# Keepers of the Kingdom Promo Skit

## Theme Introduction

***Prop: fake sword***

***Costumes: Person 1 is wearing armor (children’s medieval play armor works well), a medieval style costume, or a Keepers of the Kingdom T-shirt***

***Person 2 is in normal clothes or a Keepers of the Kingdom T-shirt***

*(Person 1 comes on stage practicing his/her sword fighting, ad-libbing dialogue such as, “En garde! Take that! I have the high ground! You cannot defeat me!”)*

Person 2: *(Running up on stage to “stop” Person 1)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, what in the world are you doing?

Person 1: Isn’t it obvious? *(Continues sword fighting)*

Person 2: Well, yes. I can see that you are um . . . practicing your sword fighting. But why are you sword fighting? And why now . . . during church?

Person 1: I’m protecting the keep!

Person 2: You’re protecting the keep?

Person 1: Yes. *(Starts to fight again)*

Person 2: The keep?

Person 1: The keep.

Person 2: From what?

Person 1: All sorts of attacks can happen at any moment. We have to be ready!

Person 2: So, you’re protecting the keep *(gesturing to the church)* from a possible attack that could happen at any moment?

Person 1: Yes! I signed up on that form you were passing around the other day, to be a Keeper of the Kingdom.

Person 2: *(Finally understanding.)* Ohhh. Ok, I think I’ve figured out what’s going on here. You do know that Keepers of the Kingdom isn’t a new medieval-themed security detail, right? It’s the theme of this year’s VBS.

Person 1: You can’t expect children to defend us! Plus, I don’t think swords are very safe for small children to use.

Person 2: No. Keepers of the Kingdom is the theme of VBS this year. It is a fun medieval theme where the boys and girls will learn about the spiritual battle we are in and how they can be strong in the Lord when they put on the armor of God. It’s happening \_\_\_\_\_\_ *(give time and date of VBS).*

Person 1: So this is just a VBS theme?

Person 2: Well, yeah. But it’s a very important one. The boys and girls need to learn how to put on the armor of God and be aware of the spiritual battle we are in.

Person 1: This does sound like a very important VBS, and I can’t wait to help out. But right now, I have a very large and very expensive order I need to go cancel. You would not believe how expensive installing a moat around our church is. And since we won’t be needing that . . . .

Person 2: A moat?

Person 1: I thought we needed protecting!

Person 2: *(Shaking head)* You are *not* in charge of buying VBS supplies this year.

*(Both exit stage)*

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## Volunteer Recruitment

***Props: Scroll***

***Costumes: Person 1 is in a medieval costume***

***Person 2 is wearing a VBS T-Shirt (Optional)***

*(Person 1 is holding a scroll, acting like a medieval town crier)*

Person 1: *(Loudly)* Hear ye! Hear ye! Gentle ladies and distinguished gentlemen, by order of thy most honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(name of VBS director or pastor),* ye are hereby commanded to serve at thy royal Keepers of the Kingdom. We trust thee will enjoy thy servitude and pray thee will look favorably upon thine experience. Make haste! Thy punishment will be swift . . . .

Person 2: *(Running up to interrupt).* Stop! Sorry everyone. *(Glares at Person 1.)* Our town crier here is a bit misinformed.

Person 1: Nay!

Person 2: No one is required to serve at the Keepers of the Kingdom VBS this year.

Person 1: I give thee my word, punishment will be . . . .

Person 2: No! Nope. *(To Person 1).* We are not punishing people just because they don’t want to serve at VBS.

Person 1: *(Pretending to whisper to Person 2)* I’m trying to create an authentic atmosphere here. I really think we will get more people to sign up to help with VBS if we stay in character.

Person 2: Couldn’t we just tell people how amazing Vacation Bible School is instead?

Person 1: I really feel like the threat of being locked up in the dungeon might be more effective. Just go with me on this.

*(Back to the congregation)* Hear my words, peasants!

Person 2: Will you stop it! We aren’t throwing anyone in the dungeon. Our church doesn’t even have a dungeon!

Person 1: Well, what’s your plan then? You think people will want to volunteer to help at VBS when they hear how important the week is? That when they spend time loving on children and sharing the love of Jesus, they have the chance to affect a child for all eternity. You think that’s going to make them want to sign up?

Person 2: Yeah, actually. This week is an amazing opportunity for boys and girls to learn about God. And this year, during Keepers of the Kingdom, the children will learn how to become part of God’s kingdom and then how to walk with him, wearing the full armor of God.

Person 1: I know! I think this year’s message is so important that I want as many people as possible to help share it.

Person 2: Maybe you should try asking people, instead of threatening to throw them in the dungeon.

Person 1: Just like go up to a person and tell them how awesome VBS and then ask if they want to come help?

Person 2: Yeah! *(Briefly explain how a person can sign up to volunteer for VBS.)*

Person 1: I guess I can try that. *(Using loud town crier voice, to someone off stage)* Halt! I should speak with thee about VBS!

Person 2: *(Shaking head)* I guess that’s an improvement.

