

File 14 VBS 2017 Galactic Starveyors Leading a Child to Christ

Purpose Statement

This 45 minute plan is designed to train and equip leaders on how to lead kids who attend VBS to Christ.

Resources to Collect, Prepare, & Copy

Resources to Collect

- Step 1: Welcome
 - *VBS 2017 Music for Kids CD*
 - Handout 1

- Step 2: The Gospel: God's Plan for Me
 - *The Gospel: God's Plan for Me* booklet

- Step 3: The Gospel Through the Bible Stories
 - Item 1
 - Tape

- Step 4: The Gospel with Folded Paper
 - Handout 2
 - Paper
 - Scissors
 - Several additional pairs of scissors for conferees

- Step 5: The Gospel with VBS Resources
 - *VBS 2017 Kids Gospel Guide*
 - *VBS 2017 ABC Wristbands*
 - *VBS 2017 Takin' It Home CD*
 - *VBS 2017 Parent Guide*
 - *100 Galactic Devotions: Discovering the God of the Universe*
 - *Leading a Child to Christ Training Pack with DVD-ROM*
 - *Leading a Child to Christ* pamphlet
 - *ABCs of Becoming a Christian* tract

- Step 6: The Gospel Through the Bible
 - *VBS 2017 Devotional Bibles for Kids*
 - Item 2
 - Scissors

- Step 7: Things to Remember
 - None

- Step 8: Conclude
 - None

Resources to Prepare

- Step 1: Welcome
 - None to prepare

- Step 2: The Gospel: God's Plan for Me
 - None to prepare

- Step 3: The Gospel Through the Bible Stories
 - Cut apart the statements on Item 1.

- Step 4: The Gospel with Folded Paper
 - Practice folding and cutting the paper to make a star.

- Step 5: The Gospel with VBS Resources
 - None to prepare

- Step 6: The Gospel Through the Bible
 - Cut apart the bookmarks on Item 2.
 - Glue each bookmark onto heavy colored paper.
 - Place the bookmarks in the Bible at the corresponding verses.

- Step 7: Things to Remember
 - None to prepare

- Step 8: Conclude
 - None to prepare

Resources to Copy

- Handout 1
- Handout 2

Focal Wall Description

Display the *VBS 2017 Visual Pack* on the focal wall with the 5 daily posters in the following order:

- The Relationship Began
- The Relationship Broken
- The Restoration Promised
- The Relationship Restored

- The Relationship Continues

Place the remaining posters from the Visual Pack around the room.

Room Setup Description

Place chairs in a semicircle facing the focal wall. Place Handout 1 on each chair.

Decoration Suggestions

Use the *VBS 2017 Giant Inflatable Solar System*, *VBS 2017 Super Duper Sized Backdrop*, or *VBS 2017 Border* around the room. See *VBS 2017 Decorating Made Easy* for additional decorating suggestions.

Audio Visual Needs

- CD Player
- *VBS 2017 Music for Kids CD*

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Play the song “Over the Moon” (CD) as conferees arrive.
- Introduce yourself and invite conferees to stand as you teach them two galactic positions:
 - Star: Lead conferees to jump and land with their feet shoulder width apart and their arms out to the side.
 - Asteroid: Lead conferees to bend their knees, cross their arms over their chest, and lower their chin to look down.
- Read the following statements aloud.
- Ask conferees to either pose like a star if their answer is “yes” and like an asteroid if their answer is “no.” Lead them to stand in a regular position in between each statement.
 - The sun is larger than the earth. (*Yes-Star*)
 - The earth is the closest planet to the sun? (*No-Asteroid*)
 - Our main purpose of Galactic Starveyors is to teach kids about the solar system. (*No-Asteroid*)
 - Leading a child to Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit. (*Yes-Star*)
 - There is only ONE way to share the gospel with kids. (*No-Asteroid*)
 - The most important task that we have as VBS leaders is to share God’s plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus, with the kids who attend Galactic Starveyors VBS. (*Yes-Star*)
- Lead conferees to sit down in their chairs.

- Say: “Good job! The task of sharing the gospel is so important that every member of the VBS team and church should participate in evangelism and follow-up. VBS is the time to lay spiritual foundations in kids’ lives that will lead them to conversion and on to become growing disciples for Christ.”
- Explain that you will teach several ways leaders can share the gospel during VBS.

