GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY Promo Skit

WEEK 1 – Introduce VBS

Props: neck pillow, suitcase

Costumes: Person 1 is wearing a bright, summery outfit, a wide brim hat, and sunglasses; Person 2 is wearing normal clothes or a Great Jungle Journey   
T-shirt

Person 2: At this year’s Vacation Bible School, *The Great Jungle Journey,* we will be taking a cruise through—

Person 1: Yoo-hoo! *(Interrupts, running on stage with neck pillow around neck and pulling suitcase)* Is this where we sign up for the cruise?

Person 2: Umm. . . .

Person 1: The cruise. I saw the flyers a while back for *The Great Jungle Journey Cruise*. And I’m ready! After this year, I could use a nice, relaxing cruise.

Person 2: Umm. I think you might be confused.

Person 1: (Dreamily) Ah! I can’t wait. An all-you-can-eat buffet. The gentle lull of the ocean as I fall asleep. Soaking up the sunshine on the deck. So, when do we board?

Person 2: You said you saw the flyers, right?

Person 1: Well, of course. How else would I have known to pack for the cruise?

Person 2: The Great Jungle Journey isn’t an actual cruise.

Person 1: Of course it is, silly. It said it right there on the flyer, an “epic cruise.”

Person 2: Yes . . . an epic cruise—from Genesis through Revelation.

Person 1: I don’t really care where the cruise goes. The details aren’t important. Would you be a dear and help me with my suitcase?

Person 2: The Great Jungle Journey isn’t a vacation cruise. It’s Vacation Bible School. This year boys and girls are taking an epic cruise through Genesis to Revelation.

Person 1: (Looks aghast) You mean children will be running around on my epic cruise vacation?

Person 2: No. It’s not a vacation cruise. It’s Vacation Bible School, here at church. Boys and girls will come each day/night for a jungle-themed adventure. They’ll be cruising through time, learning the 7 C’s of History from the Bible. And it’s happening \_\_\_\_\_\_ *(Give dates and time of VBS).*

Person 1: So, this isn’t a luxury vacation cruise?

Person 2: No! It’s a Vacation Bible School theme. The boys and girls are cruising through history, discovering more about their Creator and how much he loves them.

Person 1: Oh! Well, I feel a little embarrassed now. I guess I just saw the words “vacation” and “cruise” and jumped to the wrong conclusion.

Person 2: You know, you could still join us for The Great Jungle Journey. It starts \_\_\_\_\_\_ (give date and time of VBS or any other details).

Person 1: I do love a good cruise. *(Laughs.)* Sign me up!

Person 2: Certainly. Step right this way.

(Both exit stage)

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WEEK 2 – Volunteer Sign Up

Props: binoculars (toy or real), magnifying glass

Costumes: Person 1 is wearing a jungle/safari shirt and hat; Person 2 is wearing a VBS T-Shirt

(Person 1 enters making bird noises, searching with binoculars, andmagnifying glass in back pocket)

Person 1: *(Loudly)* Ka-kaw! Ka-kaw! *(Searches the room)* Ka-kaw! Ka-kaw!

Person 2: *(Runs up and taps Person 1 on shoulder)* What are you doing? You are supposed to be looking for VBS volunteers.

Person 1: Yeah! I am. Ka-kaw! Ka-kaw! *(Continues to search)*

Person 2: *(Looks confused)* What’s with the binoculars and bird noises, then?

Person 1: It works for bird-watching; so why not for volunteer searching. Ka-kaw! Ka-kaw! *(Continues to search)*

Person 2: Okay. I’m confused. You’re going to have to explain this one to me.

Person 1: Well, when you go bird-watching, you don’t want to see just any ole bird, right? I mean I could sit on my porch and see a sparrow or a blue jay.

Person 2: (Scratches head in confusion)

Person 1: If you really want to see something special, you use bird calls. When those special birds hear you and respond, you can find them.

Person 2: But we aren’t bird-watching here. We’re signing up volunteers for Vacation Bible School.

Person 1: Now, hear me out. We want special people who want to make a difference in the lives of boys and girls, right? We need people to be excited to share God’s Word.

