MYSTERY ISLAND Promo Skit

WEEK 1

***Props: beach supplies (such as a beach umbrella, swim ring, flippers)***

***Costumes: Person 1 is wearing a tropical shirt/dress. Person 2 is in normal clothes.***

*(Person 1 is on stage attempting to hold/move their beach supplies when Person 2 walks up, offering to lend a hand.)*

Person 2: Do you need some help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Person 1: Oh, that would be great. Thank you! *(hands Person 2 several large items)*

Person 2: What’s with all the beach stuff?

Person 1: I’m getting ready for Mystery Island!

Person 2: You’re already setting up?

Person 1: What do you mean?

Person 2: You said you are getting ready for Mystery Island, right? *(Person 1 nods their head enthusiastically)* But Mystery Island isn’t starting yet. I mean, it’s kinda early to start setting up.

Person 1: I don’t understand. What do you mean it isn’t starting yet?

Person 2: Mystery Island doesn’t start until \_\_\_\_\_\_ *(give time and date of VBS).*

Person 1: How can an island not start yet? It’s an island.

Person 2: You do realize that Mystery Island is the name of our VBS this year, right?

Person 1: What?!? I thought it was a church-wide trip to a tropical paradise!

Person 2: No! Mystery Island is this year’s VBS. It’s a whole week *(change to state the length of time of your VBS)* of tracking down the one true God for boys and girls. Though the theme is set on a tropical island, we aren’t actually going to an island.

Person 1: Oh. Well, since I don’t get to lay out in a tropical paradise, I can get a head start on decorating my classroom! VBS is the next best thing!

*(Both exit stage.)*

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WEEK 2

***Props: floral leis***

***Costumes: VBS T-Shirts (optional)***

*(Person 1, with their arms full of floral leis, is looking around for someone. Person 2 walks in and stands beside them.)*

Person 2: Who are we looking for?

Person 1: I’m trying to find some people to serve with me at VBS.

Person 2: What, *(gesturing to the leis)* do they get a lei when they sign up?

Person 1: Hey, you guessed it! I thought it might help sway some people to volunteer. Kind of like a sign-up bonus.

Person 2: You really think people might decide to volunteer for VBS all because you are giving them a floral lei?

Person 1: Well it takes a lot of volunteers to make VBS a success. I thought I could try to help get more people to sign up. I mean, serving in VBS is so much more than passing out snacks and walking kids to recreation. By loving on them during VBS week, we have the chance to affect a child for all eternity! It’s such an amazing opportunity, and I wish everyone knew it.

Person 2: You know you could just tell them that.

Person 1: Tell them what, about the sign-up bonus?

Person 2: No! Tell them all about how important working in VBS is. We get to be part of something big! This year, boys and girls are discovering the one true God. It could change a child’s life for all eternity! I bet if people knew that they get a chance to change a child’s life for eternity, they would want to sign up.

Person 1: You’re right. Knowing how important the work at VBS is, the fact that it’s Kingdom work, is more of a reason to volunteer than getting a free flower lei.

Person 2: I sure think so! And it’s so easy to sign up to help at VBS. All you need to do is *(briefly explain how a person can sign up to volunteer for VBS).*

Person 1: Maybe I’ll give them the leis after I tell them how great working at VBS is. After all, it is fun to dress up…

*(Both exit stage.)*

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

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WEEK 3

***Props: inflatable rafts, bike pump (optional)***

***Costumes: VBS T-Shirts***

*(Person 2 is on stage attempting to inflate a raft either by blowing it up or using a bike pump. Person 1 walks on stage.)*

Person 1: Why are you blowing up a swim raft? Are you going swimming after church?

Person 2: No. I need it for VBS.

Person 1: Oh, are you using them to decorate your classroom? That’ll be cute.

Person 2: No, we are going to need a bunch of rafts to get everyone to Mystery Island. In just *(correct number of weeks until VBS)* short weeks, the boys and girls will be tracking down the one true God! I don’t want a single child to miss out!

Person 1: And they need rafts?

Person 2: Yep.

Person 1: To get to Mystery Island?

Person 2: Exactly.

Person 1: I don’t get it.

Person 2: The boys and girls will sit on the rafts and sail out to Mystery Island. How else would they get to the island to track down the one true God?

Person 1: Mystery Island isn’t an actual island, remember. It’s the name of this year’s VBS!

Person 2: But I’ve been praying for all the boys and girls that will be traveling to Mystery Island.

Person 1: That’s great! I’ve been praying too, that God will send more and more kids from our community to VBS this year, so that they can discover who the one true God is, that He is with us, and that we can trust Him with our lives!

Person 2: But we don’t need the rafts to sail to an island?

Person 1: No, Mystery Island VBS takes place right here on, *(give dates and times of VBS).* But we should all be praying for God to send the children to our VBS, and that He will prepare their hearts for the lessons they will learn!

Person 1: I’m going to be praying about who I can specifically invite!

Person 2: That’s a great idea! We should encourage everyone to join us in praying for VBS!

Person 1: Well, since I don’t need to blow up any more rafts, I’m going to invite people to pray with us, right now!

*(Both exit stage, excitedly.)*

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WEEK 4

***Props: beach tote bag, sunscreen, large floppy hat***

***Costumes: VBS T-Shirt or tropical clothes***

*(Person 1 is applying A LOT of sunscreen as Person 2 walks up.)*

Person 2: That is a lot of sunscreen. *(Picking up bottle to examine).* SPF 125. Wow, you must burn easily.

Person 1: I’ve heard that the sun’s rays on a tropical island emit more UV and you have a greater chance for a sunburn. I want to be prepared for the first day of Mystery Island VBS tomorrow.

