

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

TEACHING MANUAL

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PRAYER FOR VBS

**“Sovereign, mighty, and wise God,
we believe you created and ordered
everything for your glory and the
good of those who love you. Please
teach us to adore you and to be glad
that you are our King. Help us to
give you thanks in all things.**

Amen.”

VBS 2020 OVERVIEW

“He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.” - Psalm 62:2

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
CONCEPT	God has a BIG PLAN	God Wants to BULLDOZE Sin	The Cross and Resurrection BOLT Us to God	The Holy Spirit BUILDS a Life that STANDS FIRM on the ROCK, Jesus Christ
VERSE	Psalm 139:14	Romans 3:23	Romans 8:38-39	Matthew 7:24-25
STORY	God Created the World	God Wipes Away Sin and Saves Noah	The Cross and Resurrection	Peter
STORY REFERENCE	Genesis 1-2	Genesis 6-9	The Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John	The Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – and Acts
CRAFT	Make Your Apron	Make Your Ruler	Make the Cross	Make Your Rock
MISSIONS	<u>Project Scope</u> : Who is a missionary? What does a missionary do?	<u>Out in the field</u> : How far to the job site? Where do missionaries live?	<u>DIY Project</u> : How can you be a missionary right now?	<u>Tik Tok Gospel</u> : How we can share the gospel to those around us!

Motto: *God’s BIG PLAN is to BULLDOZE sin, BOLT us in, and BUILD upon the ROCK. Who is the ROCK? (Jesus!)*



**'HE ALONE IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION, MY FORTRESS;
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DAILY FRAMING SCHEDULE

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well!" Psalm 139:14






BLUE PRINT -- GOD HAS A BIG PLAN

This week we are learning how God has a BIG PLAN for us. He wants us to build our lives on the ROCK. The ROCK is Jesus! But first, if we are going to build anything – like a building, a house or a Lego project – we need a plan to show us what to do. Well, God has a plan, too, for His creation. It's in the Bible. In fact, God has the biggest and the best plan of all to save His people through Jesus!

NUTS -N- BOLTS

-  God has a good and perfect plan for His entire creation, including each one of us.
-  God's plan for us is in the Bible.
-  God created the earth, sun, moon, sky, stars, animals, and people. We are made in God's own image!
-  Adam and Eve disobeyed God and that's how sin came into God's perfect creation. Sin separated Adam and Eve from the perfect God, and our sin separates us from God, too.
-  God has a BIG PLAN to save His people from sin through the Lord Jesus Christ so that we can live forever with God.
-  We cannot save ourselves. We need the ROCK of Jesus and God's BIG PLAN!

QUALITY CHECK

-  What is God's BIG PLAN? (To save His people through Jesus.)
-  Where can we read about God's BIG PLAN? (In the Bible.)
-  In whose image was man made? (In God's image.)
-  What happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God? (Sin came into God's perfect creation. Sin separates us from God.)
-  Can we save ourselves from sin? (No! We need the ROCK of Jesus and God's BIG PLAN.)

HOW TO VIDEO

All those people needed a plan to make something. The baker needed a recipe for her cookies, the builder needed a blueprint to build the house, and the coach needed a playbook to win the game. God gives us a plan for our lives, and it's in the Bible.

THE BIG PLAN

God's BIG PLAN is the ROCK. Who is the ROCK? (Jesus!)

GOD CREATED THE WORLD - GENESIS 1-2

Today, I'm going to tell you about God's BIG PLAN to save His people through Jesus. First, He made the world – the whole world! He made the sky, the earth, the mighty oceans, and even you and me. Genesis 1 in the Bible tells us how God made the world and us. You would think it would take a lot for God to make everything, but it didn't at all. You see, before God made the world there was nothing...just an open wasteland of darkness. God decided to create, and He said, "Let there be light." God only had to say it and there was light. He called the light "day" and the darkness "night." This was Day 1 of creation.