Person 2: Absolutely! VBS provides an amazing opportunity for adults to encourage boys and girls with the love of Jesus, teach them Bible truths, and provide a can’t-miss experience. But I’m still not sure how bird calls are going to help us find those people.

Person 1: This year’s VBS is set in the jungle, right?

Person 2: Right.

Person 1: And some jungles are part of rainforests, right?

Person 2: *(Still confused)* Yeah?

Person 1: And what do we find in rainforests?

Person 2: (Hesitantly) Birds?

Person 1: Exactly! I’m looking for those grown-ups that are ready to embark on a jungle journey with us this summer. Ka-kaw! I’m a little surprised I haven’t found any yet. I really thought they’d answer my special VBS volunteer call.

Person 2: You mean the “ka-kaw” is your VBS volunteer call? Have you tried using words instead? I have a feeling that would be more effective.

Person 1: (Shrugs shoulders) Well, I guess I can try that.

Person 2: (Briefly explains how a person can sign up to volunteer for VBS, while giving the dates, times, and any additional details.)

Person 1: We can give your way a try. But if that doesn’t work . . . (*pull magnifying glass out of back pocket)*,I’ll keep searching high and low for all the amazing adults that we need! It’s too important of a week to be short-handed!

(Both exit stage)

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WEEK 3 – Pray for VBS

Props: clipboard, pencil

Costumes: VBS T-shirts

(Persons 1 and 2 enter stage. Person 2 is holding the clipboard and pencil.)

Person 1: We are so excited for this year’s Vacation Bible School, The Great Jungle Journey. Boys and girls will be taking an epic cruise through biblical history from Genesis to Revelation.

Person 2: Our volunteers have been working hard getting everything ready for VBS. (Checks off each item on clipboard) Decorations, games, snacks—all the pieces are falling in place to make this the most fun VBS yet.

Person 1: In just \_\_\_\_\_ *(Give the number of days/weeks until VBS),* boys and girls will be pouring into our church—

Person 2: (*Interrupting*) —and trust me, they are going to have so much fun this week! Seriously. Even the snacks are jungle-themed!

Person 1: Well, VBS is more than just a fun week.

Person 2: Obviously, there will be some Jesus thrown in there. I mean it is Vacation Bible School; I’m sure there’s a Bible story or something. But really, VBS is about creating a really fun week for the kids.

Person 1: No, not exactly.

Person 2: *(To Person 1; fake covering the microphone)* That probably isn’t something you should tell everyone. We want kids to come, don’t we?

Person 1: Yes, we want kids to come. And VBS is a really fun week. But that’s not the purpose of VBS, you know.

Person 2: Sure, it is. VBS is like a fun church-vacation. *(To the audience)* Join us for The Great Jungle Journey—

Person 1: *(Interrupting)—*where boys and girls WILL have fun, but most importantly, they’ll explore the Bible and discover answers to some of life’s tough questions. As they journey through the big events in the Bible, they’ll see how the God’s Word connects to their everyday lives. Plus they’ll discover more about our amazing Creator and learn just how much he loves them.

Person 2: Really? They’ll do all that at VBS?

Person 1: That and more! What did you think they did at VBS?

Person 2: I thought they’d play some games and eat snacks; maybe sing a few songs.

Person 1: They will do that, but everything at The Great Jungle Journey is designed to reinforce each lesson and deepen kids’ understanding of the Bible.

Person 2: Wow! I guess I didn’t realize just how important VBS is.

Person 1: VBS is so important! Kids aren’t just hearing a few Bible stories and making a craft. This year they will see how sin broke God’s perfect creation, hear of their need for the Savior (because of their own sin), and learn how they can become a child of God.

Person 2: You know, if all of that is being taught, I think there is still one more thing we need to be doing to get ready.

Person 1: What’s that?

Person 2: Praying for all of the boys and girls that God will be sending!

Person 1: Absolutely! How awesome would it be if every church member committed to spending time everyday praying for God to send children to our VBS and asking him to prepare their hearts for the lessons they will learn!

Person 2: It could change eternities.

Person 1: Yes, it can.

