

Camp (Enter Church Name) VBS

Guide Instructions:

This is a FREE curriculum, pass it along, change it, add to it, or pass on it. It worked GREAT for our small church, we had 4 helpers, 1 teen, and 50 kids attended. That was more than our typical Sunday Morning. Parents loved it, kids looked forward to each night, and my husband and I didn't die! So overall, it was a great success. We pray this can go to help other small churches.

Each day has a theme, you'll find that on the top of the page. Each day has a scripture, be sure all your workers know to emphasize the scripture. They can ask a kid to recite it and give tickets for knowing it. The guide is written by the day. You'll find Opening Rally instructions, the Skit, the snack, and the Closing Rally guide. You will not find a sports page. For this particular year we had just built an outdoor Gaga Ball pit (google it if you don't know what it is.). This was a HUGE hit and really held the kids' attention for the 20 min sports time. They looked forward to playing each night. In years past we've done silly games we've found on google. A parachute is a great activity as well, and is fairly inexpensive. Because your game time is only 20 min, it isn't hard to come up with games to fill the time. Google "yard games" and you'll come up with a great list.

You will also not find a lot of script when it comes to the Closing Rally and the Brave Factor. Put your own personality into it. Watch how they do some of the bits on the Youtube clip (mentioned in resources and on the "What the day looks like" Page).

Please tweak this to make it your own. We have kids of our own, so we went by what they were into as starting points. If you're kid's church kids are really into something else, then mimic that and go with it. Every small town is unique, they may not be into the same things as the bigger towns, or even the small town next to them, so make it your own.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at thepastorswifeslife@gmail.com.

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The Ins and Outs of how Camp VBS works

What: This is a VBS for the small church who has energetic leaders, and a few faithful workers. This is an easy VBS to set up and implement as long as you have a few fun and energetic, hard workers. It is very budget friendly, and the more you can borrow, the better. You'll find some ways to involve your church throughout the first few "How To" pages.

When: This was done in 4 days. We did Sunday through Wednesday. It may not be hard to add a day, but keep in mind that with few helpers comes a greater exhausted rate!

Who: Minimally, you will need 4-5 adults, and a teen or two. **We are in a small town and had no helpers in 2 of the areas. Meaning we were in open areas with kids but only 1 adult.(Not behind any closed doors. It is not wise for one adult to be alone with ANY kids not their own behind closed doors.) If your church has rules against this, be sure to have 2 adults per "class", so you'll need 6 adults. We used a teen to run sound and do some voices when needed. Of course, the more that can get involved, the better. We played double roles, so there is room for more helpers for sure.

Time: This is a 2 hour a day program.

30min opening rally. *2 songs, an opening skit, some announcements/ directions.

1 hour for classes/stations. 20minutes for each.

Story time, Snack, and Sport

30min Closing Rally. *1 song, announcements, "Billy Bob" and Brave Factor

What the days look like:

**** Change your times as needed**** *Many of the prep happened BEFORE these times. We did not have daytime helpers, so the Pastor and I laid everything out during the day, including the snack prep. Once the workers arrived most everything was prepped and ready for them to start their center/area. The more you can delegate, the easier it'll be. But in small churches, this wasn't easy for us. So we did most of it ourselves.*

5:15- Prayer The more leaders/helpers you can get involved here, the better. But the coordinator should ALWAYS start out praying.

5:30- Helpers should arrive. This gives you time to go over the day with them.

5:30-6- Registration *(see detailed instructions on responsibilities page)*

6-6:30- Opening Rally *(see detailed instructions on responsibilities page)*

6:30-7:30 Classes/stations *(see detailed instructions on responsibilities page)*

7:30-8 Closing Rally *(see detailed instructions on responsibilities page)*

8pm Send kids home

Try to be as close as you can to this time frame... but do not fear going over just a tad. In reality, when parents come to pick up their children and see the huge amount of fun they are having, they will want to bring their kids back the next night. The more parents enjoy it, the more likely the family will choose your church if they are looking. A majority of our VBS attendees are unchurched kids. So we enjoyed when parents came in and saw how down to earth we were, and how much we loved their kids. No one complains about being 10 min late as long as their kids are having a good time!

8pm Quick clean up/ reorganize

It works best if you take the extra time right now to pick up trash, put props back where they go, and organize the snack area. You'll be thankful when your day gets away from you the next day and you're not rushing to gather things.

