WONDER JUNCTION Promo Skit

WEEK 1

***Props: Fake tickets, clipboard with list, money (hidden in Person 1’s pocket)***

***Costumes: Person 1–Wonder Junction T-shirt and a train conductor hat.***

***Person 2–normal clothes.***

*(Person 1 enters the room from a separate door, walking around the congregation. Person 2 is offstage.)*

**Person 1:** Tickets! Get your tickets for Wonder Junction! Tickets for sale. *(Continues walking around the congregation attempting to sell train tickets. Ad-lib interacting with people.)*

**Person 2:** *(Running in to interrupt Person 1 who is near the stage.)*(Person 1’s name)! What are you doing? *(Both meet in the middle of the stage.)*

**Person 1:** I thought I’d get a jump start on Wonder Junction tickets.

**Person 2:** Tickets? What do you mean?

**Person 1:** Well, you have to have a ticket to board the train for Wonder Junction. You didn’t think you could just get onboard without tickets, did you?

**Person 2:** Umm . . . you do realize that *Wonder Junction* is the name of our Vacation Bible School, not an actual place, right?

**Person 1:** No, Wonder Junction is the name of the town out West, where the train will take us! We’ll get to learn all about Jesus and marvel at his wonder. It’s going to be such an amazing adventure. *(Turns to audience.)* Tickets!

**Person 2:** Just a minute. I guess I can see why you’re confused, but let’s get things straight. *Wonder Junction* is the name of this year’s VBS.

**Person 1:** I think you’re the one confused. All of the posters and flyers show a train in an old-western town. *(Holding up poster)*

**Person 2:** Those are signs for *Wonder Junction* VBS. Yes, there are trains on them. Yes, boys and girls will be heading out West—in their imagination—not in reality. The Old West is our VBS theme.

**Person 1:** So, no train?

**Person 2:** Not an actual train, but we’ll have train decorations.

**Person 1:** No journey back to the Old West?

**Person 2:** Nope. We’re going to transform our church. We’ll use cardboard and paint to create the town of Wonder Junction. You’ll think you’ve stepped back in time right into the Old West.

**Person 1:** Now that sounds great! But . . . it’s just VBS?

**Person 2:** I wouldn’t word it like that, “*Just* VBS.”

**Person 1:** What do you mean?

**Person 2:** VBS is an important week! *Wonder Junction* VBS is happening \_\_\_\_\_\_ *(Give time and date of VBS)*.This year, the boys and girls will be marveling at Jesus and learning how to live for his glory. Each day they will focus on a different part of Jesus’ life.

**Person 1:** Like the wonders of his birth and his childhood?

**Person 2:** That’s right. And we’ll learn about his ministry, death and resurrection, and finally, his return. The lessons our kids will learn this year at *Wonder Junction* can change eternities!

**Person 1:** Wow! That does sound like an important VBS. I’m just a little sad, though.

**Person 2:** Why are you sad?

**Person 1:** Well . . . *(hesitating)* you know how I thought our church was taking a train trip out West?

**Person 2:** Yeah.

**Person 1:** And you know how I was selling train tickets?

**Person 2:** Yes.

**Person 1:** *(Pulling money out of his/her pocket)* I have a few people that I need to give a refund to and explain some things. *(Looking at list on clipboard)* I better get started, it’s a big list of people. I guess I’m quite the salesman. *(Begins to run offstage)*

**Person 2:** *(Shouting to Person 1)* Invite them to VBS while you’re at it! *(Give time and date of VBS again)*

*(Exit stage)*

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WEEK 2 – Volunteers

***Props: Stick pony***

***Costumes: Person 1–Cowboy/girl outfit, Person 2–VBS T-shirt (Optional)***

*(Person 1 enters from the back on the stick pony)*

**Person 1:** *(Yelling loudly, while riding the stick pony to the stage)* VBS is coming! Everyone get ready, VBS is coming! Quick, get your glue guns and stock up on gummy snacks. VBS is coming!

**Person 2:** *(Running onstage)* What are you doing?

**Person 1:** I’m trying to warn people.

**Person 2:** So I heard, but why? And why are you riding a child’s stick pony?

**Person 1:** I thought I’d get in trouble if I rode a real horse into the church. So ole’ Cupcake and I are doing the job.

**Person 2:** Cupcake? You mean this toy horse?

**Person 1:** *(Covering Cupcake’s ears.)* Shhh.She’ll hear you. Anyway, Cupcake and I are warning everyone that VBS is coming! I feel just like Paul Revere. *(Sighing contentedly)* You’re welcome. I pretty much saved VBS today.

**Person 2:** Paul Revere was warning people that the enemy was approaching. Why exactly are you and—Cupcake—loudly warning people about VBS?