*(Share a personal testimony from a VBS worker at your church if desired).*

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## Pray for VBS

***Props: Extra large cardboard box, clipboard***

***Costumes: VBS T-shirt***

*(Person 1 enters stage struggling to see over the large box he/she is carrying. Clipboard is on top or held under arm. Person 2 walks on stage to help.)*

Person 2: *(Helping grab box)* Let me help!

Person 1: Thanks! This box goes right over there. *(Sits box down with a grunt).* Thanks! *(Begins to walk off, checking over clipboard.)*

Person 2: You’re welcome . . . What’s going on?

Person 1: Huh?

Person 2: The really big box?

Person 1: Oh, I’m getting things ready for VBS.

Person 2: That’s great that you are already getting things ready for VBS, but it doesn’t start until \_\_\_\_ *(give dates and times of VBS).*

Person 1: I know that! But I had to get an early start. There will be a lot of kids here needing a full set of armor. I have to store it somewhere.

Person 2: Oh, that’s cool. Are the kids making an Armor of God craft or something?

Person 1: *(Confused)* No . . . The boys and girls will be learning how to put on armor during VBS. You can’t expect them to learn how to sword fight without armor, can you?

Person 2: You do know the kids aren’t using actual swords and armor, right? VBS this year focuses on the armor of God! In just *(correct number of weeks until VBS)* short weeks the boys and girls will be learning what it means to be a child of God and how to put on the spiritual armor of God and stand firm in the Lord.

Person 1: The armor of God?

Person 2: Yeah. From Ephesians 6. The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the shoes of peace, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

Person 1: I thought we were prepping kids for battle?

Person 2: We are! There’s a spiritual battle going on. We want to teach kids how to stand strong on the Lord and his Word, and to not give in to Satan’s lies.

Person 1: Wow! The boys and girls are going to be learning all that in one week?

Person 2: They are! Which is why I spend time everyday praying for the hearts of the boys and girls that will be coming to VBS. I’m praying for God to send children to our VBS and that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts for the lessons they will learn!

Person 1: I’m going to start praying for that too! *(Looks over at the box.)* Hey, do you think we could use some suits of armor for decoration this year?

Person 2: *(Laughing)* I think that could work.

*(Both exit stage, excitedly)*

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

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## One Week Until VBS

***Props: Clipboard or various VBS “supplies”***

***Costumes:***

***Person 1 is in VBS T-Shirt***

***Person 2 is in medieval costume***

*(Person 1 is doing a checklist for VBS.)*

Person 1: Volunteers . . . check. Candy . . . check. Crafts . . . ready to go. Actual horse . . . working on it.

Person 2: *(In medieval costume, enters regally)* Huzzah!

Person 1: Oh hey! Nice costume! Are you wearing that for VBS next week?

Person 2: Nay.

Person 1: Nay? Then why are you dressed that way? *(Sniffs the air, making a bad face)* And what is that smell?

Person 2: *(Looks around, nervously. Breaks “regal” character)* Ok. Can you keep a secret?

Person 1: Yeah.

Person 2: I’m really excited for Keepers of the Kingdom VBS!

Person 1: Me too! Teaching boys and girls about the armor of God and how they can resist the devil’s attacks is such an important message!

Person 2: Yeah. But I’m REALLY excited for VBS. I’m turning my room into a castle, complete with a drawbridge.

Person 1: Plus, you’ve got your costume down!

Person 2: Oh, this isn’t a costume.

Person 1: *(Confused)* It’s not? *(Sniffs air, again.)* And what is that smell?

Person 2: No. As I’ve been preparing for VBS, I really wanted things to be authentic. So, I’ve actually adopted a medieval style of living. I’ve worn this dress/outfit for the last month. *(Sheepishly)* Which also explains the smell, since bathing wasn’t super popular in medieval times.

Person 1: You haven’t bathed in a month?

Person 2: Nope! VBS is going to be so awesome!

Person 1: *(Taking two steps away from Person 2)* Ok. I am all for you getting into the character . . . but you have to bathe. No one is going to want to be around you next week if you smell like this. Or worse!

Person 2: But I want next week to be memorable and amazing for the boys and girls.

Person 1: It will be! We are decorating the whole church. The snacks are themed and delicious. Game time is going to be a blast. The worship team is prepped and ready to go and volunteers are ready to love on the boys and girls. But most importantly, the message of God’s truth is going to be proclaimed! It’s going to be an amazing week!

Person 2: But . . .

Person 1: But . . . you have to shower. And clean your clothes.

Person 2: *(Sighs)* Alright.

Person 1: Now, maybe. *(Takes another step away from Person 2 and turns to the congregation*) As you can see, our leaders are excited and ready to help boys and girls prepare for the spiritual battles of life. As they travel about in medieval times, the boys and girls will learn all about the armor of God and how to stand firm upon the Word of the Lord.

Person 2: I’m just sad we have to wait for another week until VBS starts *(start time of VBS)*. *(Give any additional VBS information if needed).*

Person 1: Me too. It does give us time to invite more people to VBS, though! *(Give details on registration.)* It also gives you time to bathe . . . frequently.