On Day 2, God made the sky. Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place and let dry ground appear." And so, God had made the land, seas, and sky. It was good!

On Day 3 of creation, God said "Let there be plants and trees on the land." There were lots of different kinds of trees and many plants, too. And again, God saw that His plan was good.

On Day 4, God made the bright, big, beautiful sun for the daytime and a soft white moon for the nighttime. Then God filled the sky with beautiful, twinkling stars. Not just one star, but lots and lots of them. God saw that it was good.

On Day 5, God said "Let the waters be filled with living creatures." And sure enough, there were fish in the oceans and the seas. Then God looked at His beautiful sky and called out, "Let birds fly upon the earth." So, there were birds with wings so they could fly high in the sky singing sweet songs.

On Day 6, God made all kinds of land animals. The Bible says that God saw that all He had made was good. He blessed his creation and said, "Fill the seas with more fish, fill the sky with more birds, fill the earth with more creatures." That's the way God filled His beautiful world. Now the whole world was ready. God had been saying powerful words and everything had been created, but God hadn't made His best creation yet. God was ready to make His most important creation.

It was still Day 6 of creation. Earlier that day, God had made all the animals. After the animals were made, God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness." God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit had decided to make a man. The man would be like God. The man wouldn't really look like God, and the man wouldn't be powerful like God, but in some ways, the man would be like God. God's plan for man was that he would think about God, love God, and serve God. God also planned for man to rule over all the animals on earth and be fruitful and have families. This was Day 6, and the Bible says that God saw that it was VERY good.

On Day 7, God rested, and man thought about God, loved God, and served God with everything he had in him.

God is perfect, and His creation was perfect, too. Adam and Eve lived in the beautiful Garden of Eden. They were created to think about God, love God, and serve God. But sadly, God's enemy, Satan, came to the Garden of Eden disguised as a snake. Satan had a plan to trick Adam and Eve into disobeying God. And that's exactly what happened. Eve believed that clever snake (Satan), and she ate fruit from the tree that God had forbidden. Then, she gave some to Adam, and he ate it, too. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and that's how sin came into God's perfect creation. From that point on, all people would always fight sin. God is perfect; He can't be around sin. Sin separated Adam and Eve from the perfect God, and our sin separates us from God, too.

But that's where God's BIG PLAN comes in. God has a big, perfect plan to save His people from sin through the Lord Jesus Christ so that we can live forever with our perfect God. We can't do it on our own. We need the ROCK of Jesus and God's BIG PLAN!



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DAILY FRAMING SCHEDULE

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23







BLUE PRINT -- GOD WANTS TO BULLDOZE SIN

When we build a building, we need a lot of help to clear off the land and take away all the old, yucky stuff so we can build something new and good. We need a bulldozer to clear off the land and give us a strong, flat place to build. We need a strong foundation for our building, so it doesn't fall. In the same way, God has a BIG PLAN to BULLDOZE our sin. We can't possibly do it on our own. Even though we don't deserve it, God BULLDOZES the sin of His people through Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus is our strong foundation. Jesus is our ROCK, and we can build our lives on Him. Today's story is an example of a time when God wiped out sin with a flood, and He saved Noah with an ark. This story points us to the cross when God BULLDOZED sin for good, and He saved all His people through the ROCK, Jesus!

NUTS -N- BOLTS

-  Noah loved God, but the rest of the people were deep in sin and very wicked. Sin was everywhere, and God doesn't like sin.
-  God's plan was to powerfully destroy the world and all its sin through a flood.
-  God gave Noah a plan to build an ark to keep his family, the animals, and himself safe.
-  Noah obeyed God and built an ark just like God planned.
-  God sent rain that covered up the whole earth. God took care of the ark and everything in it.
-  Just like God saved Noah through the ark, God has a plan to BULLDOZE our sin and save us through Jesus. We can't save ourselves. We need the ROCK of Jesus and God's BIG PLAN!
-  Even though we don't deserve it, God BULLDOZES the sin of His people through Jesus' death on the cross & His resurrection.
-  Jesus gives us a strong foundation. Jesus is our ROCK, and we can build our lives on Him.

