



# 2025 VBS SHOWCASE

Wonder Junction



Welcome!



# First-time Answers VBS users?





**Old-timers?**







**Where are you from?**



**How many kids  
are you serving?**





# Wonder Junction

Answers Center Auditorium

Breakout Sessions

SATURDAY

9:00 AM

Welcome/Overview of  
*Wonder Junction*  
Answers Center Auditorium

Area A = Lower Level  
Area B = Outdoor Tent  
Area C = Emzara's Upper Level



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10:10 AM

Bible Lesson Overview  
Answers Center Auditorium

Area A: Science Experiments/Crafts  
Area B: Hosting a Sensory-Friendly VBS  
Area C: Make-and-Take Decorations (painting cardboard)

11:10 AM

Design Your Assembly Time  
Answers Center Auditorium

Area A: Games/Snacks  
Area B: Toddler and Pre-Primary Crafts and Games  
Area C: Memory Verse/Music/Missions Overview

12:10 PM

Answers Center Auditorium  
Open for Lunch

Open

1:10 PM

Get-Together  
Answers Center Auditorium

Open

2:10 PM

*Wonder Junction*  
Decoration Tips and Tricks  
Answers Center Auditorium

Area A: Engaging with Parents  
Area B: Digital Pro Overview  
Area C: Make Your Promotions Zing!

3:10 PM

Capture the Wonder of Jesus  
Answers Center Auditorium

Area A: *Wonder Junction* Set Design  
Area B: Tips for First-Time Answers VBS Directors  
Area C: Using Media Appropriately

4:10 PM

Seeds Kids Worship Team  
Answers Center Auditorium

Area A: VBS Tips and Tricks  
Area B: Encouragement for Directors  
Area C: Make-and-Take Decorations (DIY barrels)

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9:00

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# BREAKOUT SESSION LOCATIONS

**Area A** | Answers Center Lower Level

**Area B** | Tent (outside)

**Area C** | Upper Level Emzara's Buffet





Why?



THE GOOD SHEPHERD CREATOR

John 20:28

Colossians 1:16

ALMIGHTY  
GOD

Bread of Life

JESUS

ROCK

Immanuel

Messiah

ALPHA  
AND  
OMEGA

REDEEMER

Isaiah 59:20

King  
of  
Kings

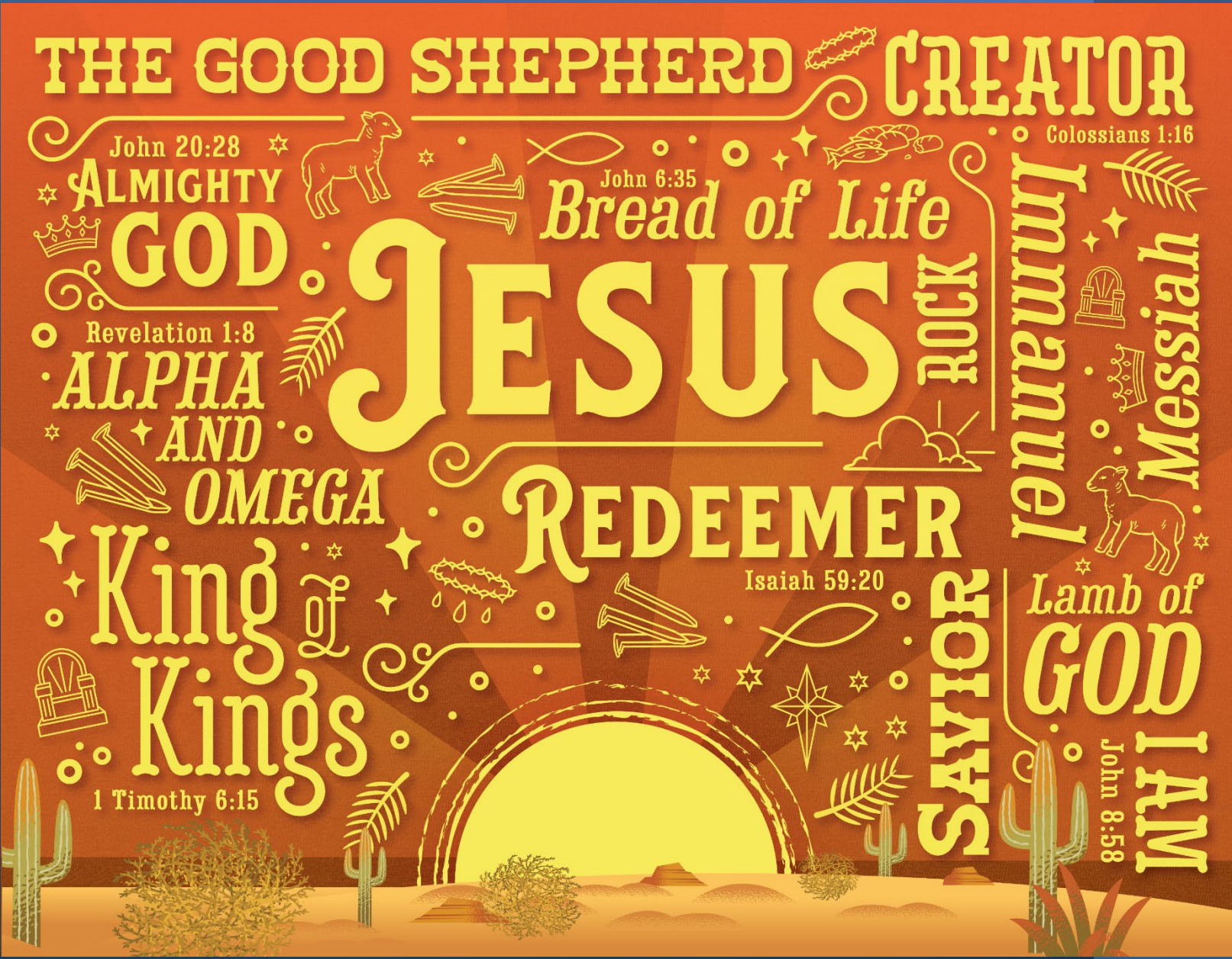
SAVIOR

Lamb of  
GOD

1 Timothy 6:15

John 8:58

I AM

























JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
**THEME VERSE**

**From the rising of the sun  
to its setting, the name of  
the LORD is to be praised!**

**PSALM 113:3**

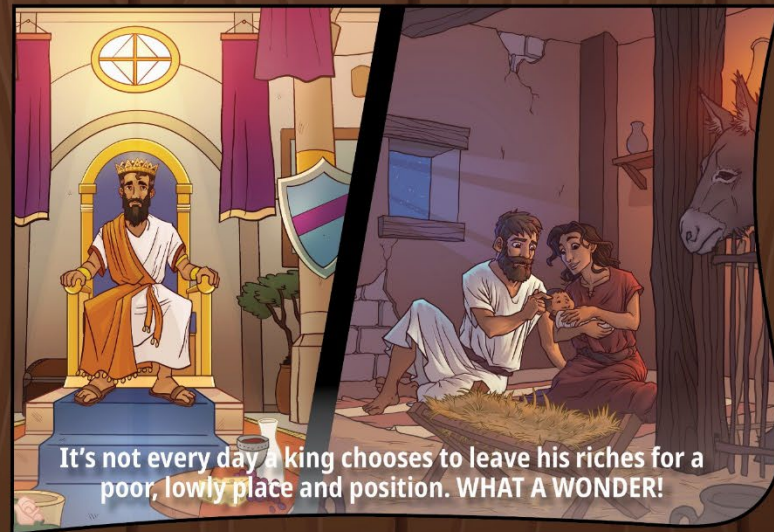


	Day 1 The Wonder of His Birth		Day 2 The Wonder of His Childhood		Day 3 The Wonder of His Ministry Years		Day 4 The Wonder of His Death & Resurrection		Day 5 The Wonder of His Return	
<b>Bible Passages</b>	<b>Jesus Is Born</b> Matthew 1-2; Luke 2		<b>Jesus at the Temple</b> Luke 2:39-52		<b>Jesus Does Wondrous Things</b> Selections from the book of Mark		<b>Jesus Dies and Lives Again</b> Matthew 27-28		<b>Jesus Is Coming Back</b> Select verses; Matthew 25:14-29	
<b>Memory Verses</b>	John 1:14		Luke 2:52		John 21:25		John 20:31		Matthew 6:10	
<b>Animal Pals</b>	Tiny the Cougar Kitten		Junior the Wolf Pup		Mighty the Bison		Champ the Grizzly Bear		Mission the Horse	
<b>Apologetics Focus</b>	Is Jesus the most important person ever born?		Is Jesus God or man—or both?		Has anyone else had the power to raise himself from the dead?		Was Jesus completely dead?		How will Jesus return?	
<b>Carpenter Joe's Crafts</b>	 Christmas Crèche	 Ticket to Ride Ornament	 Covered Wagon Conversations	 Mini Horseshoes Game	 Praise Journal	 Names of Jesus Print	 Spikes Cross Necklace	 Sunset Silhouette	 Money Pouch	 Wonder Junction Bank
<b>Carpenter Joe's Science</b>	Star of Wonder	Cone in a Cornfield	Lasso Lesson	Layers upon Layers	Weather the Storm	Power Play	Riding the Rails	Pushy Plates	Spread the Word	Marvelous Magnetism
<b>Gallop in' Gabe's Games</b>	Nativity Stations Catch the Caboose		Tough Trials Obstacle Course Annie, Annie Over		Mercantile Mania Name Above All Names Scavenger Hunt		Safecracker Make Your Claim		Wild West Relays Sheriff's Coming	
<b>Sweet Sadie's Snacks</b>	 Gold Nuggets	 Biscuit Baby	 Carpenter Scraps	 Wolf Puppy Chow	 Mini Flapjacks	 Loaves & Fish	 Light & Dark	 Breadstick Rattler	 Pizza Wheels	 Apple Wheels
<b>Cool Contests</b>	Guess the Gold Coins		Spirit of the West Day		Old West Dress-Up Day		Names of Jesus Challenge		Mission Money Mania	