With 3 teams and two sides of the sanctuary that meant one team was seated behind another. So each night we rotated the teams so each team got a chance to sit in the front.

Take the time to put your attendance sheets in the greeting area. But be sure you first tally up the points and report to the coordinator.

GO TO BED EARLY! If you are running this shindig with very minimal help, get your sleep. We held our event at night, so there was no telling what the daytime hours would bring, start each VBS day with the proper amount of sleep... and if you did it with high energy, this early to bed won't be hard!

Responsibilities per Area

Registration:

Put a table outside with at least 2 helpers/"Counselors" be sure to get each child's name and at least phone number for emergency purposes. Of course it's always great to get addresses for follow-up purposes, however, for us, the crowds came in droves and getting extra info was nearly impossible. So we used the phone numbers and followed up with texts and phone calls. *** Getting emergency numbers is a MUST, kids will get hurt, or throw up, or even be naughty, and parents will need to come back.

Break your campers into 3 teams. Kids will do CRAZY things for points. So be sure to give points for anything and everything! **See points section for more details** Label 3 pieces of paper with color names (We made them the same colors as our decorating colors... Orange, Green, and Yellow) Always let friends be on a team together, it works well to mix ages, as older kids can help younger kids, however by letting friends be together, you may get all girl teams/ all 5th grade teams/ ect. But try to keep it as even as possible (point fairness). On the nametags you can put a colored dot to indicate what team kids are on, or you can get wristbands from amazon. Kids stay on their team throughout the week, you can either put check marks near their name for each day, or make it look like a spreadsheet, we found it easier to just use computer paper, write the team name on top. The phone numbers were written right next to the name, then we put an S for Sunday, if they came back on Monday, put a M, T for Tuesday, W for Wednesday. This was a very quick way to see who was returning, and get a count for the overall week.

These papers were kept on a clipboard and given to a specified person to keep. That person was in charge of calling parents, and locating kids if parents picked up early. But be sure at the end of the night, the clipboard is given to the coordinator to tally up points.

As kids bring friends, their friends will get to stay on their team (points will be given to their team, so this is important). So some teams may get

bigger and bigger each night while other teams may stay the same. If someone new comes and no one specific invited them, put them on the team with the least amount to try to even out the teams.

Kid get individual tickets to enter for prizes, and they get points for their teams. This is where they will get a ticket for coming, and perhaps a ticket for bringing a friend. Have extra pens so kids can add their names to their ticket. This will be dropped into prize buckets **See set up for more information on prize buckets**

If you're doing points for Bibles, or clothing challenges, this is where you'd add those points. Do it in the spreadsheet, or just simply by putting a checkmark or initial by their day's check in. **See points page for more info on points**

Your check in helpers need to arrive 45-30 before VBS starts, and stay at their post about 10-15min after VBS has started to catch late-comers.

Be sure each class leader knows the numbers for each group. Especially snack so they can prepare the correct number of snacks ahead of time.

Opening Rally:

2 upbeat songs right off the bat to bring the kids in. This has 3 kids leading, we found song movements on Youtube and I held practices for the kids to learn the moves. This was my "worship team". Each day if I noticed kids were really into the songs, I'd pull them to the front (not on the stage, but in the front) to help. 2 leaders/ "Counselors" are also in the front helping with the song movements. The other leaders were placed throughout the sanctuary doing crowd control.

Your leaders for this section need to be SUPER energetic. They need to be willing to be silly, loud, and able to get the crowd energized. This is the part that will set the tone for your VBS day.

Immediately following the songs, you can go into the skits. The skit time can become the announcement time. However, to transition well, you

can run through the expectations at this time. However, in everything you do, do your best to keep the energy level high. Have yelling contests between teams, do the wave, maybe a cheer or two... whatever it takes to keep the energy level high. This is our 6th VBS in a small church and small town, and the kids have raved over how fun the VBS is. And the main praise is about the high energy! My husband and I will turn 40 this year. We are NOT in pristine shape, we have 4 kids to corral all day. And we work hard to keep the energy level high! If we can do it, you can do it! Haha.