2. The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (3 minutes)

- Show conferees *The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me* booklet.
- Explain that the gospel centered presentation helps kids understand how to become a Christian.
- Comment that each of the grade-school Bible Study Leader Guides explains how to share the gospel with kids using the same presentation.
- Teach conferees the hand motions for each of the five steps. (You will talk in depth about each one in Step 3 of the training plan.)
 - God rules:
 - Encourage conferees to hold their hands in an “O” or crown shape and pretend to put it on their heads.
 - Lead conferees to say: “God rules.”
 - We sinned:
 - Encourage conferees to cross their arms in front of their chest to make an “X.”
 - Lead conferees to say: “We sinned.”
 - God provided:
 - Encourage conferees to stretch their arms outward to form the shape of a cross.
 - Lead conferees to say: “God provided.”
 - Jesus gives:
 - Encourage conferees to put their hands with palms facing each other and pretend to hand someone a large gift box.
 - Lead conferees to say: “Jesus gives.”
 - We respond:
 - Encourage conferees to hold their palms up in front of their body as if they are receiving a gift.
 - Lead conferees to say: “We respond.”

3. The Gospel through the Bible Stories (10 minutes)

- Comment that each of the Bible stories for Galactic Starveyors VBS is similar to a step in the *Gospel: God’s Pan For Me* presentation.
- Attach the corresponding card from Item 1 above each Visual Pack poster as you talk through each day. (Underlined words are the blanks to be filled in on Handout 1.)
 - Day 1
 - Story: The Relationship Began
 - In the beginning, there was nothing...only God the Father, His Son Jesus, and God’s Holy Spirit. God created the world and

everything in it, including man. God made man to enjoy relationships with one another and with Him.”

- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me
 - God rules: The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. (crown)
- Comment: “God made it all and He is the ruler of all of it.”

- Day 2
 - Story: The Relationship Broken
 - Satan tempted Eve to eat the fruit for the forbidden tree. Eve ate and offered some to Adam who also ate. Sin entered the world and every person who has ever lived has chosen to disobey God in some ways—except for One, Jesus.
 - The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me
 - We sinned: We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God’s punishment of death. (X)
 - Comment: “The relationship with God is broken when we sin.”

- Day 3
 - Story: The Restoration Promised
 - Before sin even entered the world, God had a plan to fix everything sin would mess up. In Isaiah, God promised to send the Messiah. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to pay the penalty for sin. Simeon and Anna recognized that Jesus was the Messiah God had promised.
 - The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me
 - God provided: God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It’s something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. (cross)
 - Comment: “God promised that He would provide a way for our relationship to be fixed.”

- Day 4
 - Story: The Relationship Restored
 - Jesus literally was Immanuel—God with us. When Jesus was 33, He was put on trial, convicted of sins He did not commit and hung on a cross to die. When Jesus died darkness covered the land and the veil in the temple was torn in two. Jesus was buried and on the third day He arose. Jesus provided the way for our relationship with God to be restored.
 - The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me

- Say: “Yet, since the beginning of time, everyone has chosen to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God’s punishment of death.” (We sinned)
 - Fold the bottom right corner up and over to the pinch fold mark on the left edge of the paper.
 - Say: “The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus to rescue us from the punishment of sin that we deserve. It’s something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own.” (God provided)
 - Fold the left bottom corner up.
 - Say: “Jesus paid the punishment for our sins. He died on the cross and rose again as the perfect solution to our sin problem.” (Jesus gives)
 - Fold the left portion of the paper up (match the sides on the right).
 - Say: “But it’s not enough just to know about Jesus. (We respond)
 - Pick up the scissors.
 - Say: “You must Admit to God that you are a sinner.”
 - Cut off the bottom triangle of the paper and throw away the top part. Unfold the bottom portion.
 - Say: Repent and turn away from your sin.” (We respond)
 - Unfold the star.
 - Say: “Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you. Confess and tell others that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.”
- Distribute Handout 2 and a blank piece of paper.
- Invite conferees to use fold and cut their own star on the blank piece of paper.
- Guide them to practice saying the statements for each step.
- Encourage conferees to use the technique to help kids during VBS understand how they can become a Christian.