QUALITY CHECK

-  Why did God decide to destroy the world? (Because it was full of sin and wickedness.)
-  How did He decide to do it? (Flood the earth.)
-  Why did He decide to save Noah? (Noah had faith. He trusted and obeyed God.)
-  What was God's plan to save Noah? (Build an ark.) Who was to go on the ark? (Noah, his family, and two of every animal.)
-  Did God's plan work? (Yes! All of God's plans are perfect.)
-  Can we save ourselves from sin? (No! We need the ROCK of Jesus to BULLDOZE our sin. It's God's BIG PLAN!)

HOW TO VIDEO

Rock tried to tear down a house all by himself. He needed much stronger equipment. He couldn't do it alone. In the same way, we can't tear down our sin on our own. Only Jesus can. Jesus offers us a clean, strong foundation to build a righteous life on. Jesus is our ROCK!

THE BIG PLAN

God's BIG PLAN is to BULLDOZE sin to find the ROCK. Who is the ROCK? (Jesus!)

GOD WIPES AWAY SIN AND SAVES NOAH - GENESIS 6-9

The Bible tells us about a time when God wiped away sin. There was a man named Noah who loved God. And, God loved Noah. Noah lived in a way that was pleasing to God. But you know what? Noah and his family were the only people who loved God in the whole world! This is very sad! Every other person who was alive was wicked. They did bad things and were very mean to one another and to God. The Bible says that the Lord saw how bad the people who lived on the earth were, and He was sad because of it. God doesn't like it when people do bad things. God looked deep into their hearts and saw that they were mean and bad all the time. But then God looked at Noah and saw that he loved God and obeyed Him. Noah was a righteous man and loved God when everybody else didn't. So, God made a plan.

God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am going to destroy them and the earth. But, Noah, I want you to make an ark."

Then God gave Noah a plan to build an ark. He said, "Build the ark out of gopher wood. Make rooms in it and make the ark 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Then, put a roof on it. Put a door on the side and a window at the top." God gave Noah a specific plan to follow.

Then God told Noah how He would destroy the earth. God said, "I will bring a flood of water on the earth." A flood is when it starts to rain and keeps raining for a long time. When there's a flood, the water comes down so fast, and instead of sinking into the dirt, the water rises and rises and gets higher and higher.

But God's plan would save Noah. Noah would be on the ark. And, Noah wasn't going to be there alone! God knew Noah had a family. He had a wife and three sons. Noah's sons were married so they had wives, too. God wanted them to also go into the ark. And not just Noah and his family, but other living creatures, as well! God told Noah to bring two of all the living creatures into the ark with him. One boy and one girl of every animal. He also said, "Take food for you and for them." That would be a lot of animals and a lot of food! God had a plan to keep Noah, his family, and the animals safe and dry in the ark while the flood was outside. God also wanted to make sure they didn't get hungry!

The Bible says Noah did everything just as God had commanded him. It took Noah a long time, too. The Bible says it took Noah more than 100 years to build the ark, and it was very hard work. All the time Noah was working, he was talking to the people about the Lord. He was telling them not to sin anymore, but to believe and love God. Noah told them that God would punish them for their sins, but nobody really listened. Noah told the people that God would send a flood, and they would be destroyed. But the people laughed at Noah. They thought he was silly because he was building such a big boat.

Eventually, God sent the rain that covered up the whole earth. But, God took care of Noah and the ark and everything in it.

God had a plan to wipe away sin and save Noah. In the same way, God has a BIG PLAN to destroy our sin – even though we don't deserve it –so we can live with Him forever! God's BIG PLAN is to BULLDOZE the sin of His people through Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection. Stay tuned – we will hear more about that tomorrow! Jesus is our strong foundation. Jesus is our ROCK, and we can build our lives on Him.