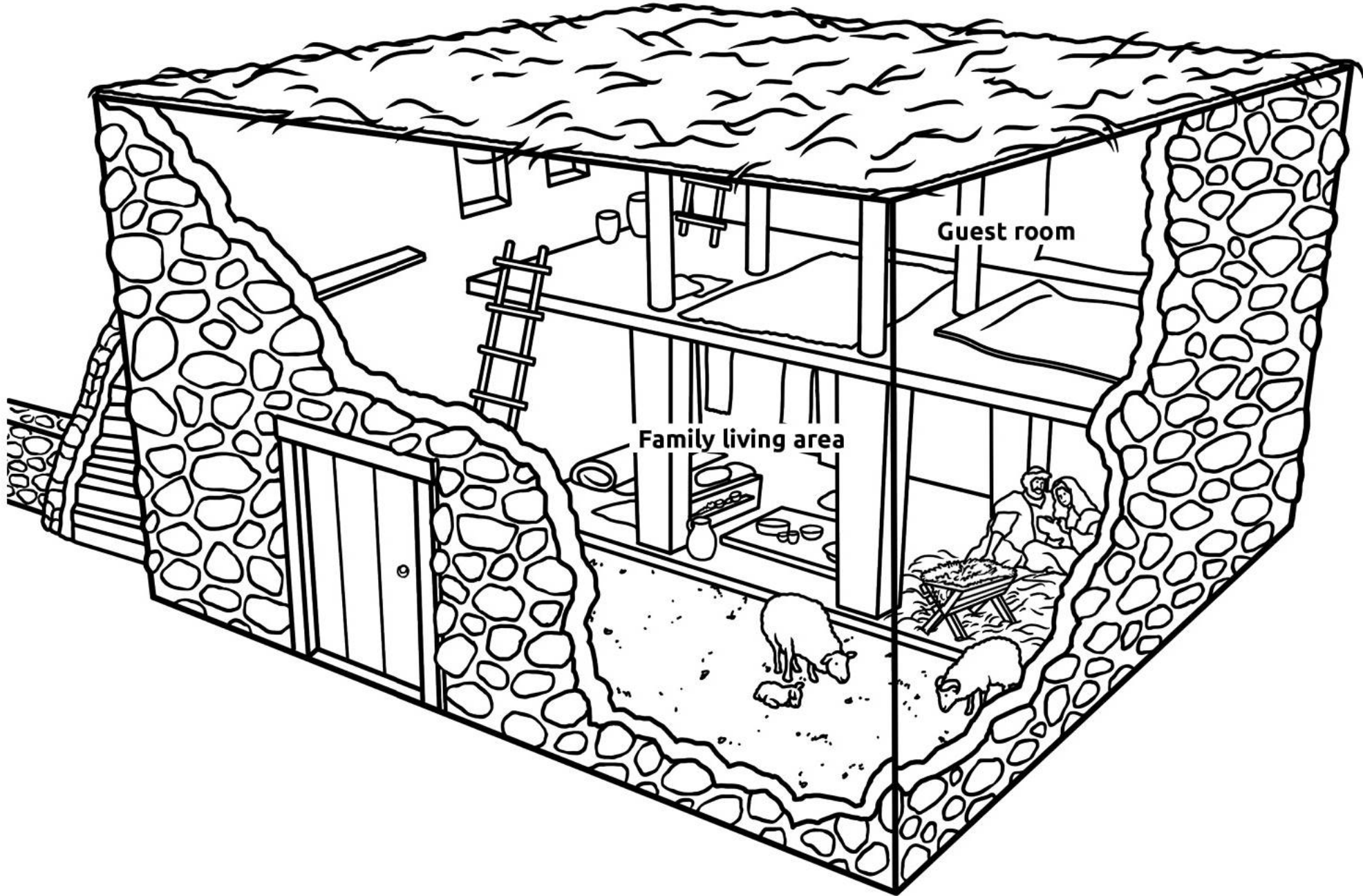
**THEME VERSE: PSALM 113:3**



# Wonder-Filled Birth







Guest room

Family living area



## Do your products feature images of Jesus?

A few of the teaching posters and student guides for *Wonder Junction* feature images of Jesus. However, we have provided printable replacements for those pages in the downloadable resources. The *Who Is Jesus?* booklet, decoration posters, and Wonder Cards feature a few images of Jesus and are not available in an alternate form.







# TINY

Tiny the cougar kitten reminds us that Jesus came to earth as a tiny baby. What a wonder that the Creator of the universe loved us so much that he took on flesh to live in the world he created. He is Immanuel, God with us!





**What did the cougar kitten say  
when his team lost the game?**

**"This is a cat-astrophe!"**





JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
DAY 1 VERSE

**And the Word became  
flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory  
. . . full of grace and truth.**

**JOHN 1:14**



PRE-PRIMARY/TODDLER  
DAY 1 VERSE

And the Word became



flesh and dwelt among us.



JOHN 1:14



JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
DAY 1 VERSE

**And the Word was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us, (and we  
beheld his glory . . .) full of  
grace and truth.**

**JOHN 1:14**





At age 12, Jesus was already  
teaching the teachers.  
**WHAT A WONDER!**





# JUNIOR

Junior the wolf is still a pup, but he is learning from his dad as he grows. Jesus also grew and learned as he went through childhood. Yet he was also able to teach his teachers because he knew things they didn't! What a wonder to think that Jesus is fully human and fully God at the same time!





**What do you call a wolf who is  
freezing?**

**A chili dog.**





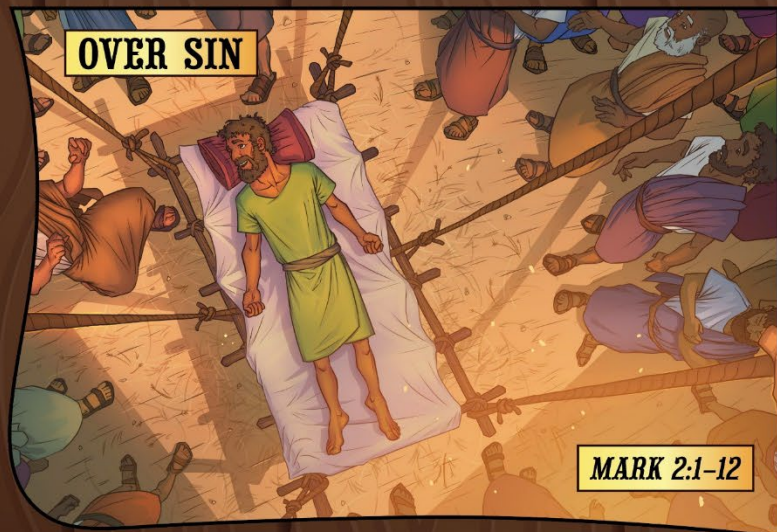
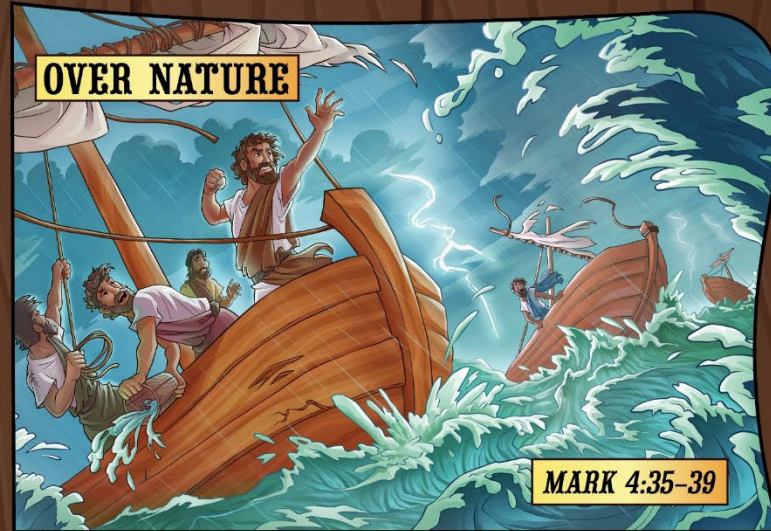
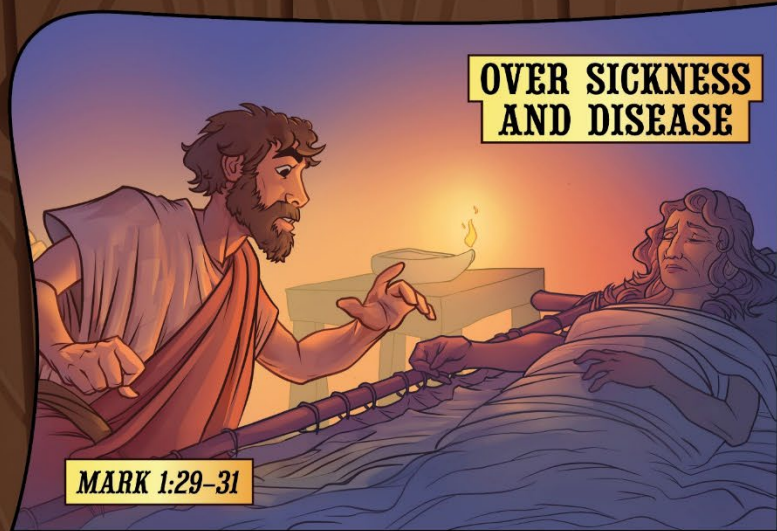
JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
DAY 2 VERSE

**And Jesus increased in  
wisdom and in stature and in  
favor with God and man.**

**LUKE 2:52**



# Wonder-Working Power







# MIGHTY

Mighty the bison is a powerful animal. He reminds us that Jesus is Almighty God, who has power over sickness, disease, nature, sin, and even death. What a wonder that the one who can walk on water cares about you!



**Why do bison always pay with credit cards?**

**They like to charge everything.**





JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
DAY 3 VERSE

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

**JOHN 21:25**









# CHAMP

Champ the grizzly bear hibernates each winter, wakes up in the spring, and comes out of his cave. Jesus did something more amazing. He died, then rose from the dead, and came out of the tomb. He is the savior and champion over death!



**How . . . talented?**

**A grizzly bear can smell  
a dead animal up to 18  
miles away.**





JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
DAY 4 VERSE

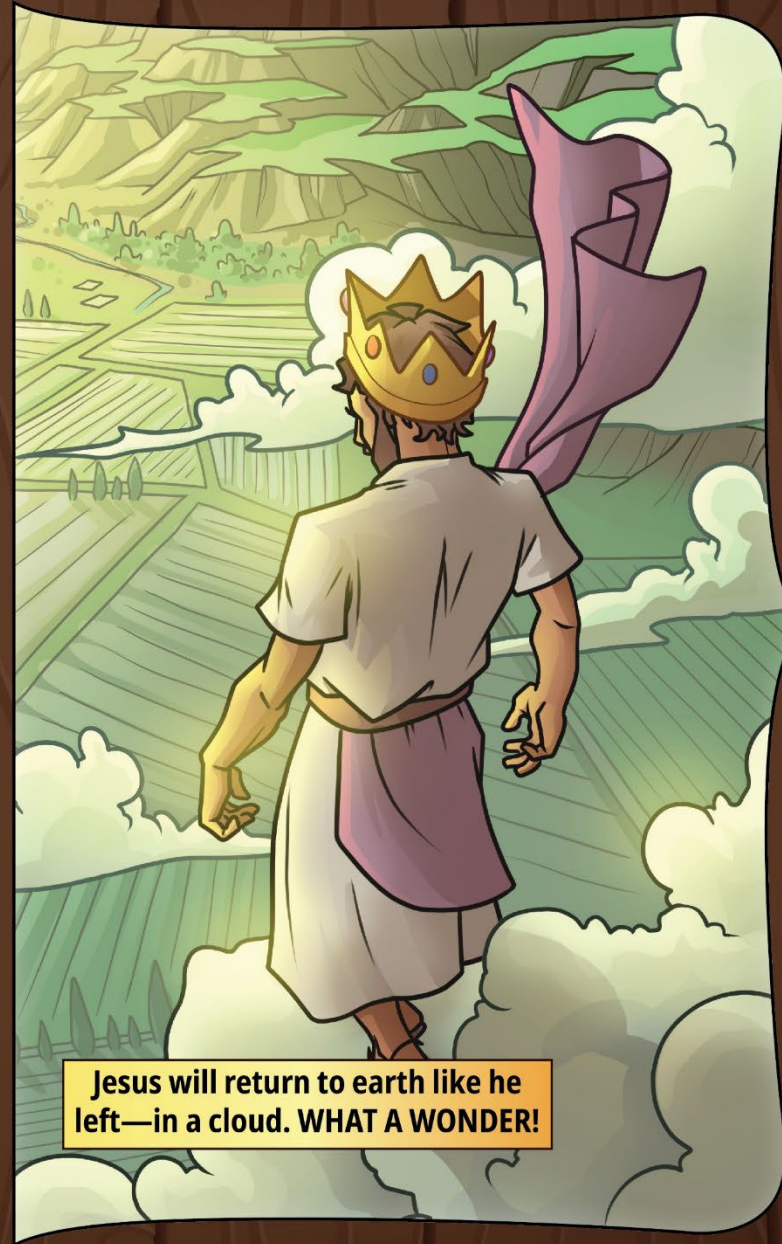
**But these are written so that you  
may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God, and that by believing  
you may have life in his name.**

