1: Wow, that was impressive! You know, yesterday we left Noah and family in the Ark with the waves in great commotion. Today, we've got good news! It's time to get off the Ark! I'm sure this made Noah want to sing and shout!

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Sing and Shout" / T: "You Are My Refuge"

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Follow Him" / T: "The One Who First Loved Me" /
Memory Verse Song: "Proverbs 16:3"

Mission Moment (4 minutes)

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It's time again to put on our life-jackets and set sail on The Sons and Daughters of Noah Family Reunion Voyage!

SHOW: Family Reunion Voyage slide

I've had so much fun visiting our relatives on this Family Reunion Voyage. Haven't you? Even though we don't all look alike, it's great to know that God created each of us in His image and that we all come from the same family.

But before we climb aboard the S.S. *Deliver Hope*, I want to see if you've been paying attention to our mission project, so let's take a little quiz. Question number 1: How much does it cost for one meal? That's right! 25¢! Okay. Question number 2: If you bring in a dollar, how many meals is that? Right! Now here's a hard one. Question number 3: What does every meal we give go into? Good! A Food Pak. And every Food Pak will be delivered to the home of a suffering child so he or she can hear about our amazing God who sent His son Jesus to be our Savior!

The first day, we raised enough quarters for ____ meals. And the second day we had enough for ____ meals! So, I bet you'd like to know how many meals we have after counting our total from the third day, right? Well, I'm going to tell you

exactly how many meals we have right up to this minute. We have . . . (hold for anticipation) . . . to learn about today's Son or Daughter of Noah first!

How many of you have ever experienced a big rainstorm? When a rainstorm comes, with all the lightning and thunder and wind, it can be pretty scary, huh?

Well, today we're gonna meet a Daughter of Noah named "Tala" (TAH-lah) who also experienced a really big storm in her home country of the Philippines.

SHOW: "Daughter of Noah—Tala" slide

I'm ready to go see if we can help Tala. Are you? Okay, let's set sail!

SHOW video 4—"Tala"

Child's Name: Tala (means "Bright Star")

Descendant of Noah's son: Ham

Country: The Philippines

Problem: Orphaned & Disaster

Tala lost her parents in a terrible storm called a typhoon. People in her village take care of Tala, but they don't have enough food for her and all of their kids. Sometimes she goes for 3 days without eating. One out of every four people lives in poverty.

I'm so glad that a local church is bringing Food Paks to help Tala and the family she lives with! Speaking of Food Paks . . . do you want me to tell you how many meals you've raised so far? We've stacked up all your quarters and counted up all the dollars and you know what? You've raised enough to provide ____ Food Pak meals for kids through Children's Hunger Fund!

SHOW: Progress Tracker slides—Day 4, and fill in your current meal count on the flag.

And it's not over yet! We've got one more day to collect even more meals for hungry kids like Tala. Remember that every quarter you collect provides one meal . . . every dollar you collect provides 4 meals . . . and every meal is a chance to tell a hungry child about the love of our amazing God!

Send each kid home with a "Daughter of Noah—Tala" profile sheet.

Announcements (time varies)

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

"Ocean Commotion" / Memory Verse Song: "1 Thessalonians 5:18"

Day 4: Under-the-Sea Closing Assembly

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Rock the Boat" / T: "Sound an SOS"

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Trusting My Life" / T: "Treasured"

Creature Feature (5 minutes)

Sea Otter

PRESENTATION SLIDES: See Resource DVD-ROM.

PROPS: None

SHOW: Creature Feature title slide

PERSON 1: You've got to admit that some animals are extremely cute, and the sea otter is one of them. In fact, if I had to pick one of our animal pals as a pet, it wouldn't be the hammer-head shark, but it just might be the sea otter.

SHOW: Slide of sea otter on its back

PERSON 1: Do you see that wet fur all over the sea otter? Well, when I say go, yell out your guess of how many hairs are on each square inch of skin on a sea otter. Okay, ready . . . go! Did anyone say a million? That's how many hairs are on each square inch of the sea otter! Its hair is not just cute, it's also very important for keeping the sea otter dry and warm. God gave it the thickest hair of all animals since it doesn't have any blubber to insulate its skin like Hydro the blue whale has. God thought of everything!

PERSON 2: I like how it's floating on its back. I like floating on my back, too, when I'm swimming.