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DAILY FRAMING SCHEDULE

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39







BLUE PRINT -- THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION BOLT US TO GOD

The past few days, we have learned that a construction builder needs a building PLAN, and the builder needs to BULLDOZE all the yucky stuff out of the way so the builder can get started. But what's next? We will learn today that the builder needs to strongly secure the building to the foundation so it won't fall down. In the same way, God has a BIG PLAN for us. Yesterday, we learned that we need something bigger and stronger than us to BULLDOZE our sin away. We need Jesus! Today, we will hear how Jesus died and came alive again to save God's people from their sin and how we can BOLT ourselves to the ROCK through faith in Him. That means we are connected to God forever!

NUTS -N- BOLTS

-  God's BIG PLAN was for Jesus to come down to earth to live, die, and come alive again to pay for the sins of all His people. While on earth, Jesus never did anything bad. In fact, Jesus lived a perfect, holy life and thought about God, loved God, and served God all the time.
-  Wicked men judged Jesus and put Him on the cross.
-  Jesus died on the cross to pay for all the sins of all His people.
-  When we acknowledge our sinfulness and have faith in Him alone for our salvation, we are BOLTED to the ROCK, Jesus Christ.
-  Through faith, we are BOLTED into the ROCK, and there is nothing that can separate us from His love. We are secure!

QUALITY CHECK

-  Who was Pilate and what did he do? (Roman governor who allowed Jesus to be put on the cross.)
-  Did Jesus deserve to die on the cross? (No! Jesus led a perfect, holy life. He was both fully God and fully man.)
-  Why did Jesus die on the cross? (To pay for all the sins of all His people. It was God's BIG PLAN!)
-  Who should have died on the cross in His place? (All of us.)
-  What happened three days after he died? (Jesus came alive again!)
-  How do you get BOLTED to the Rock? (You recognize your sin and have faith in Jesus alone to save you.)

HOW TO VIDEO

We saw that sin separates us from God like a strong board cut in half. But, when we confess our sins and have faith in Jesus, He BOLTS into our lives. When we BOLT into Jesus, we are BOLTED to God forever!

THE BIG PLAN

God's BIG PLAN is to BULLDOZE sin and BOLT us to the ROCK. Who is the ROCK? (Jesus!)

THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION BOLT US TO GOD - THE GOSPELS

God's BIG PLAN was to save His people through Jesus. The Bible tells us what happened. When we understand that we need saving, and we have faith that Jesus did all this for us, we are BOLTED to Him forever. What an amazing gift! Here is what happened...

Jesus came down from heaven to live on earth as a man. Jesus lived a perfect life, a holy life. Jesus never sinned...not once! Now, God's BIG PLAN was about to reach the most important part of the story, the climax. Jesus had just spent time eating His last meal with His disciples and was praying in a garden right outside of Jerusalem called Gethsemane. Immediately after, a large mob of soldiers arrested Jesus and took Him from the garden to the powerful high priest's house. The next morning, many Jewish leaders met together and asked Jesus in a mean way, "Are you the Son of God?" Jesus answered them by saying, "You rightly say that I am." But the religious leaders refused to believe that Jesus was God's Son. Instead, they wanted Him to die because He claimed that.

So, the Jewish leaders sent Jesus to the Roman governor named Pilate. Pilate had the power to say whether Jesus would live or die. The Jewish leaders told Pilate that Jesus had done wrong things. Pilate talked to Jesus and then said, "I find no fault in this man." The Jewish leaders were so angry, and they kept yelling mean things about Jesus and saying, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him." That means "kill him."