**JOHN 20:31**





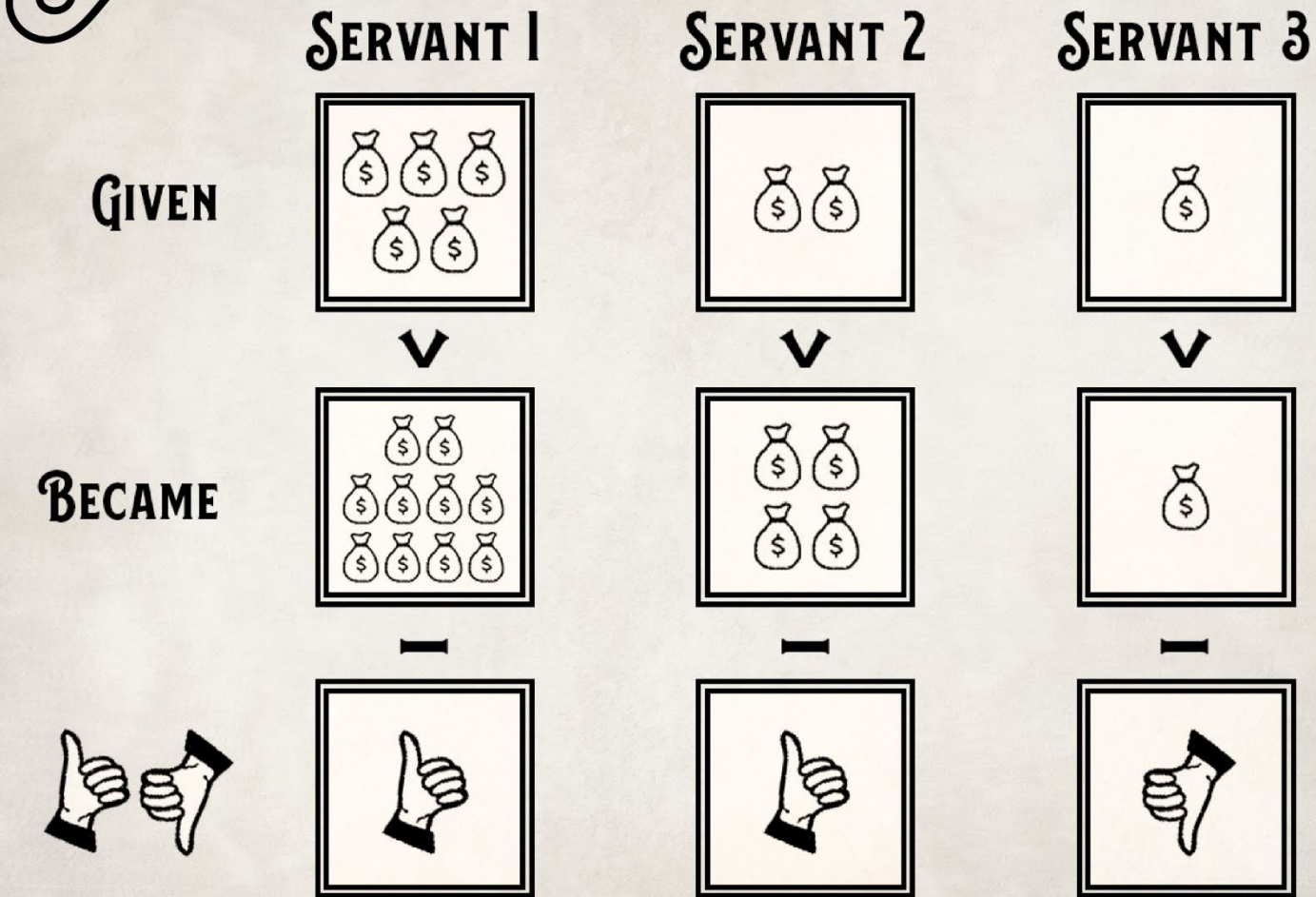
**Jesus left earth by ascending in a cloud. WHAT A WONDER!**



**Jesus will return to earth like he left—in a cloud. WHAT A WONDER!**



# PARABLE OF THE TALENTS








LET LOVE BE **GENUINE**. ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL.  
HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD. LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY AFFECTION.  
OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR.

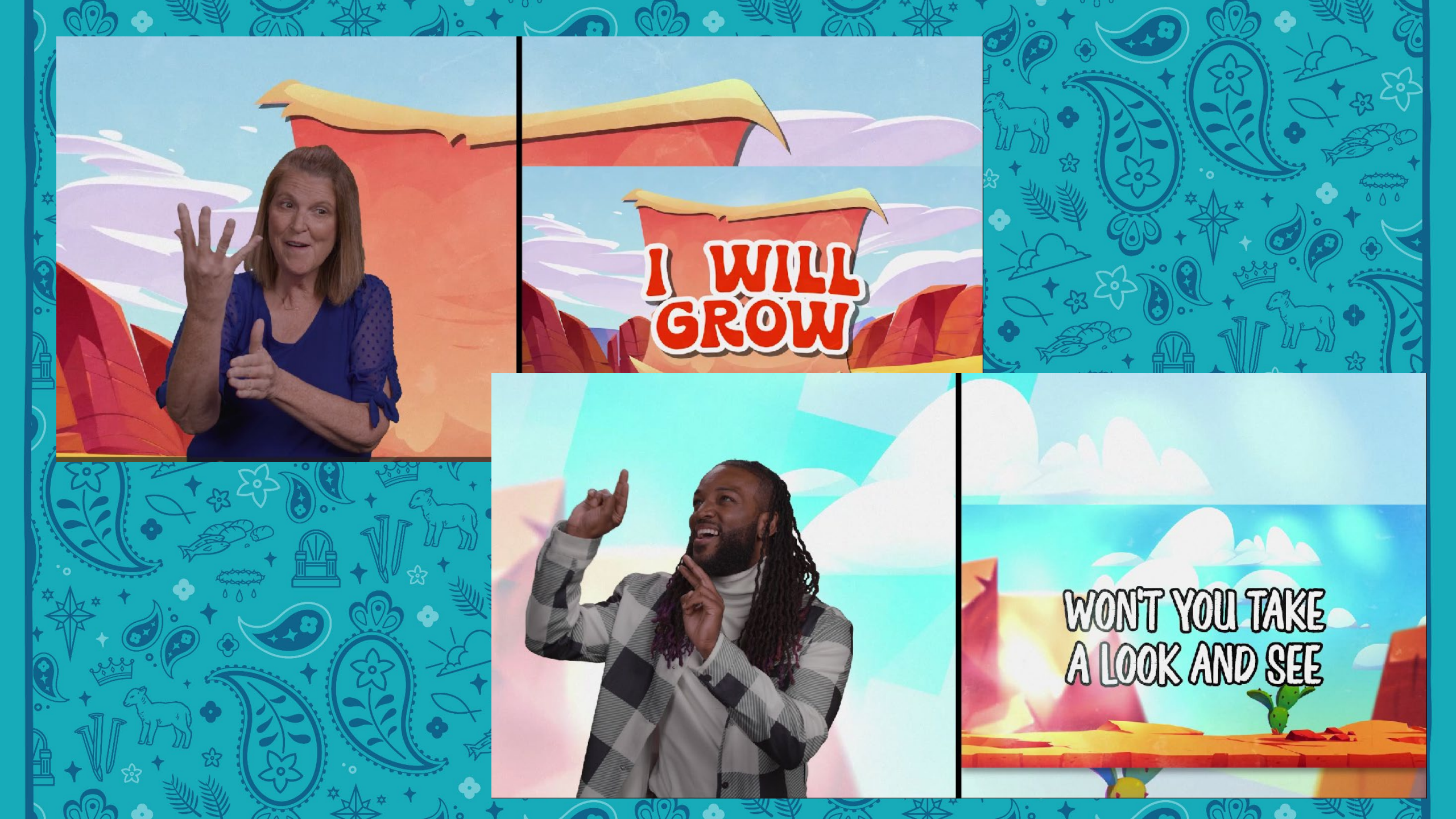
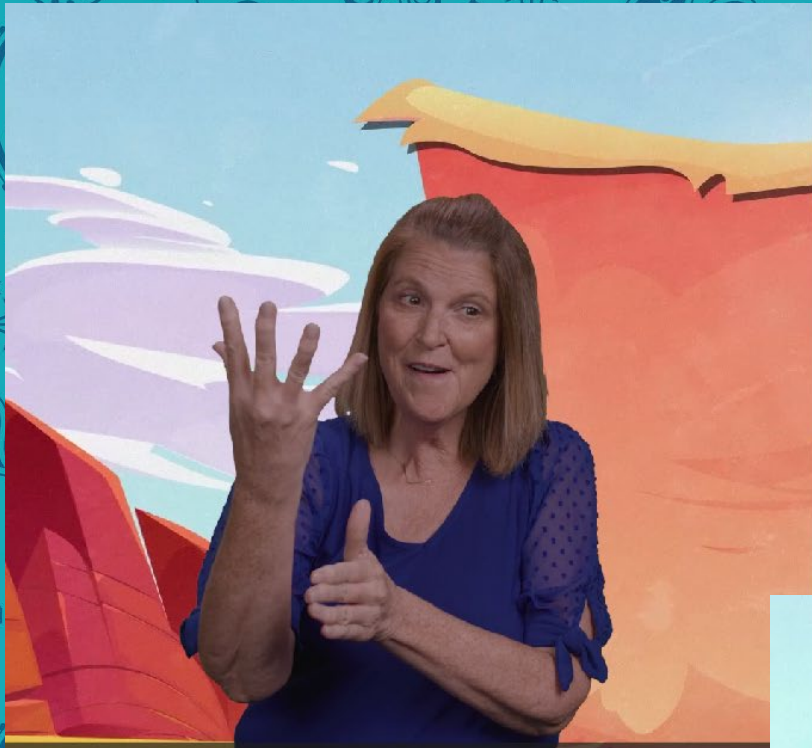
**ROMANS 12:9-10**

GENUINE (ROMANS 12:9-10)  
FROM THE ALBUM "THE WORD OF GOD" 



**ROMANS**  
**12:11-13**







# MISSION

Mission the horse carried circuit riders from town to town so they could share the gospel. Our mission is to use our time and talents wisely to share the good news of Jesus with those around us. When we marvel at the King of kings, we can live for his glory!





**Do you like horses,  
adventure, and sharing  
the good news of Jesus?**

You could have been a circuit rider in the Old West, although it wasn't easy. Preachers traveled many miles on horseback from town to town and back (a "circuit"), battling illness, animal attacks, and unfriendly encounters.