Persons 1 and 2: *(Both turn to church audience)* Will you join us in praying over VBS?

(Invite the congregation to join you in praying for VBS. Consider using the included prayer calendar.)

(Both exit stage)

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WEEK 4 – One Week Until VBS

Props: Map

Costumes: VBS T-Shirts or jungle outfits

(Person 1 enters, confused and agitated, trying to navigate by map.)

Person 1: *(Talking while entering)* Seven C’s . . . seven C’s. Why am I not seeing this on my map? How can you sail to Genesis? This is going to be a disaster.

Person 2: Hey \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(name)*! Are you ready for VBS? You seem . . . . lost. Are you okay?

Person 1: No, I’m not ready. This is terrible. I am officially the worst VBS guide, ever!

Person 2: Oh, no! What’s wrong? How can I help?

Person 1: You know that at VBS next week, boys and girls are sailing from Genesis to Revelation, stopping at the 7 C’s of History, right?

Person 2: Yeah! It’s such a great theme this year.

Person 1: Well . . . I can’t find them.

Person 2: Can’t find what?

Person 1: The 7 C’s or Genesis. They’re not on the map! And how can I lead the kids to the right place if I can’t find it?

Person 2: I think you might be a little confused. It’s not the seven seas (*make a wave motion with your hands)*—like the water. It’s C’s—like the letter (*make a large C with your arms)*.

Person 1: That doesn’t make any sense. How can a boat trip sail to a letter?

Person 2: We aren’t actually taking the kids anywhere. Throughout the week, they will discover the biblical history of the world. And each stop starts with the letter C: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation. They’ll be using the Bible to figure out answers to some big questions!

Person 1: *(Beginning to understand)* So, when it says that we are cruising from Genesis to Revelation . . . those aren’t places on a map?

Person 2: Nope! We’ll be diving deep into God’s Word this week.

Person 1: And all this will happen here at church, not in an actual jungle?

Person 2: Correct. It all takes place here. (Give additional VBS details such as dates/times, how to sign up, etc.)

Person 1: And I’m guessing that we won’t be forced to rough it like in a jungle, surviving on bugs and coconuts.

Person 2: Definitely not. We might have gummy bugs in the pudding for snack time, but no actual bugs.

Person 1: Well, that’s a relief. To be honest, I wasn’t really looking forward to VBS this year. I didn’t want to eat bugs, and I’m scared of most things that live in the jungle big enough to eat me. And I get sea sick.

Person 2: The Great Jungle Journey is just the theme. It allows us to decorate our church in a fun way. But the message of VBS, that’s worth getting excited about!

Person 1: Absolutely! Boys and girls need to understand the history of the Bible. And getting answers to questions about life—that’s huge!

Person 2: So huge! Trust me, this year’s VBS is one you definitely don’t want to miss! *(Give any additional VBS information if needed.)*

(Both exit stage)

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WEEK 5 – After VBS

Props: Box of VBS decorations (such as jungle vines, stuffed animals, etc.)

Costumes: VBS T-Shirts

(Person 1 enters carrying box of VBS decorations)

Person 1: Welcome to The Great Jungle Journey! Are you excited for the week ahead? We are going to be embarking on an epic journey from Genesis—

Person 2: (Running in interrupting) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Person 1 name)! What are you doing?

Person 1: Ummm . . . I’m welcoming everyone to Vacation Bible School. I’m glad you’re here though. *(Hands box to Person 2)* Can you help me hang these decorations? Apparently, the decorating committee wasn’t with it this year.

Person 2: Wait. Are you okay?

Person 1: Yeah! Super excited for this week, actually. Why do you ask?

Person 2: VBS ended \_\_\_\_\_*,* *(name day VBS ended),* remember?

Person 1: No, silly! This week is VBS!

Person 2: (Shakes head) It was last week. Remember? \_\_\_\_\_\_ (*number of kids attended)* kids came and heard the gospel. We raised \_\_\_\_\_\_dollars *(amount raised for mission offering)* for the missions offering. And best of all, the boys and girls learned that the Bible is true! It was a great week.

Person 1: (Thinking hard) Nope. Never happened.