Pilate didn't want to decide, so he sent Jesus to another leader in Jerusalem named Herod, but not much came of it. Herod sent the Lord Jesus back to Pilate. By this time, lots of people were standing outside Pilate's house. They kept yelling, "Crucify him. Crucify him." Sin had made their hearts very hard. Pilate talked more to Jesus and said to the angry crowd outside, "What evil has this man done? He doesn't deserve to die." But the people wanted Jesus to die, and they kept yelling.

Pilate didn't like the people's yelling, and he did not want them to start a riot, so he let them take the Lord Jesus away to be nailed to a cross. Before the soldiers led Jesus away, they put a purple robe and a crown made of thorns on Jesus to make fun of Him. They took Jesus to a hill outside of the city of Jerusalem called Calvary. There, Jesus was nailed to the cross. Two criminals were nailed on crosses, too: one on each side of Jesus. The soldiers hung a sign right above Jesus saying, "This is the King of the Jews." Jesus' body hurt very badly as He hung on that cross. On that day, Jesus died for the sins of His people. The Bible says all our sin was laid upon Him. Jesus, who had always thought about God, loved God, and served God, became a perfect sacrifice for our sin. God gave Jesus the punishment you and I deserved to suffer.

A Jewish leader named Joseph went to Pilate and asked if he could take care of Jesus' dead body. Joseph carefully took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it gently in linen cloths, and then put Jesus' body inside a tomb. The soldiers rolled a large stone in front of the doorway to the tomb.

Do you think God's BIG PLAN was finished? No! On the third morning after Jesus died, Jesus' friend, Mary, and some other ladies were taking some sweet spices to Jesus' tomb. They knew the opening of the tomb was shut tightly by the big heavy rock. Mary and her friends weren't sure how they would roll that big rock away so they could go inside. When they got to the tomb, they could not believe their eyes. Mary and the other women saw that the stone wasn't in front of the tomb like it had been! The stone was rolled away! The tomb had been opened. The women could now walk right inside the tomb. But you know what? The tomb was different than it had been...it was empty! The body of the Lord Jesus was not there. The women were confused. Had someone taken Jesus' body away?

The Bible says, "While they were wondering about this, suddenly two angels in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them." The women were so frightened. They bowed down with their faces to the ground. The angels said to the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember what Jesus told you, while He was still with you. Remember how He said He would be crucified and on the third day be raised from the dead?" The Bible says when Mary and the other women heard the angels say those words, they remembered what Jesus had said. Jesus had said He would come alive again. Of course, Jesus would not stay in that tomb!

The women did not know what to think. They began weeping, and, while they were on the way to tell the disciples, they were stopped by someone who looked like a gardener. The man said, "Greetings!" Immediately, the women knew it was Jesus and began loving and worshipping Him. Jesus had risen from the dead! He then told the women, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

God's BIG PLAN had happened! Jesus had come to earth, died for His people, and now He was alive again. All of Jesus' friends were now BOLTED to Jesus because they believed He had done these things for them. Do you want to be BOLTED to Jesus? You can be when you understand that you need saving, and you have faith that Jesus did all this for us. Then, you are BOLTED to Him forever!



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DAILY FRAMING SCHEDULE

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24-25








BLUE PRINT --THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS A LIFE THAT STANDS FIRM ON THE ROCK, JESUS CHRIST

This week we have learned that a construction builder needs a building PLAN and the builder needs to BULLDOZE all the dirt and yucky stuff out of the way so the builder can BOLT the walls to a strong foundation. Once the walls are securely bolted in, the builder can start BUILDING. That's just what God does for us. God has a BIG PLAN to BULLDOZE sin and BOLT us to Jesus. Once we are BOLTED to our ROCK, we can BUILD our life and God's Kingdom with help from the Holy Spirit.