**Person 1:** Because it’s coming.

**Person 2:** Yes. I am aware of that.

**Person 1:** But is *everyone* aware?

**Person 2:** *(Looking around)* I’m not sure. We’ve been telling people that *Wonder Junction* VBS is taking place on *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(VBS date/time)*, and they can sign up to help by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(insert your sign-up details)*.

**Person 1:** But what if they missed all of that? Cupcake and I just need to make sure that everyone knows about VBS and how they can volunteer. I mean, VBS isn’t just a regular week. It’s a week where we get to pour into boys and girls, teaching them God’s truths and showing them just how much Jesus loves them.

**Person 2:** And in the crazy world these kids are growing up in, they need to hear that message.

**Person 1:** This year the kids will learn all about Jesus’ life and how to live for him. Don’t you think people will want to sign up to be a part of VBS once they know all of that?

**Person 2:** I sure hope so! You’re absolutely right about the importance of VBS. Our volunteers do so much more than walk kids to the bathroom and pass out snacks. No matter what role they serve in during VBS, they’ll be doing kingdom work, showing boys and girls who Jesus is.

**Person 1:** Exactly. That’s why Cupcake and I need to keep warning people that VBS is coming. There are only \_\_\_\_\_ more weeks to sign up to be a part of VBS.

**Person 2:** While I love your enthusiasm, have you thought about just talking with people? Maybe instead of shouting through the church, you simply tell people how amazing serving at VBS can be.

**Person 1:** So you think Cupcake and I should just “trot on up” to a person and say *(in a very thick western accent)* “Howdy, partner. Do you wanna’ come help at VBS?”

**Person 2:** Or you could just be you and share with them why you love VBS, then invite them to sign up. *(Briefly explain how a person can sign up to volunteer for VBS.)*

**Person 1:** *(Talking to the horse)* What do you think, Cupcake? Should we try it? Okay. Cupcake thinks that will work.

**Person 2:** *(Shaking head)* I’m glad Cupcake agrees.

**Person 1:** *(Talking to the horse)* Giddyap, Cupcake! We have people to invite to VBS. *(Gallops off stage into audience, then spots a friend to talk to)* Howdy par—I mean—hey, (name of church person), do you have a second?

**Person 2:** Don’t mind him, he/she is just enthusiastic for VBS. It’s my favorite week of the year, too.

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

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WEEK 3 – Pray for VBS

***Props: Cactus (fake or cardboard) with sticky notes covering it, pen, sticky note***

***Costumes: VBS T-shirt or western wear***

*(The cactus is already on stage, visible as Person 1 walks in counting and writing notes.)*

**Person 1:** 27, 28, 29, 30. *(Writes on a sticky note and puts it on the cactus)*

**Person 2:** Hey, (Person 1’s name). What’s with the cactus full of sticky notes?

**Person 1:** This is my VBS cactus.

**Person 2:** Like an emotional support cactus?

**Person 1:** Well … kind of.

**Person 2:** Seriously?

**Person 1:** It’s my to-do list for VBS. I thought it would be fun to make it match this year’s theme.

**Person 2:** So you carry a cactus full of sticky notes around?

**Person 1:** Pretty much. There are lots of things that need to be done to make this year’s VBS the best one yet, and I don’t want to forget a thing.

**Person 2:** I thought VBS wasn’t until \_\_\_\_ *(give dates and times of VBS).*

**Person 1:** You’re right; it isn’t. But look at all these tasks. I had to start early to be done on time.

**Person 2:** *(Pulling sticky notes off the cactus, reading them aloud)* Paint cardboard flowers. Count pool noodles. Ask budget committee about building a temporary stable. Convince Pastor (*name*) to grow a handlebar mustache*.* *(Continues to look through notes)*

**Person 1:** All important tasks, as you can see.There’s so much to do for VBS.

**Person 2:** I think you’re missing a task.

**Person 1:** What? *(Frantically looking over sticky notes)* Did one fall off? It was a little windy when I got out of my car this morning.

**Person 2:** You’ve got a lot of important tasks on here. Making decorations, prepping classrooms, and making sure there are enough supplies. These are all necessary things that need to happen to ensure that VBS goes smoothly.

**Person 1:** Thanks! I’m confident that my cactus and I have accounted for each and every task.

**Person 2:** What about praying for the kids?

**Person 1:** *(Briefly searches for a sticky note)* Ah. Yes. Here it is right here; pray for more kids to register. See? It’s all on the cactus.

**Person 2:** No, that’s not what I mean. What about praying for the boys and girls—for their hearts? The kids are going to hear important lessons about following Jesus. Some of them will hear the gospel for the first time, and others might be ready to respond. Since God is not limited by time, I’ve already been praying that he will prepare the kids’ hearts for the lessons they’ll learn and for the Holy Spirit to speak to each child.