JUNIOR/PRIMARY  
DAY 5 VERSE

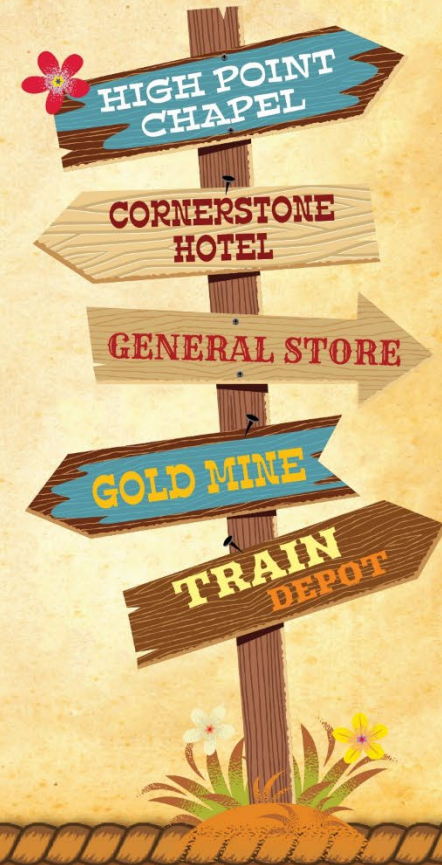
**Your kingdom come, your  
will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**MATTHEW 6:10**

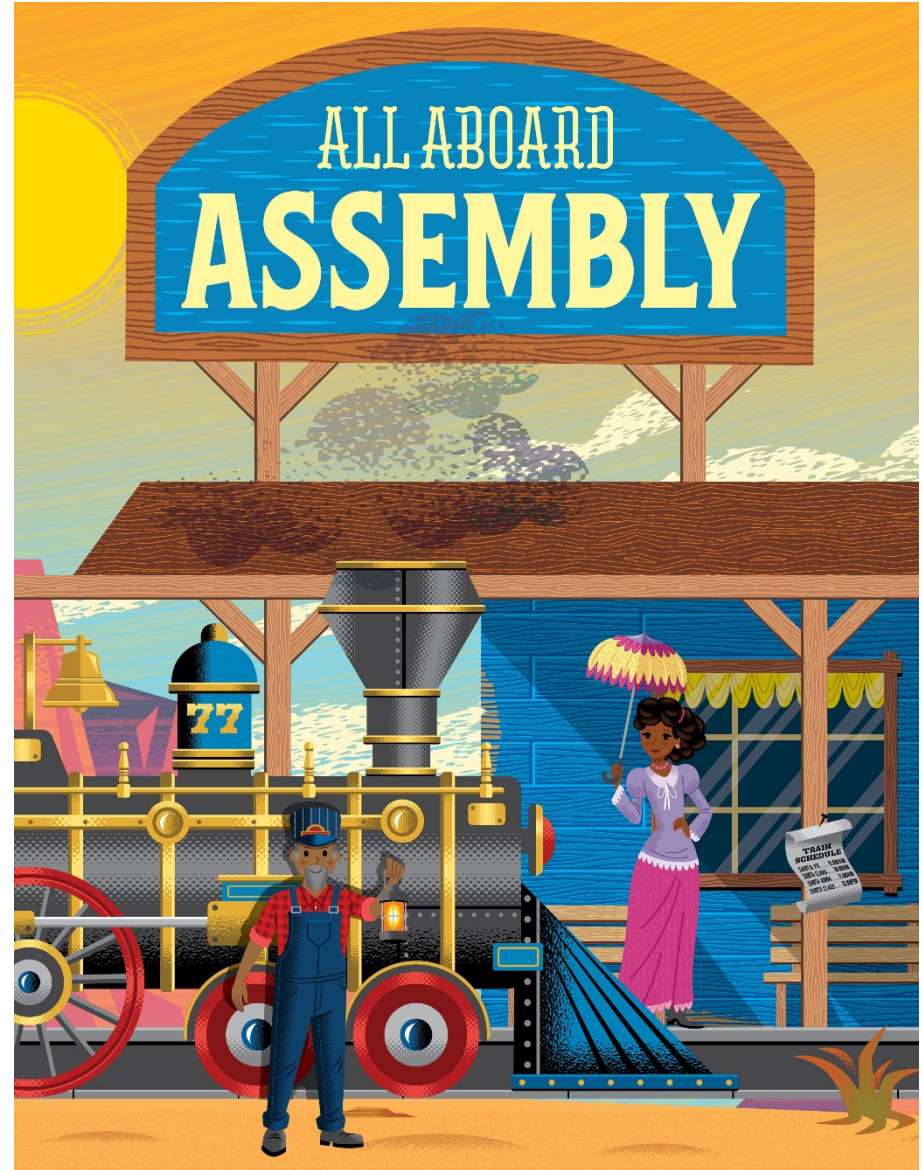




**Knock knock. Who's there?**  
**Dime. Dime who?**  
**Dime to head west!**











TOE-TAPPIN'  
TUNES



The image features a wooden sign with a light brown to orange gradient, mounted on a dark blue background with a subtle wood grain pattern. A thick, light brown rope is draped across the top of the sign. On the right side, a portion of a violin is visible, showing its body, neck, and strings. The text 'TOE-TAPPIN'' is written in a bold, black, serif font with a white outline, followed by a musical note symbol. Below this, the word 'TUNES' is written in a larger, similar font, preceded by a treble clef symbol.



CONTEMPORARY

# TOE-TAPPIN' TUNES

1. Wonder Junction
2. Immanuel
3. I Will Be
4. He Is Jesus
5. Jesus Is the One
6. Jesus Is Returning
7. Tis So Sweet

8. From the Rising Sun (Psalm 113:3)
9. We Have Seen His Glory (John 1:14)
10. Wisdom, Stature, and Favor (Luke 2:52)
11. So Much More (John 21:25)
12. Life in His Name (John 20:31)
13. Kingdom Come (Matthew 6:10)
14. Genuine (Romans 12:9-10)
15. Serve the Lord (Romans 12:11-13)



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TRADITIONAL

# TOE-TAPPIN' TUNES

1. Wonder Junction
2. A Great and Mighty Wonder
3. That's a Miracle
4. Mighty Powerful God
5. Only Jesus
6. Look Up! He's Coming  
Through the Clouds
7. O How Sweet

8. Psalm 113:3
9. John 1:14
10. Luke 2:52
11. John 21:25
12. John 20:31
13. Matthew 6:10



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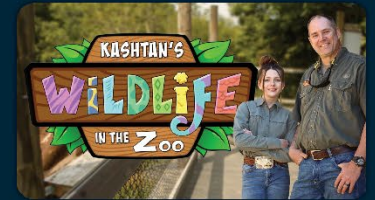
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# TODDLER SNACKS

## Day 1

### Congar Claws (per person)

- 1 oz. Cheddar Cheese or Cheddar's Faves
- Cup or bowl for serving
- Optional: use cheese cuffs and call them Congar Tails

Place approximately 1 oz. portions of paws-shaped cheese snacks into bowls or cups for each child. Optional: decorate containers using a paw print or cat stamp, drawing your own design with a permanent marker, or applying stickers.



See p. 14 of this guide for directions, but make this simplified version. Adjust serving size as needed for younger children.

### TEACHING TIE-IN

Today is a dog at but it is junkier it up to be younger Eve in the be year he lived

### TEACHING TIE-IN

Today we're learning about our animal pal. Try the congar kites. What animal do you think a congar makes? Take responses. Congar kites are baby congars, which remind us of how Jesus was a little when he came to earth. He was born as a baby even though he was God!

### Homemade (per person)

- 1 shortcake or biscuit
- 1 T. apple butter or strawberry preserves filling
- Sprinkles
- Whipped topping
- Small plate for serving

See p. 10 of this guide for directions and the Teaching Tie-In. Adjust serving size as needed for younger children.

## Day 2

### Wolf Puppy Chow (per 10 half-cup servings)

- 2 c. Chocolate Chex cereal
- 1/4 c. M&M's
- 3 c. Cheerios
- Cups or bowls for serving

### Computer &

- 1 pretz
- 2 pretz
- 1-2 sec
- 6 piece
- 6 choc
- Zippos

See p. 12 of the Tie-In. Adjust younger chi

## Day 3

### Essentials

- 2 c. ch
- 1 c. but
- 1/2 c. ml
- Milk pa
- Clapok

Melt butter a wave at 15-17 in a medium small trays

### Ingredients (12 one-cup servings)

- Packaged cheese flavored popcorn Oil
- 1/2 c. popcorn kernels
- 3 T. cooking oil
- 1/4 c. melted butter
- 3 T. powdered cheese sauce mix

### Sparkling Lemonade Drink Ingredients

- Powdered lemonade drink mix and water, 1 quart for every 5 children
- Sparkling water, a dash per cup

### Basic Supplies

- Measuring cups and spoons
- Large saucepan with lid
- Large bowl
- Mixing spoons
- Unbleached coffee filters for serving
- Themed napkins and cups
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### Prep

1. To make your own popcorn, cover the bottom of the large saucepan with approximately 3 T. cooking oil. Add the popcorn, then heat on high. Cover with a lid and shake the pan occasionally, especially when popping begins.
2. When popping is finished, put popcorn into a large bowl and pour melted butter over it. Toss to coat.
3. Sprinkle the powdered cheese sauce mix over the popcorn (one tablespoon at a time until desired amount), tossing to coat.
4. Place 1 cup of popcorn into each coffee filter ("gold pan") to serve.
5. Prepare drink according to package directions. Add a dash of sparkling water to each cup right before serving.

# DAY 1 GOLD NUGGETS

### Tip Corner

- Each 1/4 c. of unpopped popcorn yields about 12 cup servings.
- Do not salt the popcorn, both as adding the powdered cheese sauce mix.
- If you are making a large amount of this snack, dried cheese sauce mix can be found at restaurant supply stores. For a smaller amount, cheese powder can be found in the spice aisle or popcorn aisle grocery store.



28 • Additional Snack Ideas

# ADDITIONAL SNACK IDEAS

The snacks suggested here are great additional ideas to use for meetings, training workshops, the carnival, or VBS week itself. For meetings, make an id label for each snack on the food table. See [Pinterest.com/users/wesvibes](http://Pinterest.com/users/wesvibes) for great pictures of themes freshly decorated snack tables.

**Wagon Wheel Roll-Ups:** Spread softened cream cheese on a whole wheat tortilla and fill with deli turkey or ham. Roll it up, cut into 1/4-inch slices to serve.

**Rootin' Tootin' Floats:** Enjoy root beer floats by using any brand of root beer poured over vanilla ice cream. Serve with spoons and striped paper straws.

**Veggie Train Trays:** Create a show-stopping veggie tray by making train cars out of cut-up cucumbers and hollowed-out bell peppers. Fill with ranch dressing and veggies like carrots, celery or broccoli. Add circles of cucumber to the sides for wheels.

**Golden Candy:** Serve some "gold nuggets" using any gold-wrapped candy such as M&M's or chocolate coins.

**Cowboy Hat:** Using a chocolate-covered pretzel, attach a kito candy in the center of the chip with a dab of icing. Encircle the kito with a short piece of pipe cleaner around the base to create a cowboy hat.

**Milkshakes:** Go west a big part of life in the Old West. Enjoy refreshing, old milkshakes by mixing milk and any flavor of ice cream in a blender. Top with whipped cream and a cherry if desired.

**Star-Shaped Christmas Cookies:** Make any classic sugar cookie dough and use a star cookie cutter to make Christmas-themed cookies. Top with icing and red and green sprinkles to remind everyone of the wonder of Jesus' birth.

**Corn Bread:** Corn bread was a mainstay diet! Use any homemade corn bread recipe or buy a boxed mix and bake according to package directions. Top with a me butter and let everyone enjoy a taste of the Old West!

**Rules of Hay:** Buy or make some kito paper bags. Cut into rectangles to resemble hay bales.

**Horseshoe:** Roll cookie or crescent roll dough into horseshoe shapes and bake. Serve cookies with icing and crescent rolls with cinnamon bun butter.

**BBQ Feast:** If serving a meal for a meeting, have good old BBQ with baked beans and corn on the cob. Serve on speckled tin plates or disposable aluminum pie pans.

**Well Water:** Keep the theme going with pitchers or bottles of water labeled as "Well Water."



## Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack. Before eating, say:

Does anyone know who this "baby" in our snack today reminds us of? Take responses. We're learning about Jesus and the wonder of his birth. Jesus came as a baby to the world in a way people would never have expected. He was likely born in the lower level of a house where the animals were kept during the night. Normally a king was born in a palace or somewhere big and fancy, but not Jesus. From our point of view, it seems unexpected, but that was all part of God's plan. What a wonder!

