Incorporating Music, Missions, and Memory Verses Into Your VBS







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Minstrel's Music

This section is for those who may want to add a music rotation to their schedule. A Music Leader USB (including both contemporary and traditional) is included with the purchase of a Super Starter Kit or is available to purchase separately at AnswersVBS.com (12-0-057). The Music Leader USB includes memory verse hand-motion videos (contemporary only), song lyric videos, and audio files for you to choose from. Check with your director for the USB.

To help the children learn the VBS songs, spend some time singing them during this rotation. The theme song is fun to sing every day, along with several other songs. Choose the songs your kids will enjoy and repeat them throughout the week or use the suggestions given below. You may also want to include the day's memory verse song. (See the Veritas Verses Review section.)

Materials

- □ Music Leader USB
- □ Minstrel's Music Station Poster (12-0-034)

Day 1

"Keepers of the Kingdom" (theme song)

Contemporary: "Way, Truth, Life"

C: "Hold On to the Truth"

C: "Go, Go, Go"

Traditional: "The Kingdom on the Right"

T: "My Armor"

T: "Be My King"

Day 2

"Keepers of the Kingdom" (theme song) C: "Hold On to the Truth" C: "Go, Go, Go" C: "Faith Is the Victory"

T: "My Armor"

T: "Be My King"

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Day 3

"Keepers of the Kingdom" (theme song)

- C: "Go, Go, Go"
- C: "Shield of Faith"
- C: "Take Up Your Sword"
- T: "Be My King"
- T: "Flaming Arrows and Fiery Darts"
- T: "The Army of the Lord"





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Veritas Verses Review

Veritas means "true and trustworthy." This section is for those who want to add a memory verse rotation to their schedule. Display the memory verse posters in your area. Review the memory verse by playing the appropriate song from the Music Leader USB (either video or audio) several times, encouraging the kids to sing along. Then play a game to review the verse. You may want to combine this with the song rotation time. A Music Leader USB, including both contemporary and traditional music, is available with the purchase of a Super Starter Kit (12-2-002) or separately (12-0-057) at AnswersVBS.com. Check with your director

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MATERIALS

□ Music Leader USB Memory Verse Sign (12-0-035)

Day 1

To review the verses, play a "strengthening" game. Write several types of exercises on small pieces of paper (e.g., stretches, squats, leg lifts, or jumping jacks) and place them in a bag or box. Have students take turns drawing a paper out and leading the others in the exercise while reciting the verse together. Repeat the process several times for each verse.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (Ephesians 6:10, ESV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (Ephesians 6:10, KJV)

Juniors and Primaries

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10–11, ESV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10–11, KJV)

Pre-Primaries and Toddlers

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□ Memory Verse Posters Device to play songs





The VBS mission emphasis provides a unique and practical opportunity for children to learn about and participate in the work of gospelcentered ministries that serve the poor. Each day's segment will take 15-20 minutes.

This year, we've partnered with Children's Hunger Fund to provide food and the hope of the gospel to hungry children in the US and across the globe. Forged in Hope is a fun and meaningful addition to your VBS program, teaching kids about poverty around the world and empowering them to make a difference.

Note that the Children's Hunger Fund scripts are also provided in the Assembly Guide for those who would like to offer a mission time then. Coordinate with your director and assembly leader on who is doing what concerning the mission time.

Forged in Hope

Forged in Hope is a powerful addition to your VBS program. Your kids will explore five different countries and learn how they can make a difference for children living in poverty around the world.

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

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

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

FORGED IN HOPE!

During the Mission Moment, your group will meet Agnes, an enthusiastic—if slightly clumsy—apprentice blacksmith who has a heart for children in need. As she helps her kingdom prepare for the upcoming battle, Agnes will share what she's learned about standing strong in God's truth. Every day, she'll introduce you to a child in another part of the world who needs your help.

Mission Moment







EVERY DAY

- 🗖 Glue
- □ Child safety scissors

FROM RESOURCE USB

- □ You may also download these resources from AnswersVBS.com/ keeperresources
- □ Wild Brothers video for each day
- □ Slides for Children's Hunger Fund for each day
- □ Videos for Children's Hunger Fund for each day
- □ "Map of the World" activity sheet, 1 per child
- □ Child Prayer Journals for each day, 1 per child

DAY 1

- □ Coin banks, 1 per child
- □ 1 backpack for every group of children (5–8 in a group)
- □ 5-8 heavy books (or other heavy items) for every backpack

DAY 2

□ Masking tape

Materials Needed

- **5** bags of crackers or cookies (1 per group; adjust according to your VBS size)
- □ If you choose, 1 bag of crackers or cookies for every child—keep these hidden until the end

DAY 3

- □ Play money
- □ Printed images of food, medicine, and school supplies
- 🗖 Tape

DAY 4

- □ Country maps
- Disaster icons
- □ Whiteboard and markers
- □ Tape

DAY 5

- □ Images of different homes
- □ Country signs
- □ Problem signs
- 🗖 Tape
- □ Whiteboard
- Dry erase markers (three different colors)





Daily Scripts

Day 1: Ehani (Nepal)

SHOW: "Forged in Hope" slide

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SHOW: Video 1—Ehani Country: Nepal Problem: Generational poverty

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These meals will be packed into a Children's Hunger Fund Food Pak, which is a box of nutritious food. This will be enough to feed a family for several days.

Each day this week, bring back any coins you've collected, and we'll count how many meals you've given so far. With your help, we can deliver hope to suffering families all over the world.

DO MISSION ACTIVITY: A HEAVY LOAD

- 1. Divide students into groups of 5–8 (adjust for the size of your VBS). Have the students in each group line up in rows.
- 2. Have the first student in each row place a backpack on their backs.
- 3. Add one heavy object to each backpack.
- 4. Ask the student to do a variety of activities (e.g., jumping jacks, squats, push-ups, run to the other side of the room and back).
- 5. Pass the backpack to the next student in the row and add another heavy item.
- 6. Ask the students to do the same activities as the last group.
- 7. Repeat this process with each student, adding more items each time the backpack is passed to the next person.

TALKING POINTS

- For those of you with the nearly empty backpack, was it hard to do the different activities?
- What about those of you with a few more things in your backpack? Was it hard to move around with more weight on your shoulders?
- What about those of you at the end with the full backpack? How did you feel doing those different activities?
- Generational poverty means you are impacted by the poverty you inherited from the generation before you.
- For those of you with a lighter backpack, there wasn't much that was holding you back, was there? Children with regular meals and access to education and resources don't have much that holds them back from chasing their dreams.
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The Assembly Guide and the accompanying digital resources contain everything you need to effectively

> oversee and administer your VBS assemblies. From daily program scripts to daily drama scripts, from decorating ideas to clip art, you'll be equipped to lead your knights to the truth of God's Word!

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Mission Moment (5 minutes)

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Daily Assembly Scripts

Day 1: Opening Assembly

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