NUTS -N- BOLTS

-  Peter was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' closest disciples and friends.
-  Peter loved and faithfully followed Jesus, but he made mistakes. He was a sinner like you and me.
-  Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before Jesus was crucified.
-  Jesus promised that God would send a helper – the Holy Spirit – to His people after Jesus left them.
-  The Holy Spirit would help God's people BUILD their lives on Jesus and BUILD God's Kingdom.
-  Peter spent his entire life teaching others about Jesus and building God's Kingdom with help from the Holy Spirit.
-  If we BOLT into Jesus through faith, God will BULLDOZE our sin away so we can BUILD our life and God's Kingdom with help from the Holy Spirit.

QUALITY CHECK

-  Who was Peter? (A disciple and one of Jesus' closest friends.)
-  Who was Peter BOLTED to? (The ROCK, Jesus)
-  Who denied knowing Jesus three times before Jesus was crucified? (Peter.)
-  Who did Jesus promise to send to His people after He returned to heaven? (Holy Spirit.)
-  What did Peter spend his whole life doing? (Teaching others about Jesus.)
-  Did Peter teach all those people about Jesus on his own? Who helped him? (No, the Holy Spirit helped him.)
-  What was Peter's strong foundation? What is yours? (The ROCK, Jesus!)

HOW TO VIDEO

The foolish man built his tower on sand, and it eventually came crashing down. But, the wise man built his tower on the ROCK, and it could withstand the flood. If you BUILD your life on the ROCK of Jesus, you can stand firm in any storm with help from the Holy Spirit.

THE BIG PLAN

God's BIG PLAN is to BULLDOZE sin, BOLT us in, and BUILD upon the ROCK. Who is the ROCK? (Jesus!)

PETER - THE GOSPELS – MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN – AND ACTS

The Bible tells us that Peter was a very close friend of Jesus. He was one of Jesus' 12 disciples, and he loved Jesus very much. Before Peter met Jesus, his name was Simon, and he was just a regular man. In fact, Simon was a fisherman, and he worked very hard. One day, Jesus came to Simon while he was out fishing and said to Simon, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once, Simon dropped his fishing net and followed Jesus. From that point on, Simon's life and his heart changed completely. In fact, even his name changed! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "Rock," because Jesus knew that Peter would faithfully follow Him, and Peter would do great things to build God's Kingdom.

Peter gave up everything he had known to travel around with Jesus to teach the Good News about God's Kingdom. He heard Jesus teach many, many times. And, he saw Jesus heal many, many people. Peter witnessed great miracles. He loved Jesus, and he knew deep in his heart that Jesus was God's Son. One day, Jesus asked Peter and the other disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered without hesitation, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter always loved and followed Jesus, but that doesn't mean that he was perfect. In fact, Peter made a lot of mistakes.

When Jesus shared his last supper with Peter and the other disciples, He was getting ready to fulfill God's BIG PLAN to save His people. Jesus loved his friends, and He explained what was going to happen. Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, where are you going? Why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!" Peter loved Jesus so much, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny even knowing Him three times before the next morning.

Jesus went on teaching His disciples, and He promised that when He left, God would send them a helper – God's very own Spirit – to live inside them. He said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

When the soldiers came to take Jesus away, Peter was so upset and confused. He even pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of one of the soldiers. But Jesus stopped Peter. You see, Jesus was ready. He knew God's BIG PLAN to save His people, and Jesus was prepared to do God's will. The Bible tells us that the soldiers took Jesus away to the high priest's house, and Peter followed at a distance. When Peter arrived there, a servant girl at the door asked Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" And Peter said, "I am not." While the high priest questioned Jesus, some men asked Peter again, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" And again, Peter denied it and said, "I am not." And then a relative of the man whose ear Peter cut off asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" And Peter denied Jesus for a third time – all before the rooster crowed, just like Jesus had predicted.

Jesus was crucified on the cross, buried, and on the third day He came alive again. He stayed on earth for 40 days and was seen by hundreds and hundreds of people. Jesus appeared to His disciples just before returning to His Father in heaven, and He reminded them that when He left, God would send the Holy Spirit to live in all believers to be their helper. The Holy Spirit would help them BUILD their lives on Jesus and help them BUILD God's Kingdom! And that's exactly what happened!