Use the rest of your time to share the Conversation Starters and Fun Facts below.

## Conversation Starters and Fun Facts

- Do you know where you were born?
- What is your favorite part of the story of Jesus' birth?
- If you could be one person or animal in the nativity story, who would you want to be and why?
- Giving birth in the Old West was a lot different than nowadays. With few doctors and towns often far away, most ladies had their babies in their homes (or even on the trail) without medical help. Girls, what do you think about that?
- We're talking about Jesus' birth today. When Mary gave birth to Jesus, she was probably just a young teenager because women in Bible times often got married younger than they typically do nowadays. What do you think is a good age to get married?

## Super Simple Option

**Star-Shaped Snacks**—Serve any star-shaped snacks that you can find at your local grocery store. These are particularly available around the Fourth of July.

## Healthy Options

**Wonder Star**—Cut fruit, cheese, or veggies into a star shape, using a small star cookie cutter. Talk about the star that was part of the wonder of Jesus' infancy.

**Train Track Treat**—Lay two pretzel rods next to each other with pretzel sticks laying across them to look like a train track. Optional: secure pretzel sticks with hummus, guacamole, or soft cheese. Discuss how transportation by train revolutionized the Old West.

## Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with Teaching Tie-Ins.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.



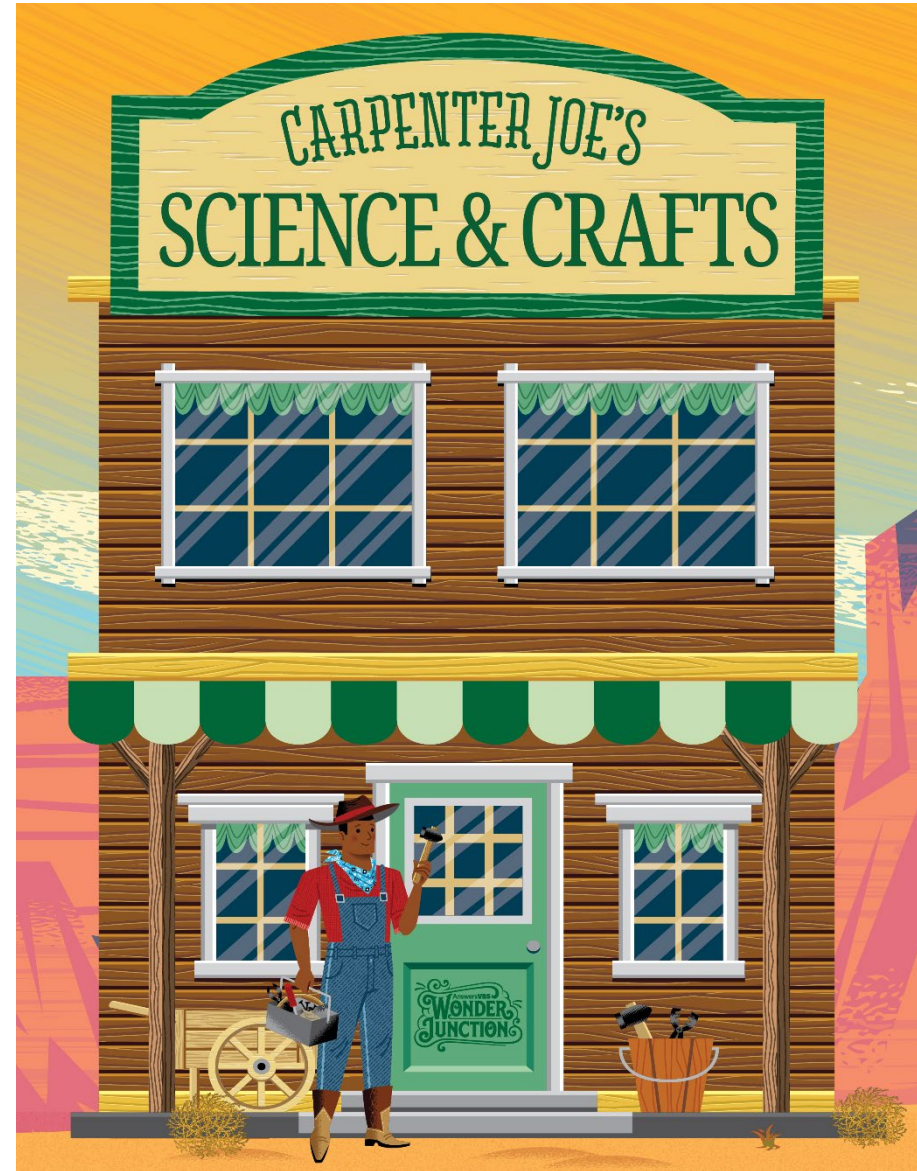














## ANY DAY MORE CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES

### LETTER STAMPING & CALLIGRAPHY

- MATERIALS**
- Calligraphy or Alphabet Stamps
  - Black letter and number stamper
  - Washable stamp pads
  - White egg paper
  - Ink
- TOOLS AND BASIC SUPPLIES**
- Markers
  - Wet wipes for cleanup

**PREP**  
Make sure calligraphy samples by printing the **CALLIGRAPHY AND PATTERNS** page into the egg paper.

- CLASS TIME DIRECTIONS**
- Children have fun stamping and writing names.
  - Display that we can be thankful for the letters, because letters make words, and God made words to talk to us with His Word.

**THE CORNER**  
Use this area as the place for the kids to gather if they've finished their craft with an extension project.

Download the patterns from [www.Amazon.com/Smile](http://www.Amazon.com/Smile)

Any Day More Crafts • 21

### CONCENTRATION

- MATERIALS**
- Concentration Cards Pattern
  - White or yellow cardstock, 2 sheets per child
  - Black ink stamped letters, 2 per child
- TOOLS AND BASIC SUPPLIES**
- Office paper cutter
  - Crayons or colored pencils

**PREP**  
Print the **CONCENTRATION CARDS PATTERNS** onto cardstock, 2 sheets per child.

- CLASS TIME DIRECTIONS**
- Color the pictures with light-colored crayons or colored pencils, being careful not to press too hard so the background isn't rubbed off the black ink.
  - To play, lay the squares out on a table with the pictures facing down.
  - Take turns flipping cards over to see what's a pair, trying to find a match. It's a match if not found, flip them back over.
  - Continue playing until all matches have been found. The player with the most matches wins.

**THE CORNER**  
Use this area as a place for younger children.

- This game can also be played by one person, finding all matches in a designated time period.

## TODDLER CRAFTS

### THEMATIC CRAFT IDEAS

Some activities will not be listed as they fall below each age group or certain seasons. Please refer to the table on the right for more information on the activities listed.

For the young, your annual amount of time may vary based on your child's schedule. Please refer to the table on the right for more information on the activities listed.

**Day 1**

**Season 1—Winter/January**

Color the following supplies. Use the supplies to make a winter scene. Use the supplies to make a winter scene.

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## DAY 1 CRAFT CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE JUNIOR, PRIMARY & PRE-PRIMARY

### MATERIALS

- Laminated Patterns
  - Construction Paper
  - White or yellow cardstock, 2 sheets per child
  - Black ink stamped letters, 2 per child
  - Office paper cutter
  - Crayons or colored pencils
- PREP**  
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- CLASS TIME DIRECTIONS**
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- THE CORNER**  
Use this area as a place for younger children.
- This game can also be played by one person, finding all matches in a designated time period.

### TOOLS AND BASIC SUPPLIES

- Office paper cutter
- 6-inch hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Glue dots
- Zippered baggies
- White acrylic paint
- Toothpicks
- Fine-point Sharpies
- Colored markers

### PREP

- Assemble the bones for each child.
- Cut the dark blue cardstock into 4 x 4-inch pieces.

Download the patterns from [www.Amazon.com/Smile](http://www.Amazon.com/Smile)

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## DAY 1 EXPERIMENT STAR OF WONDER

### MATERIALS

- Reinforced Act of Faith Illustration
- 10 or more 4-inch star stickers
- Black ink stamped letters, 2 per child
- Office paper cutter
- Crayons or colored pencils

### PREP

- Place all but one of the 4-inch stars randomly on the walls around the room and around them with pictures of stars.
- Print the **STAR OF WONDER** pattern.

### THE CORNER

- In the place of the earth is all globe, use a small globe or globe. Add the distance of all the stars that represent the earth.
- Instead of telling kids how far the earth is from the equator, consider calculating the approximate distance of the earth from the equator by using the following method:  
Look up the approximate latitude of your location on a map. Calculate the distance around the earth at your latitude:  
  - circumference  $\times$  40,000 = distance in km
  - circumference  $\times$  25,000 = distance in miles
  - Divide by 24 hours to get miles per hour (mph).

### CLASS TIME DIRECTIONS & DIALOGUE

#### Introduction

Have you ever looked up into God's wonderful night sky? How do we know where we are? Take responses. On a clear night, we see light in the sky, right?

- If the light is twinkling, what is it? Take responses—a star.
- If the light is solid, what is it? Take responses—a planet.
- If the light is flashing and moving slowly, what is it? Take responses—a plane.
- If the light moves fast and has a long tail, what is it? Take responses—a comet.
- If the light moves very fast and then disappears from view, what is it? Take responses—a shooting star, which is actually a meteor that has entered our atmosphere and is burning up.

Today, we're going to talk about a star—an unlight star named Betelgeuse. According to the Bible, we understand that the wise men came to worship Jesus before he was two years old. With all that stars in the sky, how do we know which one is Jesus?

What if we're going to do an experiment that will teach us something about this special star? First, let's make a star we call our distance of all the stars that represent the earth.

Everyone, be very still. Let the kids settle. What would you say if it said no one of you are being still? Take responses.