PERSON 1: Yep, sea otters float on their backs and hold a handy dandy rock in their armpit. When they get a clam or a sea urchin to eat, they use the rock to crush the shell and then eat the meat inside. And they can do this without ever flipping over. They use their belly as their table. But don't worry, they keep their "table" clean by washing their stomach after every meal to make sure no food is stuck in their fur.

PERSON 2: Sounds like they're so neat! Better than I am. Make a quick mention of some time you spilled stuff all over yourself.

SHOW: Slide of mother otter holding baby otter on her stomach

PERSON 1: Their stomachs are also used as places for mother otters to hold their babies, feed them, and groom them. But when it comes time for the mommy otter to dive for food, she often does something interesting. To keep her babies (called pups) from floating away while she's on a dive, she wraps the pups in kelp that's attached to the bottom of the ocean so they stay in one place. Isn't that smart? And to think that some people think they just evolved! No way! God created them, and He thought of everything!

PERSON 2: Here's something I wonder about sea otters. Do you think they ever get water up their noses? I just hate when that happens, don't you?

PERSON 1: God designed sea otters so they can close their noses and ears when they go underwater for a deep dive. This keeps water out of them! What a wonderful design by Creator God! And God designed them with webbed back feet so sea otters do a lot of swimming.

SHOW: Slide of Paws the animal pal

PERSON 1: And Paws, our animal pal, reminds us we "otter" give thanks to God. Noah sure thanked God when he first got off the Ark and built an altar. What do you want to thank God for today?

Drama (10–12 minutes)

Announcements (time varies)

Cool Contest (2 minutes)

Announce today's contest winners and explain tomorrow's contest: Mission Money. Bring in your final mission offering. No amount is too big or too small!

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

C: "Billions of Dead Things" / T: "Sound an SOS"

Day 5: Under-the-Sea Opening Assembly

Welcome (2 minutes)

PROPS: A manatee—a slide, a stuffed animal manatee, or one on your set

PERSON 1 comes out welcoming everyone. PERSON 2 is cowering behind the set and says he won't come out because he's afraid.

PERSON 1: Why are you afraid?

PERSON 2: Because I hear there's a man-eating T out there! I'm a man, and I sure don't want to get eaten by that man-eating T!

PERSON 1 acts confused for a few seconds, and then looks around the set and notices a manatee. Or he can ask the kids where they think the man-eating T is. Then he tells PERSON 2 to come on out.

PERSON 1: Guess what? This is your man-eating T!

PERSON 2 comes out, sees the manatee, and acts incredulous.

PERSON 1: You know, it isn't good that you're so fearful because God tells us we're not supposed to have a spirit of fear. But there is ONE kind of fear we are supposed to have—and that's what the Bible calls the fear of the Lord. That means to take God and His Word seriously. Noah took God seriously, and I'm sure everyone else who wasn't on the Ark wished they had! We'll be talking more about that today, but right now, let's sing our awesome song about fearing the Lord from Psalm 112:1.

Song (3 minutes)

"Psalm 112:1"

Song (3 minutes)

"Ocean Commotion"

Mission Moment (4 minutes)

Slides and videos for this section are on the Family Reunion Voyage DVD-ROM.

It's that time again! It's time for The Sons and Daughters of Noah Family Reunion Voyage!

SHOW: Family Reunion Voyage slide

All week long, you've joined us in our mission to deliver hope to suffering children all over the world. Every single day, you've collected money from your family and friends to buy meals, which we'll send to Children's Hunger Fund to put into Food Paks. Local churches will take your meals to the homes of hungry children and tell them all about the hope that is found in knowing our amazing God! What an awesome way to deliver hope!

So, what's our total today? The first day, you collected ____ meals. Then on the second day, you brought in ____ meals. On the third day, we collected ____ and on the next day, we collected ... (hold for anticipation) ... a lot more meals!! I'll tell

you how many meals you've raised in just a minute. But first, let's meet today's Son of Noah, "Salim" (SAH-Leem).

SHOW: "Son of Noah—Salim" slide

Salim and his family are farmers who live out in the desert of Jordan, a country we can reach by sailing up the Red Sea. It can get pretty dry out in the desert. In fact, if they have a dry year, Salim's family won't have enough water to grow the food they need to eat and sell. And without food, they're in lots of trouble.

So let's climb aboard the S.S. *Deliver Hope* for one more voyage across the ocean for a family reunion with Salim!