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to His people at Pentecost – including Peter! Peter had followed Jesus. Peter loved Jesus. But, Peter had made many mistakes and even denied knowing Jesus three times. When the Holy Spirit came into Peter, he became a powerful tool for God. Peter spoke to the large crowd at Pentecost and the Bible tells us that 3,000 people came to know the Lord that day! Peter spent the rest of his life teaching all people – both Jew and Gentile – about Jesus. Peter was even crucified, just like Jesus. Peter loved Jesus, followed Jesus, and BUILT God's Kingdom by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you are BOLTED into Jesus through faith, just like Peter, God has BULLDOZED your sin, and has given you His Holy Spirit. Now, you can BUILD your life and God's Kingdom, just like Peter did!



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CRAFTS

D When God made you, He gave you the tools you need to live life on this earth. He gave us bodies and
A brains to know how to use the tools and follow instructions that He has given us through His Word. Just
Y like our aprons hold the things we need to complete a building project, our hearts and minds can learn,
1 know, and hold onto God's word, which are His instructions for life. God made us fearfully and wonderfully!

MAKE YOUR TOOL APRON

Materials Needed:
Tool Apron
Fabric Markers or paints

Directions:
1. Write your name on the apron and add some fun designs!

D An important tool that can be kept in your apron is a measuring tape or ruler. Rulers help us measure precisely and
A build things with the correct length, width, and height. With a ruler, we can get near-perfect lines. God tells us that
Y because of our sin, we fall short of the glory of God, which is perfection. No matter how hard we try, no matter how
2 straight we walk, we will fall short.

MAKE YOUR RULER

Materials Needed:
Print out of ruler

Directions:
1. Cut out your ruler out.
2. Color it to make it your own!
3. For sturdiness, consider adhering your ruler it to a piece of construction paper.

D Because of God's great love for us, He allowed His son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Through faith in Jesus, and His death
A and resurrection, nothing can separate us from God's love.
Y

MAKE THE CROSS

3 Materials Needed:
Two craft sticks
Button heart
Red Embroidery Floss
Glue
Markers or paint

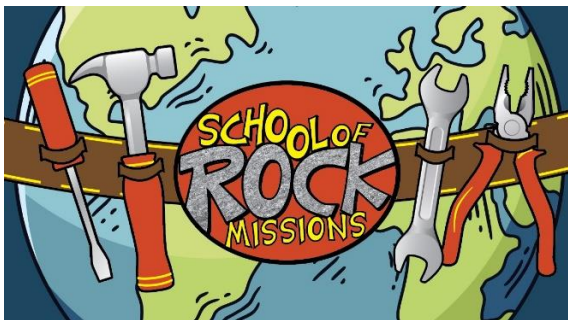
Directions:
1. Glue your craft sticks into a cross shape.
2. Paint or color your cross.
3. Once your cross is dry, cut a piece of floss that is about 24" long.
4. Thread your floss through the back of your button and then through the other whole so both ends of the floss are in the back.
5. Position your heart button in the middle of your cross and double knot your heart around your cross. Take the remaining floss and wrap it around the cross in a clockwise position, circling each piece of the craft stick as you move around the cross.
6. Tie-off and trim excess string at the back of the cross.

D When we put our faith in Christ and trust Him, with help from the Holy Spirit, we have a firm foundation to stand on and build
A our life upon. If you have ever tried to squish a rock, you probably realized very quickly that it would not budge. A rock's core
Y is solid and can be used as part of a firm foundation when building a house, a playground, or many other things.
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MAKE YOUR ROCK

Materials Needed:
A rock (about the size of your palm)
Paint Pens or paint and paintbrushes

Directions:
1. Paint a house on your rock.
2. Decorate your rock creatively, even adding sequins, glitter, or other materials you find at home.