Day 1 Experiment: Star of Wonder







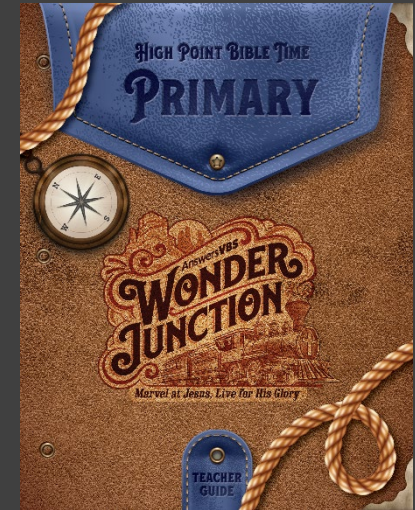
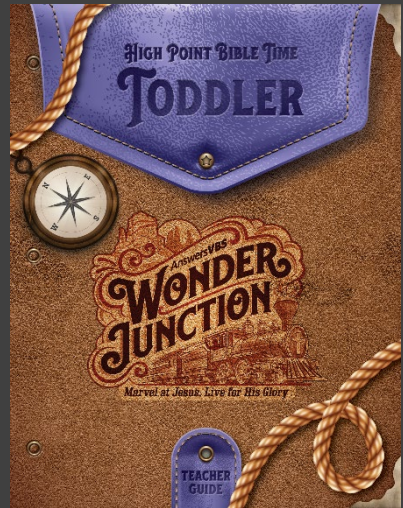
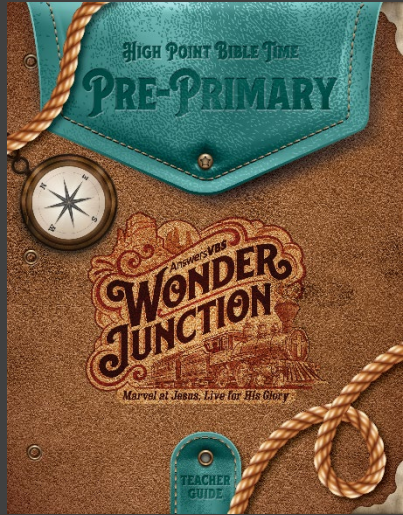
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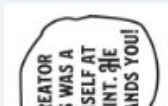
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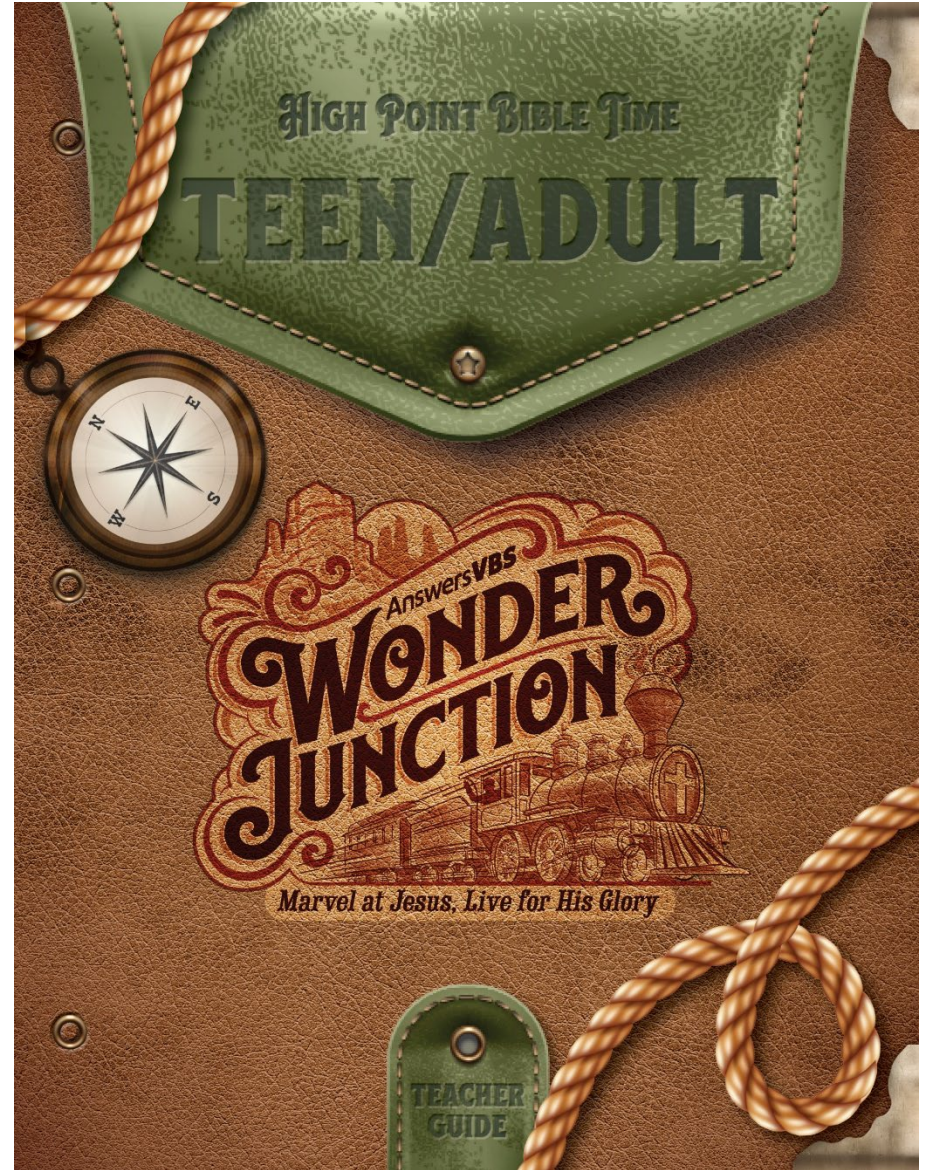
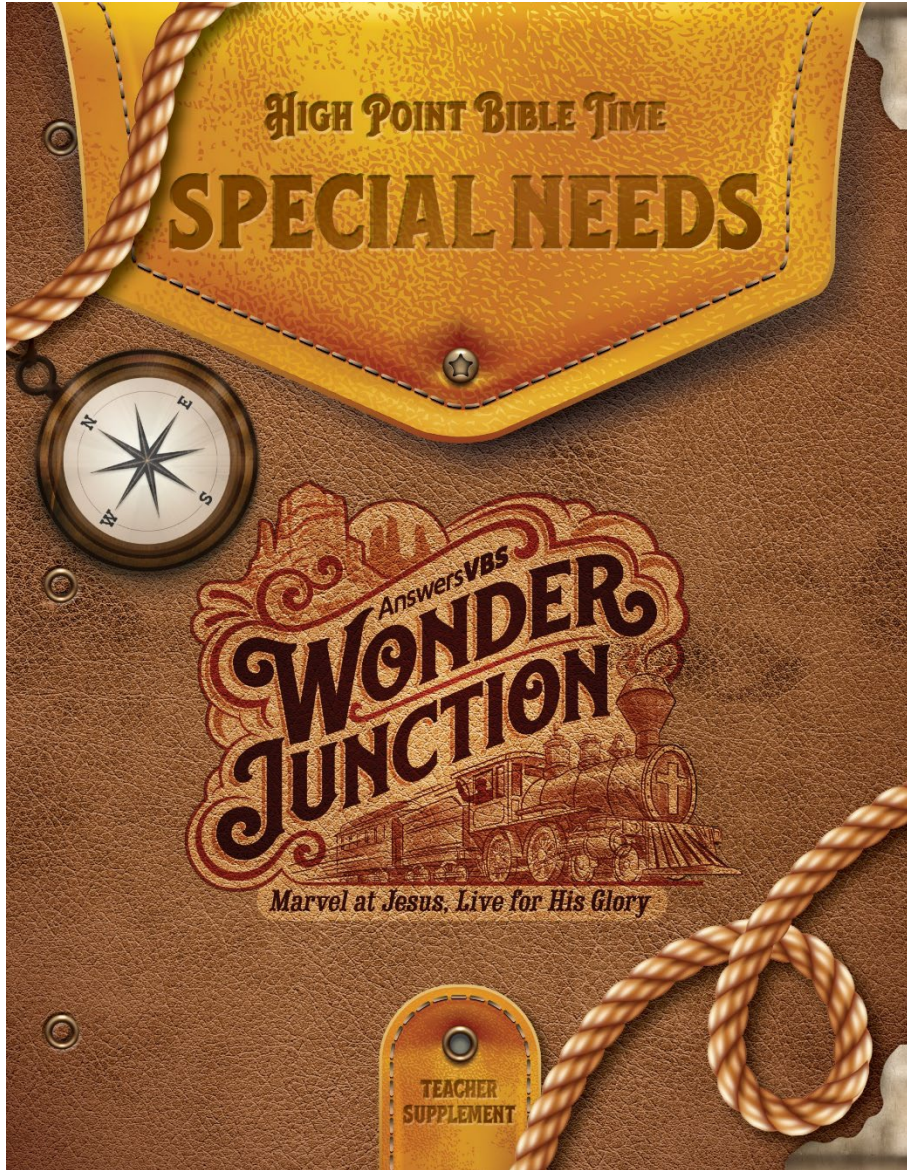
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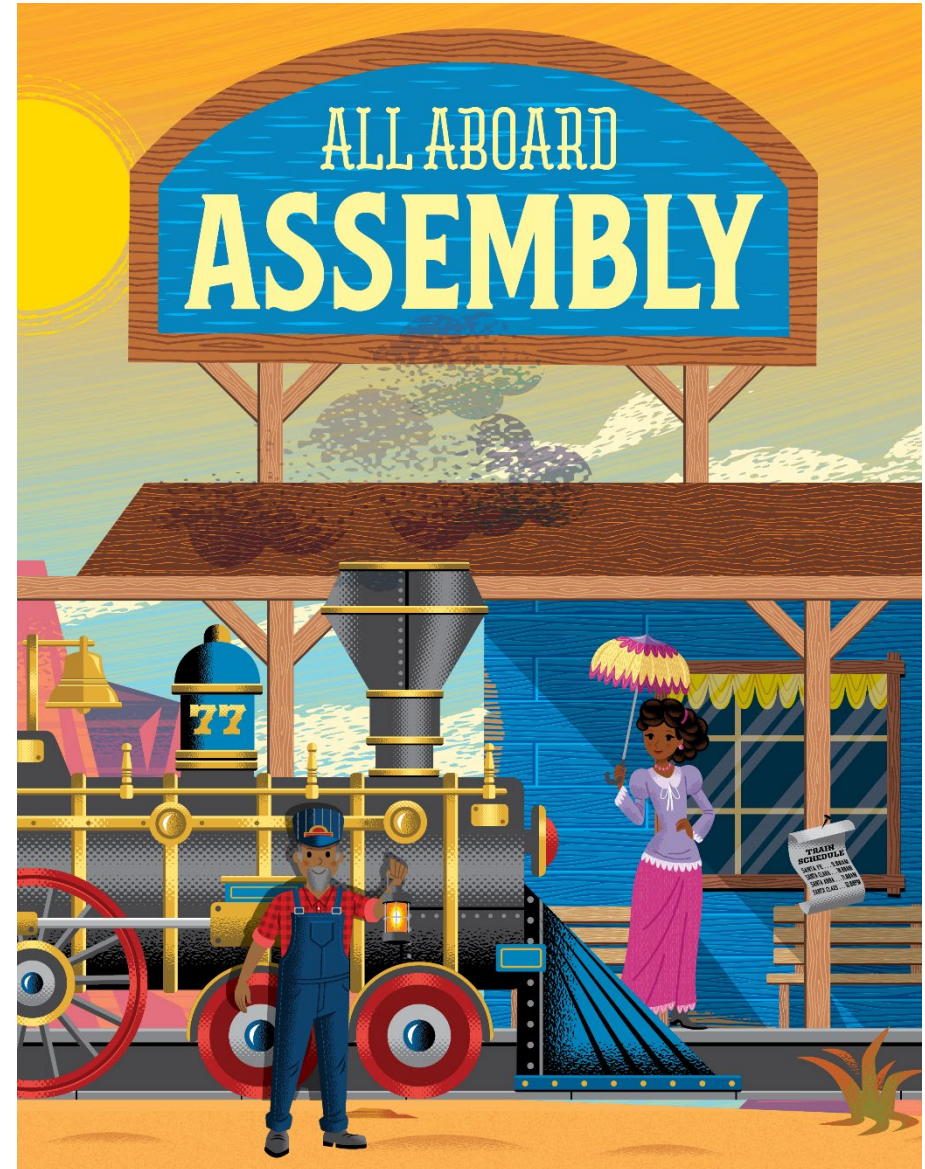




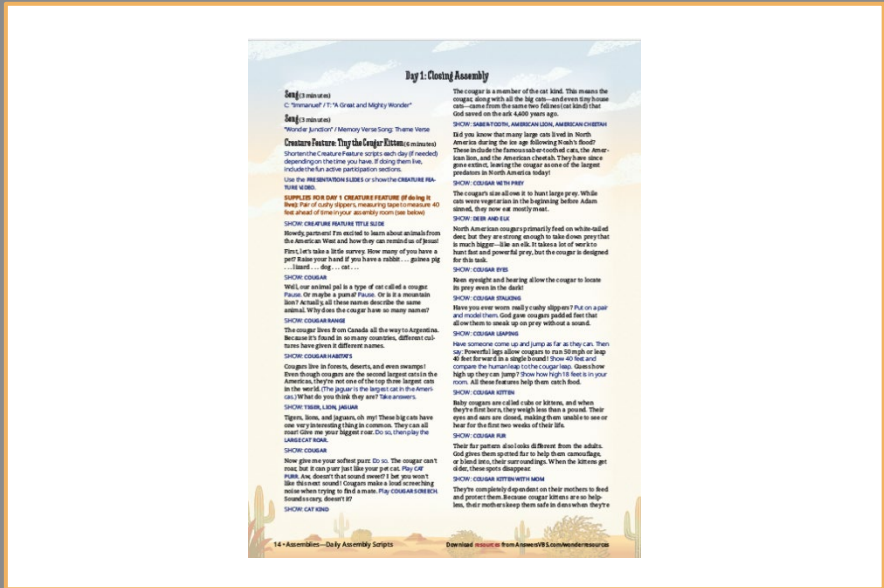
## Simple Songs for Kids CD

- Pre-Primary / Toddler Songs referenced in the teacher guides
- Available in the Resource Downloads and as a CD









# DAILY ASSEMBLY SCRIPTS

## Day 1: Opening Assembly

**Welcome** (2 minutes)

**SUPPLIES FOR DAY 1 WELCOME:** Train whistle (Item 1.22.0560)

**Person 1:** Come out pleasantly welcoming everyone to Wonder Junction. Howdy, partners! Welcome to Wonder Junction! We have a full week planned of learning about who Jesus is—our Creator and Savior—and how to live for his glory! Jump when Person 2 runs in shouting excitedly.