Person 2: Do I really smell that bad? *(Sniffs self)* Ok, yeah. I am thankful I live in a time of indoor plumbing and soap.

*(Both walk off stage laughing.)*

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## After VBS

***Props: crepe paper streamers, tape, handkerchief***

***Costumes: VBS T-Shirt***

*(Person 1 is taking down crepe paper streamers, while Person 2 enters)*

Person 2: Fair thee well!

Person 1: Hey \_\_\_\_\_ *(person’s name)!*

Person 2: Pray tell. What doest thou?

Person 1: Ummm . . . well, since VBS is over, I’m taking down the last of the decorations.

Person 2: Nay!

Person 1: Yes. VBS ended \_\_\_\_\_ *(name day VBS ended),* remember?

Person 2: Nay.

Person 1: Sadly, yes. It was a really great week, though. When I think of the *(number of kids attended)* kids we shared the gospel with, the *(amount raised for mission offering)* we raised for missions, and how the boys and girls learned about how to stand firm in the Lord, it makes me so happy.

Person 2: Thy ending saddens me as well. *(Getting an idea)* Make haste! Gather thy servants. Plan another VBS, anon! In the morrow!

Person 1: Anon? Do I even want to know why you are speaking in old English? Well, as much as I loved VBS, we won’t have another one until next year. Actually, we aren’t completely done with this year’s VBS.

Person 2: Truly?

Person 1: Truly! There’s one last task you can help me with.

Person 2: Huzzah!

Person 1: Huzzah indeed. There are still lots of people we need to thank.

Person 2: We thank ye, workers of thy snack tent and helpers of the royal games.

Person 1: Thank you to all the craft workers, classroom helpers, and all of our amazing teachers. And our awesome VBS director, and all the work *he/she* put in.

Person 2: Truly, truly, by my word, thy Keepers of the Kingdom VBS was great! All thy servants, we thank ye as well.

Person 1: What \_\_\_\_\_ *(Person 2)* is trying to say is that 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 2: Thank ye all!

Person 1: Above all, we need to thank our Lord and Savior for letting last week be such a great VBS week.

*(Person 2 pulls out a hidden handkerchief and begins to cry/pretend blowing his/her nose.)*

Person 1: Hey! What’s wrong?

Person 2: VBS is over! Now I have to start talking normal again!

Person 1: Thankfully!

Person 2: I’m just not ready for it to end!

Person 1: Well, we will have a new VBS next year!

Person 2: *(Excited)* Can you tell me the theme? *(both running off stage)*

*Exit*

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## VBS Family Ceremony

***Props: juggling balls***

***Costumes: VBS T-Shirt, Medieval costume (optional)***

*(Person 1 is practicing juggling as Person 2 walks up.)*

Person 2: What are you doing?

Person 1: I’m trying to learn to juggle.

Person 2: Cool! How’s it going?

Person 1: Not very well! And I really wanted to impress the parents at the VBS ceremony.

Person 2: With your juggling skills?

Person 1: Yeah! I wanted them to see how awesome this year’s VBS was!

Person 2: By juggling? And juggling poorly at that? Why can’t you just tell the parents what the boys and girls did this week instead?

Person 1: I said I want to impress the moms and dads!

Person 2: Exactly! During Keepers of the Kingdom, their kids learned all about the spiritual battle happening between the two kingdoms.

Person 1: Yeah, the Good Kingdom and the Bad Kingdom. So what?

Person 2: Well, the kids didn’t just learn that there are two kingdoms, they learned how they can be a part of God’s Kingdom—the Good Kingdom. That they need to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus.

Person 1: I know that. Just like I know how the boys and girls learned about each piece of the armor of God—the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the shoes of peace, and the sword of the spirit.

Person 2: And while they learned about what each piece of armor is, they learned how, if they are a child of God, they could use that armor and how they could defend themselves against the enemy’s darts, which are the lies he tells.

Person 1: Plus, the boys and girls got some training in how to use their swords! They learned from Jesus’ example of when he was tempted in the wilderness just how important the Word of God is!

Person 2: All of that was just during lesson time! There were crafts and science experiments, games, and yummy snacks!

Person 1: Don’t forget all of the Bible verses they memorized through song and worship this week, too.

Person 2: You know, I bet that the moms and dads would like to hear about the week we had and all that the boys and girls learned more than seeing you juggle.

Person 1: *(Giving up on juggling)* You’re probably right. Plus, I don’t want the last time these people see me to be me failing at juggling. I’m really no good at it.

Person 2: It doesn’t have to be the last time we see these families.

Person 1: What do you mean? VBS is over!

Person 2: Why don’t you invite them to church? Every Sunday boys and girls are learning about the truths of God’s Word in Sunday school.

Person 1: That’s a great idea! I need to go make a list of all the things I want to tell moms and dads! *(Talking as you exit)* Thank them for sending their kids, tell them all we learned, invite them to church . . . .

*(Exit stage)*

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