MISSIONARY WALKING GAME

For 3 – 6 Participants

Materials needed:

Instructions

Ball to throw

Map for visual effect (optional)

Set-up:

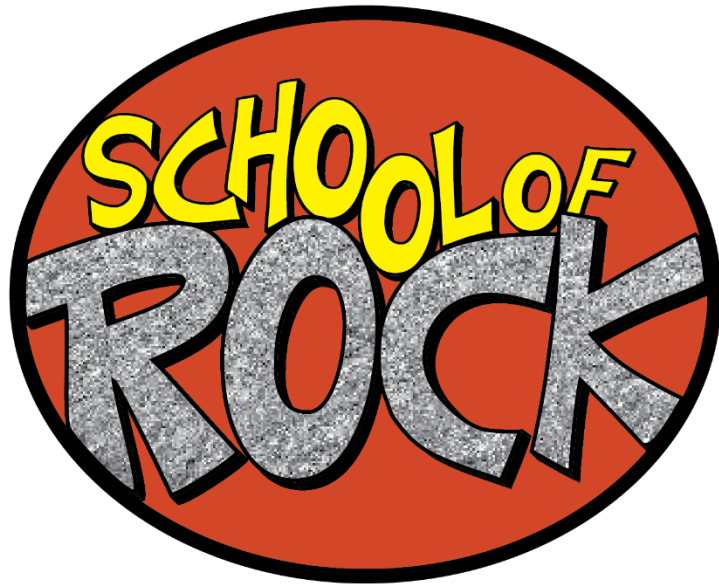
- Select a starting point that opens to a large space (ex: door to front/backyard, end of patio, etc...).
- PICK one person to be “Dallas.” “Dallas” is first to hold the ball.

Play:

- Have all players link arms and take 10 steps forward.
- Have all players then turn left and take 8 steps forward. This becomes “Dallas.”
- Have a player explain what they think a missionary is/does.
- Have a player tell the players that PCPC has missionaries in our own hometown and give examples (Casa De Lago near Bachman Lake, RUF, RUF-International, etc...)
- Have “Dallas” pray for Dallas missionaries.
- After the prayer, “Dallas” remains in place and picks another player to “go to Italy.”
- Starting from “Dallas” (center left of your yard/space), have the chosen player take 5 steps forward.
- That player then needs to turn right and take 15 steps forward.
- That player then shouts, “I’m in Italy!” and becomes known as “Italy.”
- “Dallas” throws the ball to “Italy.”
- “Italy” catches the ball and says a prayer for the PCPC missionaries in Italy.
- After the prayer, “Italy” remains in place and picks another player to “go to East Asia.”
- Starting from “Dallas” (center left of your yard/space), have the chosen player take 3 steps forward.
- That player then needs to turn right and take 35 steps forward. (Make sure the player goes past “Italy”)
- That player then shouts, “I’m in East Asia!” and becomes known as “East Asia.”
- “Italy” throws the ball to “East Asia.”
- “East Asia” catches the ball and says a prayer that God’s word will take deep root in East Asia.
- Continue adding countries (always starting from “Dallas”), as needed. (see below for additional countries and instructions)
- Once all players are in assigned countries, proceed with these teaching points:
 - Have the players discuss how spread out they have become.
 - Remind the players that we are all called to share God’s Word...whether in our own neighborhood, city, or even in other countries across the globe.
- END OF GAME!

Optional Extended Play: (if you have more than 3 players or want to keep playing)

- Colombia: From Dallas, take 6 steps backward. Turn right and take 2 steps forward. “Colombia” prays for all missionaries in Colombia.
- Zambia: From Dallas, take 5 steps backward. Turn right and take 15 steps. “Zambia” prays for missionaries in Zambia to bear fruit.
- Bahamas: From Dallas, take 3 steps backward. “Bahamas” prays for the people and missionaries there.



VBS NOTES

“He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.”

Psalm 62:2