Person 2: What do you mean it never happened? You were there all week!

Person 1: I have no memory of this.

Person 2: Really?! You don’t remember doing \_\_\_\_\_\_? (Share a fact that happened at VBS, such as what special snacks Person 1 ate one night.)

Person 1: No. But that’s a great idea for this week!

Person 2: VBS already happened. It was a great week. But it’s over until next year.

Person 1: *(Upset)* But I don’t want VBS to be over! Can’t we just do it all over again this week?

Person 2: Unfortunately, no. It’s time to say “goodbye” to The Great Jungle Journey.

Person 1: (Dramatically forlorn) Goodbye, VBS! Farewell, craft workers; au revoir, classroom helpers and all of our amazing teachers. So long snack workers and recreation leaders. Goodbye! Goodbye! Adieu!

Person 2: (Shakes head and rolls eyes, then turns to audience) It took so many people, all working together to make this a great VBS! If you helped with VBS this year in any way, please stand so we can thank you.

Person 1: *(Starting to fake cry)* Are you sure we have to say goodbye to VBS?

Person 2: Yes. This year’s VBS was our best yet! God truly blessed us with an amazing week!

Person 1: (Sniffling) I guess I’ll go put these decorations back. And dream of next year… if you’re absolutely sure VBS is over.

Person 2: It’s over. Come on, I’ll walk you to the storage room. I might even tell you the theme for next year.

Person 1: (Gasps, then grins at hearing a secret)

(Both exit stage with the box of decorations)

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VBS Family Ceremony

**Props: stuffed jungle animal (snake or monkey)**

**Costumes: VBS T-Shirt, jungle costumes (optional)**

(Person 1 enters holding the stuffed animal and begins pacing, practicing the books of the Bible.)

Person 1: Genesis . . . Exodus . . . Leviticus . . . Joshua . . . Esther . . . Nehe-bakkah . . . No! Ugh! Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, NUMBERS!

Person 2: Hi there! I see you still have your jungle animal friend. But is there a reason why you’re pacing and saying the books of the Bible?

Person 1: I have to show the parents what we learned at VBS during the ceremony.

Person 2: Yeeeees. But that still doesn’t explain why you are saying the books of the Bible.

Person 1: It was The Great Jungle Journey. An epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation.

Person 2: (Confused) Yeah?

Person 1: Genesis to Revelation—you know, the books of the Bible. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers.

Person 2: You do know that’s not what VBS week was about, right? Or well, not all that it was about. The boys and girls explored the 7 C’s of History. They did a lot more than work on learning the books of the Bible.

Person 1: Yes! I’ve got the 7 C’s down: Creation, Corruption, Combustion, uh Christmas? Okay. Maybe not.

Person 2: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation. The boys and girls “sailed” through these 7 C’s while learning how the Bible fits into not just history, but their lives today.

Person 1: I think I liked day 5 the best. Hearing how God wins at the end and everything becomes good again at the consummation—that made me really happy.

Person 2: I agree! But you can’t have the happy, good news unless you understand the bad news. That’s why learning each of the 7 C’s every day at VBS was so important.

Person 1: We need to know the bad news, but I don’t like it. God created this perfect world, and then sin corrupted it.

Person 2: But Christ’s death on the cross and his resurrection is the really good news! And everything at VBS pointed kids to this great news!

Person 1: Yeah, even the delicious snacks reinforced each day’s lesson. So did the crafts, games, music, and more!

Person 2: We sure packed a lot into 5 days!

Person 1: I’m just sad that it’s over! I really loved spending time with my group of kids. I’m going to miss them!

Person 2: It doesn’t have to be the last time we see these families. You should invite them to church! We don’t have VBS every day, but every week we teach boys and girls truths from God’s Word.

Person 1: That’s a great idea! I’m going to invite my kids’ parents before the ceremony starts. *(Runs off stage)*

Person 2: *(Calling to Person 1)* We’ve already started! (Shrugs shoulders) But that’s okay. (Turn toward audience) We enjoyed having your kids at VBS this week, and we’d love to see you all again!

(Exit stage)

(This would be a great time for a leader to invite families to church, giving specifics.)