Person 2: Umm, *NAME*, tomorrow’s not the first day of VBS.

Person 1: What?! It’s not?

Person 2: No. VBS starts next week at *(time).*

Person 2: But I have everything ready to roll. I’ve got my SPF 125 sunscreen, my extra powerful bug spray (I mean, island bugs don’t mess around), and some protein bars in case I get tired of eating coconuts.

Person 1: Why does no one understand that we aren’t going to an actual island! It is VBS. Our church is in \_\_\_\_\_*(name the town and state).*

Person 2: I know that! But I want the boys and girls to feel like they are on a tropical island, while they are tracking down the one true God! They get to see that there is no god like our wonderful Creator, and learn that because He is good and powerful, and loving, we can trust Him with our lives! I just like having fun with the theme, that’s all.

Person 1: But you really know we aren’t going to an actual island?

Person 2: Yeah. I did think it started tomorrow, though. I guess I’m just so excited to get started!

Person 1: Nope, you have a whole week until VBS starts *(start time of VBS)*. *(Give any additional VBS information if needed.)*

Person 2: You know, I’m actually glad it’s not starting tomorrow.

Person 1: Why not?

Person 2: I think I’m running low on sunscreen, and I actually do burn easily. I better run to the store. *(Both walk off stage laughing).*

*(Exit stage.)*

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WEEK 5 – After VBS

***Props: beach chair, coconut shaped cup with straw, box of VBS supplies***

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

*(Person 1 is sitting in the beach chair, sipping on their drink as Person 2 walks up with a box of VBS supplies.)*

Person 1: What are you doing with that box?

Person 2: I’m taking down the final decorations from VBS. It was such a great week. I’m actually really sad that it’s over.

Person 1: VBS isn’t over. *(Continues to sip drink)*

Person 2: Yes it is. It ended *(name day VBS ended).*

Person 1: Nope. I’ve decided that I don’t want VBS to be over, so it’s not. I’m going to sit here in my beach chair and pretend that Mystery Island VBS is still going on.

Person 2: It was a great week. 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 went home knowing who the one true God is!

Person 1: It was amazing! And since I don’t want to wait a whole year for it to come back, it’s not over.

Person 2: It is over unfortunately, but there are still lots of people we need to thank.

Person 1: That’s true. We want to thank the wonderful workers who prepped snacks and helped with games.

Person 2: Thank you to the craft workers, classroom helpers, and all our amazing teachers.

Person 1: And don’t forget our awesome VBS director, and all the work *he/she* put in.

Person 2: It took so many people, all working together to make this a great VBS! We have so many people we can thank for making it possible. In fact … if you helped with VBS this year in any way, please stand so we can thank you.

Person 1: Above all, we want to thank our Lord and Savior for making this VBS such a great week!

Person 2: Well, this box is the last of the VBS decorations. It’s officially over.

*(Person 1 continues to sip on their drink.)*

Person 2: You know what… I don’t want VBS to be over either!!! I think I saw an extra beach chair laying around. *(Starts to exit)*

Person 1: *(As you exit)* I’ll get you a coconut juice!

*(Exit.)*

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VBS Family Ceremony

***Props: magnifying glass, clipboard and pen***

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

*(Person 1 is on stage searching for clues/taking notes as Person 2 walks up.)*

Person 2: What are you looking for?

Person 1: I’m looking for clues.

Person 2: Like scavenger hunt clues? I love scavenger hunts! Can I play?

Person 1: No, I’m not doing a scavenger hunt. I’m trying to track down the one true God! Like the boys and girls did this week in VBS.

Person 2: Did their Bible study teachers hide clues around the church for them to find? That sounds like a lot of fun!

Person 1: No, the boys and girls were learning about who God is through His word, the Bible. A lot of people have wrong views of God, but He tells us what He is like through His Word. Since God is truth, we know we can trust His Word to tell us all about Him!

Person 2: Wow! What else did the boys and girls learn about God?

Person 1: They got to learn about the account of Jonah, and saw that God is everywhere, knows everything, and has the power to do anything.

Person 2: God is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent!

Person 1: Hey, you know the 3 big Os of God, too!

Person 2: Yes! Isn’t it neat to see how different God is from us? We were created in His image, but God is so amazing that it’s hard to imagine!

Person 1: That’s what the boys and girls learned too, when they studied Isaiah!!!

Person 2: I’m so glad the boys and girls got to discover so much about our Creator God!

Person 1: Creator! That’s another thing they learned! They learned that God is the Lord of creation, but God came to earth to be with us.

Person 2: Emmanuel–God with us.

Person 1: Yes!!! They learned just how much God loves us. He loved us enough to die for us!

Person 2: It amazes me that our almighty God wants us to have a relationship with Him. He is good, kind, and loving, and wants us to put our trust in Him and become a child of God.

Person 1: I’ve been praying this week that the boys and girls will put their trust in God, just like David did. David knew that God was powerful, good, and faithful, and he put his trust in Him. Each day during VBS the boys and girls tracked down another clue about who God is, and I’ve been praying that the truths from the Bible stay with them and lead them to a closer relationship with Him.

Person 2: It sounds like the boys and girls learned A LOT about God this week!

Person 1: They did! I wanted to learn all of that about God too, so that’s why I’m out here tracking down clues.

Person 2: Ummm, *NAME*… Where did the boys and girls at VBS track down all of this information about God?

Person 1: Well, they were tracking it down in the Bible… Ooohh. I guess I should probably start there to learn more about God, shouldn’t I?

Person 2: That’s probably a really good idea. Maybe some of the boys and girls that came to VBS could help you. *(Talking as you exit)*

*(Exit stage.)*