5. The Gospel with VBS Resources (5 minutes)

- Show conferees the *VBS 2017 Kids Gospel Guide*.
 - Demonstrate how to spin the guide to see each step of the presentation.
 - Comment that the guide would be a useful tool for each leader to have during VBS as it could be quickly accessed whenever a child had a question about becoming a Christian.
- Show conferees the follow up resources or refer to the *VBS 2017 Catalog* (p.56-58):
 - *VBS 2017 ABC Wristband*
 - *VBS 2017 Takin’ It Home CD*
 - *VBS 2017 Parent Guide*
 - *100 Galactic Devotions: Discovering the God of the Universe*.
- Show conferees the following items or refer to them in the *VBS 2017 Catalog* (p. 57):
 - *Leading a Child to Christ Training Pack with DVD-ROM*
 - *Leading a Child to Christ* pamphlet
 - *ABCs of Becoming a Christian* tract

6. The Gospel through the Bible (5 minutes)

- Show conferees the *VBS 2017 Devotional Bible for Kids*.
- Briefly share how kids can find and read the 8 verses to help them understand the gospel.
- Ask conferees to look at the verses and words on Handout 1. (If pressed for time, continue on to Step 7 without reading through each step aloud.)
 - 1) Genesis 1:1
 - God made you.
 - 2) Romans 3:23
 - You have sinned and chosen to disobey God.
 - 3) Romans 6:23
 - Your sin separates you from God and deserves God's punishment of death.
 - 4) John 3:16
 - God sent Jesus to rescue you from the punishment you deserve.
 - 5) Romans 5:8
 - Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins.
 - 6) Acts 16:31
 - Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you.
 - 7) Acts 3:19
 - Repent of your sins and turn to Jesus.
 - 8) Romans 10:10
 - Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

7. Things to Remember (8 minutes)

- Talk through each of the following tips. (Underlined words are the blanks to be filled in on Handout 1.)
 - For group presentations:
 - Determine ahead of time the ages of the kids who will be included in group settings where the gospel will be shared.
 - Keep it brief. Kids have limited attention spans.
 - Consider using a response card for an invitation instead of a "show of hands" to lower peer pressure.
 - For one on one conversations:
 - Ask open ended questions to kids (not Yes/No questions) such as:
 - What is sin?
 - Who is Jesus?
 - What did Jesus do?
 - Why did Jesus come to earth?
 - Why should you become a Christian?
- Share the following reminders:
 - Leading a child to Christ always begins with prayer.

- Remember that kids arrive at the point of accountability at different ages depending on their live experiences and how they learn best. There is not “one age.”
- Always encourage a child to talk with his parents/caregiver about his decision to become a Christian.
- Remind kids that you are available at any time to talk about Jesus and becoming a Christian or to talk and to pray together.
- Avoid symbolic language and remain conversational.
- Encourage the child to write down when, where, and how he became a Christian; what he prayed, and the truths he knows about what God did because of what he prayed. Guide the child to date and sign this note.

8. Conclude (2 minutes)

- Thank conferees for attending.
- Remind conferees that sharing Christ with a child is one of the sweetest privileges they can have and that it is a honor to walk with a child toward God.
- Close in prayer and ask God to save kids all around the world during Galactic Starveyors VBS.

Leading a Child to Christ

The Gospel Through the Bible Content

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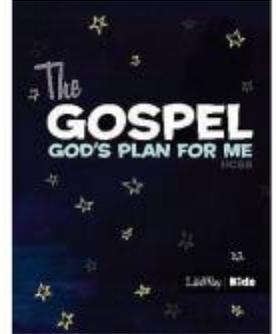
Day 1: The Relationship Began: _____

Day 2: The Relationship Broken: _____

Day 3: The Restoration Promised: _____

Day 4: The Relationship Restored: _____

Day 5: The Relationship Continues: _____



The Gospel Through the Bible

Make 8 numbered bookmarks and place in the Bible. Write each phrase on the bookmark.

1. **Genesis 1:1** - God made you.
2. **Romans 3:23** - You have sinned and chosen to disobey God.
3. **Romans 6:23** - Your sin separates you from God and deserves God's punishment of death.
4. **John 3:16** - God sent Jesus to rescue you from the punishment you deserve.
5. **Romans 5:8** - Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins.
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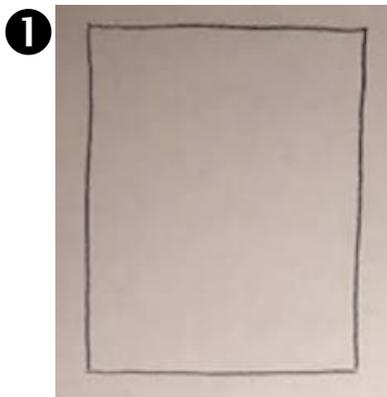
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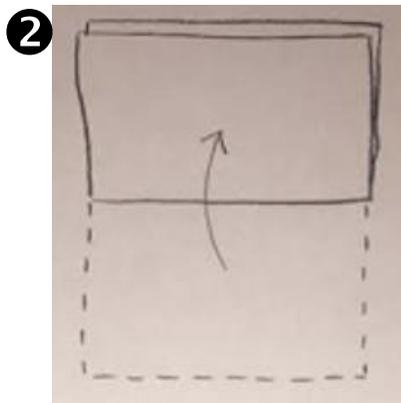
- What is _____?
- Who is _____?
- What did Jesus _____?
- Why did Jesus come to _____?
- Why should you become a _____?