**Person 2:** Come out whooping it up and jumping around excitedly, saying, Yee-haw! Woo-whee! I declare! Pretend to chug around the stage, acting like a train and blowing your whistle loudly.

**Person 1:** \_\_\_ (Person 2's name), you sure are excited about VBS starting!

**Person 2:** I sure am, \_\_\_ (Person 1's name)! Hot diggity, we're ready to roll! You know how long I've been waiting for this moment?

**Person 1:** How long?

**Person 2:** I've been waiting for this until the cows come home. In fact, I've waited a whole year, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds.

**Person 1:** Interrupt toward the end. I get the picture, and I agree. VBS is the best! And Wonder Junction's gonna be well, wonder-ful! Pause. See what I did there? Wonder Junction, Wonder-ful.

**Person 2:** I see, I see. Now don't go... stealing my wonder. Pause. See what I did there? Wonder, thunder, get it?

**Person 1:** That's very... punny.

**Person 2:** Well, anyway, today we are going to discover the wonder of Jesus coming to earth as a tiny baby. Now let's get a wiggle on and get everyone up on their feet to start singin' some toe-tappin' tunes.

**Song** (3 minutes)

"Wonder Junction"

**Song** (3 minutes)

Contemporary: "Immanuel" / Traditional: "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

**Mission Moment** (5 minutes)

**SHOW:** "THE GREAT HOPE ROUNDUP" SLIDE

This week, we're learning about who Jesus is. When he was on earth, he taught that we need to provide food to those who need it (e.g., Matthew 25:31–40). So we are partnering with Children's Hunger Fund to help

children who are living in poor conditions and don't have enough to eat. Along with sending food, you can help them hear about Jesus too!

**SHOW:** "THE GREAT HOPE ROUNDUP—AYE KO" SLIDE

Are you ready to meet the first child? Pause for participation. Great! Today, we're going to meet a very little boy named Aye Ko (pronounced Eye Co), who lives in the country of Myanmar.

**SHOW:** VIDEO 1—AYE KO

**Country:** Myanmar

**Problem:** Extreme Hunger

With five growing boys at home, Aye Ko's parents are used to making their limited income stretch as far as it can go. But what do you do when that income (the money you earn) isn't enough anymore? Aye Ko and his brothers are little now, but they are growing. And what about his new baby sister? How will his parents afford to feed all of them? Thankfully, the local church can provide the family with food to help meet their needs.

There are other children around the world in need, just like Aye Ko. Do you want to learn how you can help them too? Pause for participation. Great! This week at VBS, we'll be collecting coins to put in these Coin Paks. Show Coin Pak. Take this home today and tell your family and friends about Aye Ko. Ask them to help you collect coins for meals. Just 25 cents can provide a nutritious meal for a hungry child.

**SHOW:** DAILY COUNTDOWN SLIDE

With the coins you collect, nutritious food can be packed into a Children's Hunger Fund Food Pak. These boxes can feed a family for several days.

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

**Announcements** (time varies)

Announce info pertinent to your situation. Explain how the contests work so the kids can participate. Check with your director if you aren't sure. Explain the Wonder Nuggets Treasure Hunt. See p. 9 for details.

**Prayer**

**Dismissal**

**Song** (play as children leave)

Day 1 Memory Verse Song—John 1:14







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### Assembly

Signs, scripts, and order of assembly materials will help supplement your assembly time!

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### Coloring Pages





It's time to let everyone know about your VBS! After all, people won't come if they don't know, so pull out all the stops and inform your church and community about the place to be this summer!

## PROMOTIONAL HELPS

Your Resource Download contains clip art, the Wonder Junction logo, and promotional helps. You'll also want to check out the Resource Catalog, which offers

Use the Resource Catalog to share your message, making sure all promotional pieces include the following crucial information:

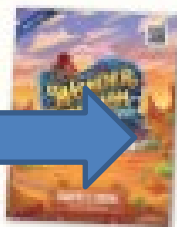
- VBS name
- Dates and times
- Location
- Ages
- Contact information

Remember to be creative and enthusiastic! Your methods will set the tone for VBS and get people excited and interested.

Add promotional events to the calendar you've already created. Print a separate copy of the calendar for your locality coordinator.

### File Formats

The clip art is provided in three formats. Each format is a particular type of use. **PDF** files are vector files, which are the best to use for logos, text backgrounds and are scalable for stretching or to make large signs or banners. **PNG** files are a general image format that contain transparent backgrounds. They can be used for any print or web use but cannot be scaled up without resolution problems. **SVG** files are the single vector formats required for Cricut machines.



### Wonder Junction Fonts

Answer VBS recommends the following free web fonts for promoting Wonder Junction: **Cherry Swash** and **Bertram** and **White Song** from Google Fonts, **The Stripes** from Dafont. Also, **Salford Base** and **Frijoles** are available for purchase from MyFonts.com, and **Spade** is available from Adobe Fonts.

Your Resource Download contains a WJ Font Preview with additional font suggestions.

### Templates

Many of the promotional items are set up for use with standard Avery templates (with one exception). In Microsoft Word, select "Labels" and choose "Avery" from label vendors. (Or download these free templates from the "Templates and Software" section of Avery.com.) For the doorknob hangers, choose "Online Label" from the label vendors. Data merges in Word can be set to use the following label templates:

Postcards (1220280, 1220270, 1220284, 1220290, 1220300)	Avery 2036
Bulletin inserts (1220340)	Avery 2036
Doorknob hangers (1220330)	OnlineLabel
Promo cards (1220310)	Avery 8376
Name tags (1220150)	Avery 74459

When using the templates, you will need to leave room for the preprinted art when populating the labels with your information. Print a test page on a separate sheet of paper to make sure the spacing is correct. We recommend using the



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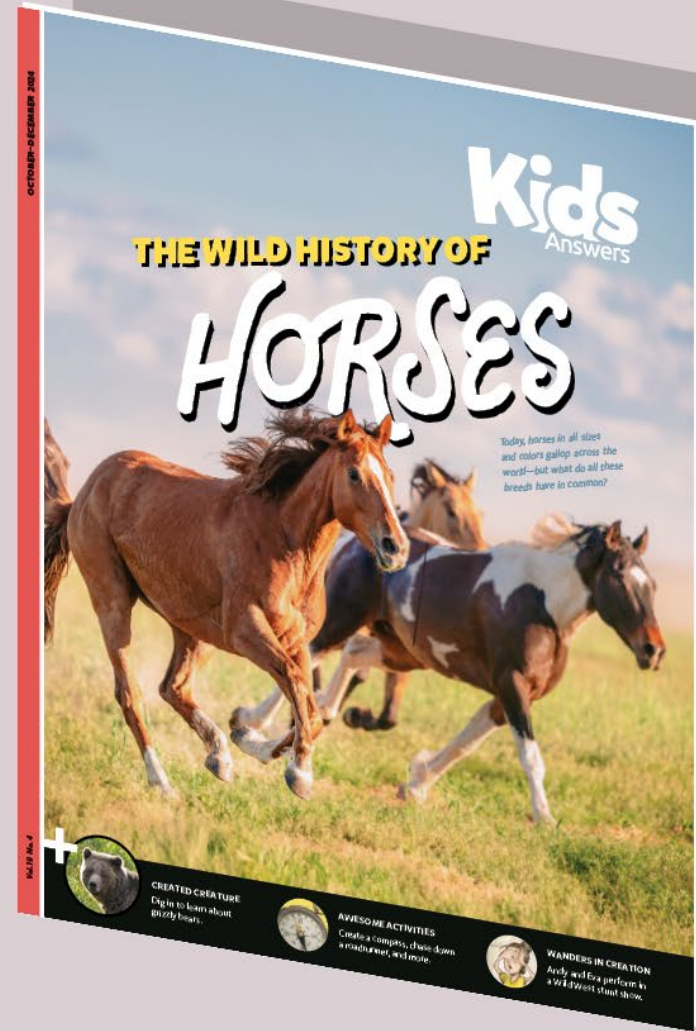






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# CREATED CREATURE

## Powerful Prospectors

by Valerie Lang

IN 1848—over 150 years ago—gold was discovered in California! Back then, this sunny state had no amusement parks, resorts, or shopping malls. It was part of the rugged area in the United States that people called the Wild West. But that didn't stop people from moving into that wilderness to search for gold. These people were called prospectors because they prospected, or dug, for gold. They often used tools like pickaxes and even explosives to get to the shiny treasure.

But one creature was prospecting in the Wild West many years before gold was ever found. The powerful grizzly bear uses the built-in digging tools God gave it on the sixth day of creation to search for its own kind of treasure.

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## Desert Dashers

Roadrunners live in southwestern North America, Central America, and central Mexico often in dry, shrubby environments. While this two-foot-long bird can fly, it prefers to use its long legs to run. In fact, the roadrunner can take around 12 steps every second! God designed roadrunners with a tail that helps them balance and steer while running.

Before Adam and Eve sinned, creatures didn't hunt one another. But now with death in the world, animals like the roadrunner have special hunting skills to help them catch prey like lizards, scorpions, tarantulas, rodents, other birds, and even rattlesnakes.

In addition to chasing their prey, roadrunners can flash a white spot on their wing to startle prey out of hiding. And by jumping insects, hummingbirds, and bats.

To make a large meal easier to swallow, roadrunners will slam the food against rocks to break any bulky bones. They also gulp down horned lizards headfirst, so their backward pointing spines are less likely to tear the roadrunner's organs.

When hunting rattlesnakes, they often work as a team with one bird distracting the snake while the other attacks. If a snake is too long for a roadrunner to slurp down all at once, the bird will walk around with the snake's body hanging out its beak and swallow more as the snake is digested.

Even though roadrunners hunt other creatures because of the fall, these fierce little birds give us a quick glimpse at God's good design.



**Peter Schriener**  
As a wildlife educator and TV host, I get excited about tracking down God's creatures! Join my adventures on my Answers TV show *Hike & Seek*.



### Fun Facts

- » During the hot desert afternoons, roadrunners stay in the shade. When it gets cooler, they come out to hunt.
- » The roadrunner's predators include raccoons, hawks, and coyotes.
- » Most of a roadrunner's water comes from the prey it eats.
- » A roadrunner sunbathes to raise its body temperature after cold desert nights.
- » Young roadrunners can catch their own prey only three weeks after hatching.
- » Unlike in cartoons, coyotes can run about twice as fast as roadrunners.