SHOW video 5—"Salim"

Child's Name: Salim (means "Peace")

Descendant of Noah's son: Shem

Country: Jordan

Problem: Drought & False Religion

Salim and his family live in the desert where they grow their own food and raise animals. If it's a dry year, the food doesn't grow, so food becomes hard to find. Salim's family is very religious, but they don't believe in the God of the Bible. They need to learn about God's love and turn their hearts to Him.

God is so gracious! Even a boy living way out in the middle of a desert can hear about God's love and find the peace that He brings. I'm really glad to know that a nearby church is helping kids like Salim by feeding them and sharing the true hope found in our amazing God! That's wonderful.

Hey! Is there anybody here today who wants to know how many Food Pak meals we've raised so far? The buckets have been filling up, and we have been counting it every day to get a total. Let's see. All the quarters and dollars you've brought in add up to—drum roll please— ____ Food Pak meals for Children's Hunger Fund!

SHOW: Progress Tracker slides—Day 5, and fill in your current meal count on the flag.

Hooray! That's amazing! But we're not gonna stop there! We'll count up what you brought in today and then at our closing program we'll announce the final total of Food Pak meals you've raised for hungry kids. Praise God! You deliver hope!

Send each kid home with a "Son of Noah—Salim" profile sheet.

Announcements (time varies)

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

"Ocean Commotion" / Memory Verse Song: "Psalm 31:14"

Day 5: Under-the-Sea Closing Assembly

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Rock the Boat" / T: "Sound an SOS"

Song (3 minutes)

C: "Trusting My Life" / T: "The One Who First Loved Me"

Creature Feature (5 minutes)

Dolphins

PRESENTATION SLIDES: See Resource DVD-ROM.

PROPS: None

SHOW: Creature Feature title slide

PERSON 1: What do the words *white-sided*, *dusky*, *rough-toothed*, *short-beaked*, *orca*, *spinner*, and *bottlenose* have in common? They are all names of dolphins.

SHOW: Slide of one or more dolphins

PERSON 1: In fact, there are over 40 kinds of dolphins. Did you also know that a killer whale is actually a dolphin? Dolphins are incredible animals, and I'm excited that they're our animal pal today. Let's talk about just a few of the amazing ways God designed dolphins. First, I need you to hold your nose and stick out your tongue. Do you smell anything?

PERSON 2: Oooo . . . I smell my bad breath!

PERSON 1: If you can smell your stinky breath, you didn't do it right. Really, you shouldn't be able to smell anything while holding your nose. Let's try another one and see if you do better. This time, let's see if you can close your eyes and touch your ears.

If you tried to walk out of the building with your eyes closed, you'd probably run into something or someone. But not dolphins! God made dolphins really smart, and He gave them something called echolocation. Echolocation helps them find fish. It's like seeing with your ears. Dolphins make noises that bounce off other animals and then echo back to the dolphin. Through these sounds, the dolphin is able to tell how far away the other animal is.

SHOW: Slide of close up of a dolphin

PERSON 1: Okay, let's try one more. Now touch your arm. You'll probably see lots of little hairs on your arm. Not on dolphins, though. God made dolphins with perfectly smooth skin that has no hair. Just like humans, dolphins' skin flakes off as it goes through the water. The skin layer can be replaced in only two hours, though. The way God designed the dolphin's skin to shed and then regrow actually helps it swim fast in the ocean! We have a God who thought of everything!

Underneath the dolphin's skin there is a layer of blubber. We talked about blubber the other day with the whale. It's mainly a fat layer. It helps store energy for when there isn't enough food to eat, and it also keeps the dolphin warm.

PERSON 2: Hey, here's one more fun fact about dolphins. When a dolphin sleeps, one half of its brain sleeps while the other half stays awake to make sure it's breathing!

SHOW: Slide of Fin the animal pal

PERSON 1: Fin the Dolphin should remind us that "no-fin" is more important than fearing God. Remember that fearing God means we take God seriously. The people back in Noah's day didn't take God seriously until it was too late, and they were no longer able to get on the Ark. By faith, Noah moved with godly fear, as it says in Hebrews, when he heard what was going to happen. Let's make sure we take our amazing Creator God seriously, too!

Drama (10–12 minutes)

Announcements (time varies)

Cool Contest (2 minutes)

Announce today's contest winners.

Prayer

Dismissal

Song (play as children leave)

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