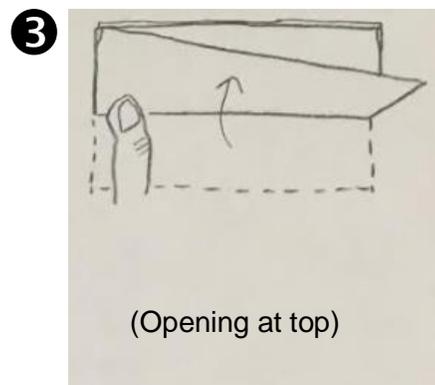
The Gospel Through Folded Paper



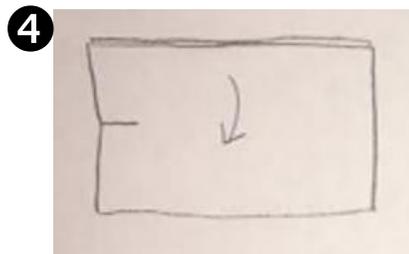
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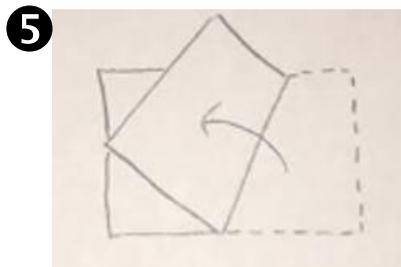
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The Bible tells us that God is in charge of everything. (God rules)



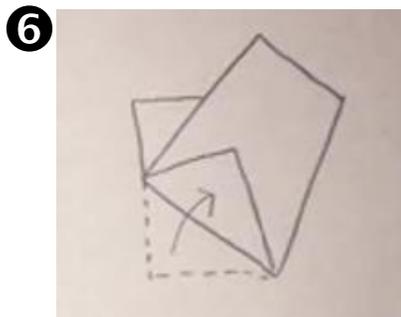
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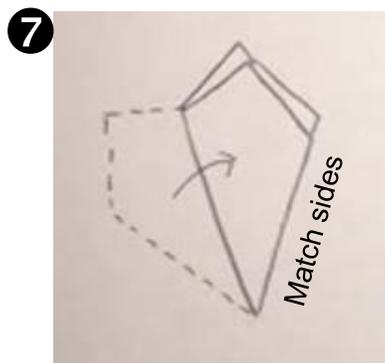
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Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (We sinned)



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The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus to rescue us from the punishment of sin that we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. (God provided)



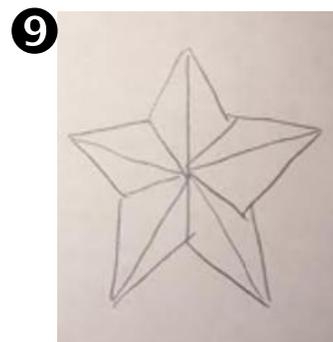
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Jesus paid the punishment for our sins. He died on the cross and rose again as the perfect solution to our sin problem. (Jesus gives)



7
But it's not enough just to know about Jesus. (We respond)



8
You must ADMIT to God that you are a sinner. REPENT and turn away from your sin.



9
Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you. CONFESS and tell others that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*

1

Genesis 1:1

God made you.

2

Romans 3:23

You have sinned and chosen to disobey God.

3

Romans 6:23

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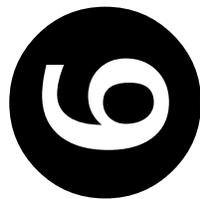
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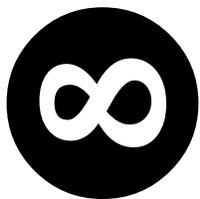
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