**Person 1:** Wow! When you put it that way, praying for the hearts of the children sounds a lot more important than painting decorations or inflating balls for recreation.

**Person 2:** Don’t get me wrong; all of the VBS tasks are important. But the life change that can happen at VBS is most important. So I’m praying for the Lord to work in hearts now.

**Person 1:** *(Writing on a sticky note)* Me too. *(Sticks note on the cactus)* Maybe we can get other people praying for VBS!

**Person 2:** I think that’s a great idea. Hey, maybe we can make little cactus-shaped prayer cards for them.

**Person 1:** *(Excitedly)* Oh, can we? Then everyone can have their own little VBS cactus to remind them of the most important part of preparing for VBS—praying!

*(Both exit the stage excitedly)*

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

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WEEK 4 – One Week Until VBS

***Props: Coffee pot, drinking straw***

***Costumes: Person 1–VBS T-shirt or church clothes; Person 2–Bathrobe, fuzzy slippers, curlers in hair (if female)***

*(Person 1 is making an announcement about VBS as a very sleepy Person 2 walks on stage)*

**Person 1:** As I’m sure you all know, Vacation Bible School is just one week away. In one week, our church will be full of boys and girls excited to hear God’s truths. Who’s excited about that? (*Encourage the congregation to cheer loudly.)*

**Person 2:** *(Enters wearing robe and slippers, rubbing eyes, drinking coffee straight from the coffee pot, using a straw. As the congregation cheers, Person 2 realizes, that church is happening)* Oh my!

**Person 1**: *(Notices Person 2)* Hey, (name)! What are you doing?

**Person 2:** I … umm … just woke up.

**Person 1:** I can see that. Did you forget to get dressed before you came to church? As you can see, *(gesturing to the congregation),* we are having church right now. I was just making an announcement about next week’s VBS.

**Person 2:** *(Waves to congregation)* Hello, church! *(To Person 1)* Well, this is a bit embarrassing.

**Person 1:** Just a little.

**Person 2:** *(Pulls Person 1 by the sleeve)* Okay. So, here’s the thing. VBS is one week away—just one week! I’m so excited. But there’s still a lot to do. So I figured if I just slept here, I could get a lot more done. I guess I stayed up a little too late working on decorations last night and may have forgotten that today was church … obviously.

**Person 1:** Thus, the fuzzy slippers.

**Person 2:** Yep. The fuzzy slippers and jammies—in front of the whole church. *(Embarrassed, pulls bathrobe tighter)*

**Person 1:** At least it shows people that you’re committed to VBS.

**Person 2:** Absolutely! I love VBS. Why else would I have slept here for the last six nights?

**Person 1:** You’ve slept here for six nights? Why on earth would you do that?

**Person 2:** I told you, there’s still a lot to get done before VBS starts. If I just stay here, I don’t have to waste time driving to and from church, eating dinner, or sleeping. *(Yawns)* The coffee keeps me going.

**Person 1:** (Name), you need to go home. Eat a meal, *(sniffs)* take a shower, and sleep in your own bed. VBS is exciting, and yes, there are still things that need to happen before opening day, but you don’t have to do all of them yourself.

**Person 2:** I can sleep after VBS. There’s work to do. I want next week to be the most amazing week ever for the boys and girls.

**Person 1:** It will be! The boys and girls will get to hear all about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, and learn how much he loves them.

**Person 2:** That’s why I need to keep working to get everything ready. There is no time for sleep! *(Sips on coffee)*

**Person 1:** *(Rolls eyes)* How about this? We have a church full of people who are excited about VBS. Maybe not so excited they’d sleep at church for two weeks, but excited, nonetheless. Let’s ask our church family to help with those last-minute details so no one needs to sleep at the church.

**Person 2:** I guess that would work. *(Rubbing posterior)* Those chairs aren’t very comfortable to sleep on.

**Person 1:** *Provide any VBS information, reminding people of start times and last-minute tasks. Remind people to continue inviting children and to pray for VBS.* Next week is going to be great!

**Person 2:** I agree! I better get some more coffee before the pastor starts preaching. Might as well—I mean—I’m already here.

*(Both walk off stage laughing.)*

*(Exit stage)*

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WEEK 5 – After VBS

***Props: Rolled-up VBS posters***

***Costumes: Person 1–VBS T-shirt and cowboy hat***

*(Person 1 enters running with posters in hand throughout the sanctuary toward the stage. Person 2 is chasing after him/her.)*

**Person 1:** You can’t have them!

**Person 2:** VBS is over. Will you give me the posters?

**Person 1:** No. VBS can’t be over. I won’t let it be.

**Person 2:** But VBS ended \_\_\_\_\_*,* *(name day VBS ended).*

**Person 1:** No!

*(By this point, the actors have reached center stage and are facing off.)*

**Person 2:** *(Gently)* Look,I know you really loved VBS. It was a great week. \_\_\_\_ kids *(number of kids attended)* heard the gospel this week, \_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars *(amount raised for mission offering)* was raised for missions, and we passed out about a million high-fives sharing the love of Jesus with the boys and girls.