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**Arches**

The famous arch formations of Arches National Park in Utah are made of sandstone.

# Western Wonders

THE WESTERN UNITED STATES is full of fantastic rock formations, like the Grand Canyon in northern Arizona. This canyon is 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep in some places with the Colorado River snaking through the bottom.

About 4,500 years ago, God sent a global flood to punish humans for their sin. Only Noah and his family survived. When Noah's family walked off the ark, the earth looked much different than it did when they went aboard.

The Grand Canyon and other geological wonders were formed because of the flood. Genesis 7:11 says, "The fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened." As water covered the earth, it picked up and dropped sediments (sand and other particles), rapidly forming the rock layers that make up most of the Grand Canyon's walls.

Months later, the floodwaters began to recede (drain away). Genesis 8:1-2 says, "And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed." Some of the rock layers that had been formed during the flood were eroded (worn away) by the receding water. Later, receding flood water trapped in lakes burst through their rock barriers, rapidly carving out the Grand Canyon.

Evolutionists believe it took millions of years for the Colorado River to slowly sculpt the Grand Canyon. But when we look at the world through the lens of Scripture, we know the conditions produced by Noah's flood formed this western wonder—and the many other natural landmarks that make up the wonderful Wild West.



## Which Will You Explore?



**Bryce Canyon**  
Bryce Canyon in Utah is home to hoodoos (tall, thin rock formations) from 5 feet to 150 feet tall.



**The Mittens**  
In Arizona, two towering hills called buttes (byoos) stand over 1,000 feet tall—and they're shaped like mittens.



**Mexican Hat Rock**  
Mexican Hat Rock in Utah looks like an upside-down sombrero (sum-BREH-row).



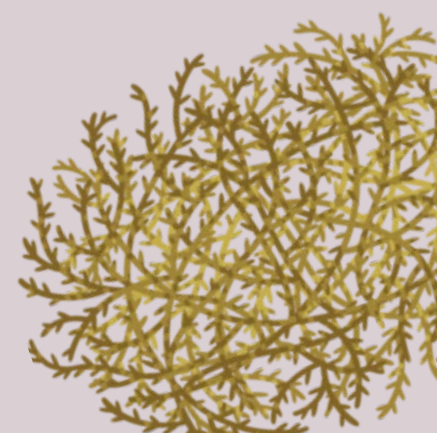
**Kissing Camels**  
One of the unique rock formations in the Garden of the Gods in Colorado looks like two camels touching noses.



**Tent Rocks**  
In New Mexico, a collection of rock formations look like 90-foot-tall tents.



**Devil's Tower**  
Devil's Tower in Wyoming stands about 867 feet tall.





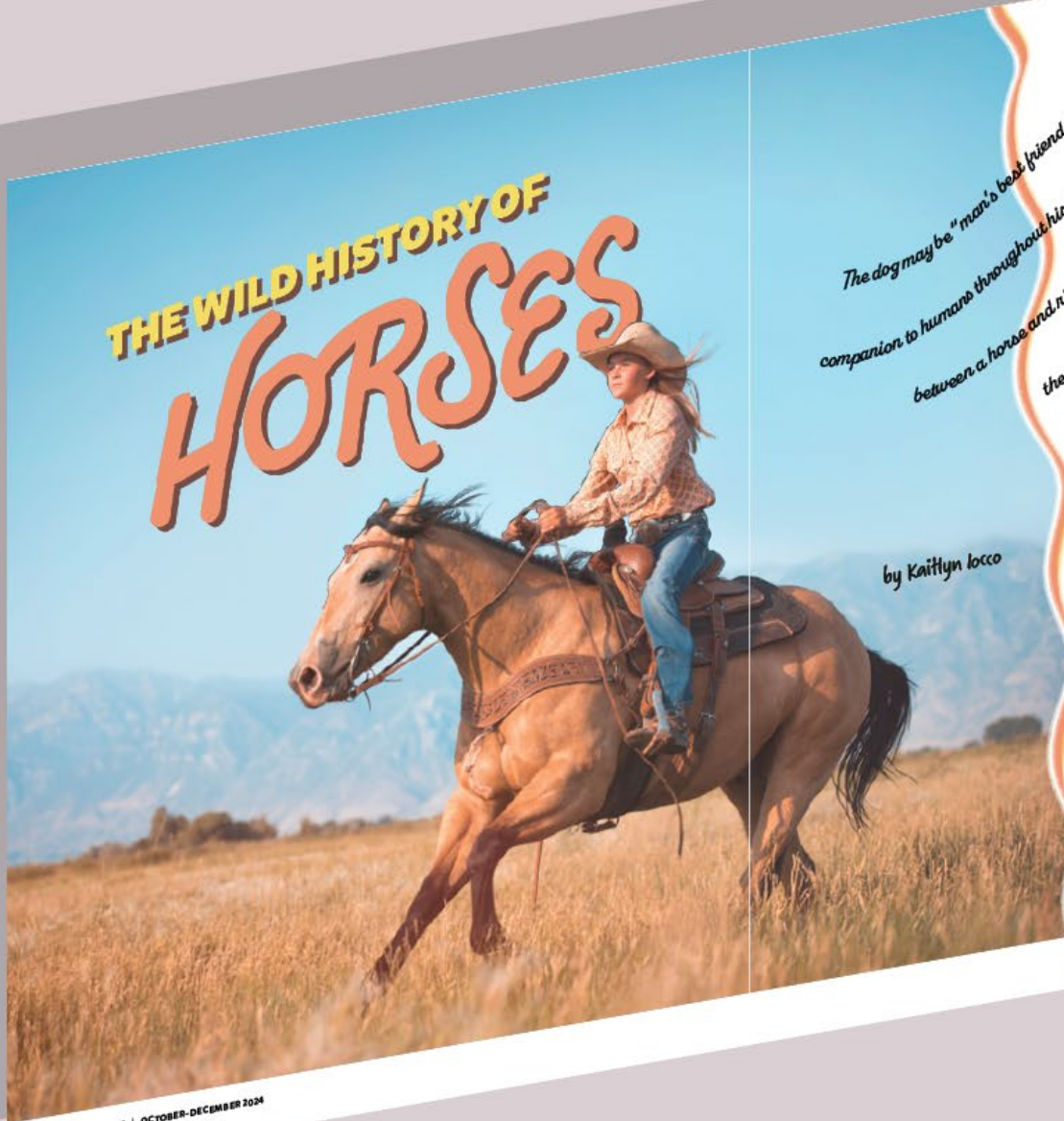


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# THE WILD HISTORY OF HORSES



*The dog may be "man's best friend," but the horse has been a helpful companion to humans throughout history! And when you consider the close bond between a horse and rider, it's hard to think of a more dynamic duo than the cowboy—or cowgirl—and a trusty steed.*

by Kaitlyn Iocco

**T**HE hardworking horses of the Wild West played an important part in American history. Cowboys rode horses to travel and herd cattle. Native American tribes relied on horses for hunting, traveling, and riding into war. Farmers used horses to plow fields and grow food. Pony express riders delivered mail on horseback. Even preachers traveled by horseback to spread the gospel from town to town. God designed the horse kind to help humans in all kinds of ways—and not just in the Wild West. Every breed of horse has something unique to offer. Today, hundreds of breeds come in all sizes and colors—and they all started with the two horses that trotted off Noah's ark.





Lots of Wild West content!

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**WATER STORAGE**

Joshua trees aren't trees at all—they are succulents, a type of plant that holds water in its stem or leaves. In the Mojave Desert, Joshua trees survive on very little water by storing moisture in their branches and thick stems, or tank.



**The Nose Knows**

Turkey vultures live all over North America, including the deserts of the southwestern US. They have the largest olfactory (ole-FAK-toe-ee) system of all birds, meaning they have an incredible sense of smell. They use their powerful noses to sniff out their favorite meal—decaying meat.

**Hiking Boots**

Mountain goats have feet perfectly suited for their rugged mountain homes. Pads that provide traction, cloven (divided) hooves, and claws on the tips of their feet keep them from slipping as they climb rocky cliffs.



**Save It for Later**

The meat-eating Gila (HEE-kuh) monster is the largest lizard in the US. It lives underground in the desert for over 90% of its life. When it emerges above ground, it is most likely hunting for food or basking in the sun. Gila monsters only eat three or four times a year, storing fat in their bulky tails for energy between meals.

**Burrow In**

The desert hairy scorpion lives in the deserts of the southwestern US. They dig burrows up to eight feet deep to beat the heat during the day. Once the sun sets, they leave their burrows to hunt for insects, spiders, lizards, and small snakes.



**SLEEPY TREES**

Great Basin bristlecone pine trees grow high where no other plants grow. They survive severe cold, strong winds, and little rain by going into a dormant state (like hibernation), sometimes for several years. They only "wake up" when rain or snow falls again. This trick works super well—but little cone pines are some of the oldest known organisms on earth!

**Life in the Wild West**

**HOWDY!** In this issue, we're headed to an area in the United States called the Wild West. The West is an extreme place, filled with many different landscapes such as mountains, deserts, plains, and canyons. These extreme environments formed because of Noah's flood. But God equipped humans with the smarts to tame this wild land, and he equipped creatures and plants with special features to survive the challenging terrain in our fallen world. What better way to get to know the Wild West than to learn about the plants and animals that call it home?

**Eye Spy**

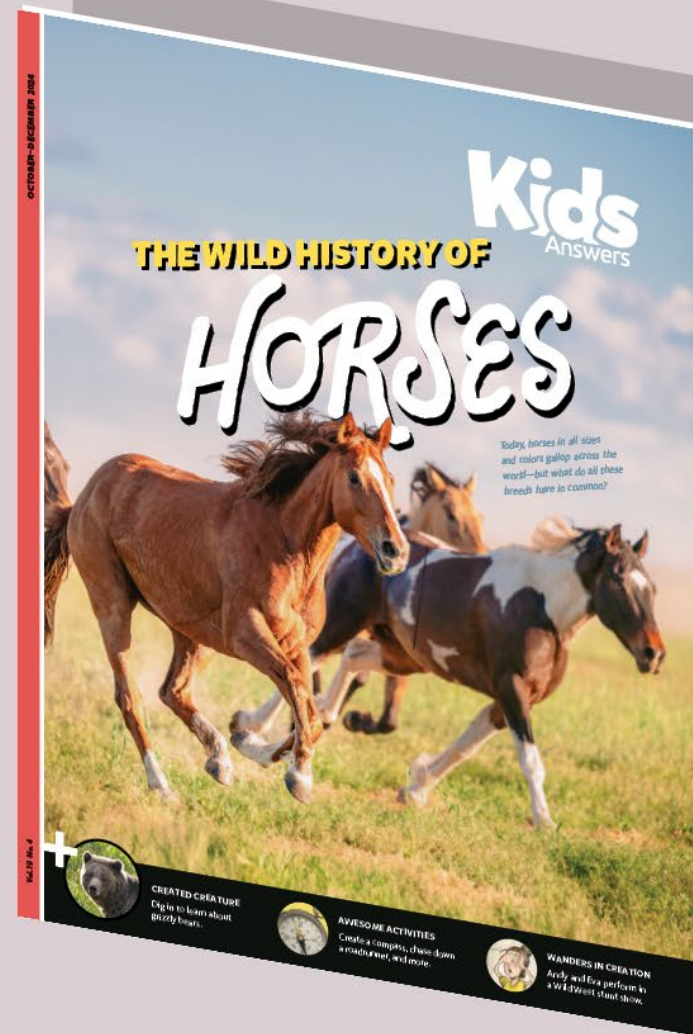
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