**Person 1:** *(Dreamily)* Yes, it was a truly amazing week!

**Person 2:** But it’s over now. *(Trying to grab the posters.)* So give me the posters!

**Person 1:** No! If I give you the posters, then VBS is really, truly over. I don’t want it to be over. I want it to keep going. We can use the posters to start a new VBS tomorrow.

**Person 2:** We can’t. We need to finish up this one. But if you help me with the last few tasks, then we can get started on planning next year’s VBS.

**Person 1:** *(Excitedly).* Next year?

**Person 2:** Yep. Next year. But you have to help me first.

**Person 1:** Okay! What do I need to do?

**Person 2:** Well, there are still lots of people we need to thank.

**Person 1:** *(To the congregation)* Of course! Thank you to all the wonderful craft and snack workers, classroom helpers, recreation volunteers, and all of our amazing leaders! And a big thank-you to our super VBS director for all the work he/she put in.

**Person 2:** Thank you to each and every person who helped make this year’s VBS a success. We truly couldn’t have done it without you.

**Person 1:** Now can we start on next year?

**Person 2:** Almost. There’s one last thank-you we need to make.

**Person 1:** *(Thinking)* I’m pretty sure we covered everyone.

**Person 2:** Though our amazing volunteers help make VBS possible, without God, it truly would not have been possible.

**Person 1:** Absolutely! Lord, thank you for such a great VBS last week! Amen.

*(Optional: use this time to pray over VBS and the kids who attended, thanking God for all he did and is continuing to do.)*

**Person 1:** So now can we start on next year? Please, please, please?

**Person 2:** *After* you give me the posters, we’ll put them away, and *then* I’ll tell you next year’s theme.

**Person 1:** Okay! *(Quickly shoves posters at Person 2)*

**Person 2:** All right, let’s go. *(Quickly exit stage while talking)* Next year is going to be . . ..

**Person 1:** *(From backstage)* I can’t wait!

*End*

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VBS Family Ceremony

***Props: acoustic guitar or child’s ukulele***

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

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

**Person 1:** *(To the tune of “Oh My Darling Clementine,” badly played on guitar)*

VBS parents

VBS parents

Let us tell you what we learned.

How we marvel at Jesus

And learn to live our lives for him.

VBS parents…..

**Person 2:** *(Interrupting with loud clapping)*

**Person 1:** *(Startled)* You startled me, there. I was practicing a new song I wrote.

**Person 2:** I didn’t know you were a musician.

**Person 1:** I’m not, really. But it’s parents’ night at VBS, and I thought if we put into song all that we did this week, they’d be impressed.

**Person 2:** Why are you trying to impress our VBS parents? How about just telling them what their kids did this week instead?

**Person 1:** Without putting it to music?

**Person 2:** Yes, without the music. You can tell parents how each day their children got to marvel at the wonder of a different part of Jesus’ life.

**Person 1:** You mean the wonder of his birth and his childhood? And the wonder of his ministry years, then his death and resurrection, and the wonder of his return? That day was my favorite, learning about Jesus coming back and what we are supposed to do until then. *(Casually strums guitar, perhaps hitting a bad note)*

**Person 2:** I think what I loved best was how the boys and girls were learning so many truths from the Bible. Kids got to play games and hear puppets as they learned what the Bible tells us about how Jesus looked, how many siblings he had, and even different emotions Jesus would have felt.

**Person 1:** And can you believe how many kids memorized their Gold Mine Memory Verses each day?

**Person 2:** Right? All of those kids hiding God’s Word in their hearts is amazing!

**Person 1:** Then there were the crafts and science experiments, games, and delicious snacks every day.

**Person 2:** I bet some of the kids have already started using their crafts, like the praise journal and the money pouch. We had super cool crafts.

**Person 1:** So, what you’re saying is that I should just tell the moms and dads what happened at VBS? Maybe show them a few pictures of how great the week was?

**Person 2:** I think that’s a better idea than trying to write a song all about VBS.

**Person 1:** Yeah, there were so many great things, I guess it would be a very *loooong* song.

**Person 2:** You know, *(looking at watch/clock),* I think we have just enough time to put together a slide show of VBS pictures.

**Person 1:** Let’s do it! I’m giving up on song writing. I was hoping to write a song to invite families back to church. But I was having trouble finding words that rhyme with “11 o’clock.” *(Change time accordingly for your church service.)*

*(Exit stage)*

*This would be a great time for a leader to invite families to church, giving specifics, and showcase pictures from VBS.*