Once the skit is over you can tell the kids how the VBS will work each day, then dismiss them by teams. Have them follow a leader to their first station/class. You can keep the schedule the same each day (orange team goes to snack first every night) or you can mix it up each night. Our kids have always liked not knowing where they are going first, and allowing kids to take turns having their favorite station first. But, when dismissing them, have them go team by team to eliminate confusion.

Classes/Stations:

3 classes are offered. **Story time, Sports, Snack** Each class is about 20 min long (realistically about 18min with 2 min to move to the next class)

Plan out ahead the flow of your transitions. Will snack head to the sports area out the back door or pass the other group in the hall? Depending on your building, be sure a leader leads, or someone familiar with the church. We transitioned in a circle, the snack went out the back door to sports, the story time went down the front steps to snack, and the sports came in the front door to the story time. They never crossed paths during their transitions. This made for easy movements in a timely fashion.

Knowing that we wanted 30 min for a closing rally, we tweaked these areas when our opening rally went long. Basically take your time between the end of the opening rally and the time you want to start your closing rally and divide by 3. For instance, if the opening rally went to 6:40, we took our time 6:40-7:30 (50 minutes) and divided that into 3 (16 min for each class).

That means your snacks need to be easy, and your story time person has to be able to go with the adjustments in time. *****Snack and Story time can not go under 15 minutes.***** So, if you have to cut into your closing rally, so be it. It is almost impossible to give a good gospel message (your MOST important part!!!) in under 15 minutes. Also, you'll stress your snack workers to the max if they have to feed tons of kids in under 15 minutes. This is why it's important to do as much snack prep as possible before VBS starts for the day.

Story Time: The person in this station needs to be a good storyteller. They will be telling the story while doing a quick object lesson. Sit with the kids all around you, and get close and on their level. If you have a large crowd, sit on a chair so all the kids can see. But, this can be a fun time to bond with the kids. This is also the area where the most of the gospel is presented. Although an altar call is given during one of the Rallies, this is the time to really see the heart of the students. Do not skip out on this portion of the evening. Hype and crazy fun is GREAT, but if they leave without hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ, you've wasted your time. Put this area in the hands of someone who knows how to lead children to Christ, or at least someone who has been trained in how to do so. I can not express enough how important the Bible time is to your VBS success.

Snack Time: The snacks are all peanut free (if labels are read, remember some odd ingredients are not good for those with peanut allergies). These snacks (listed on each page) are easy to prepare either beforehand or for kids to assemble for themselves. All the prep work should be done prior to VBS starting. Put cups/plates/napkins out and ready each day. Make punch ahead of time, and put your ingredients where your workers can easily find them and have easy access to them. Make it easy for your helpers if they work full-time in the day and then are volunteering at night. If your coordinator or pastor does not work outside the church during the day, this gives plenty of time to organize these items.

Sports: You'll need at least 2 helpers in this area. As stated before, our church just built a Gaga Ball Pit. This pit was about \$200. We watched this video and asked one couple to help us, and the 4 of us got it done!

<https://youtu.be/qCnz2fuJSP8>

You have to have the budget for that, this came out of our youth budget, and it ended up being a great way to get youth to come in the summer/warmer months... play some ball, stop for a devotional, finish playing some ball. Our kids LOVE this...

So, because we built it about 2 weeks before VBS, we did not plan any thing else for our sports time. This filled 20 minutes easily. We provided sidewalk chalk and a parachute for those who got out early in the game. If Gaga Ball is not doable for you, simply google "yard games" and you'll have so many options. Pick 4 of your favorite games, and your sports rotation will be done. The more complicated the game, the more helpers you may need to implement. Youth kids LOVE helping in the sports area. And remember, it's only 20 min (18 tops!).

Closing Rally:

Again, this is a high energy time. Open up with 1 song to usher kids into the service.

This was our time for our character "Billy Bob". This character has been in every one of our VBS's since we've arrived as Pastors in our town (6 summers at the time of publication). The pastor (he and I are the main entertainment for the opening and closing rallies) changes his shirt and adds a yellow clown wig. The kids KNOW it's Pastor, but play along very well. For our small town, this has become famous. We can walk around town and kids will shout out, "WHERE IS BILLY BOB!?" They've come to expect him at each year's VBS. It is such an easy thing to add to any VBS. But this character has to be VERY energetic!



This year, Billy Bob did “**Brave Factor**”. This was a spoof off “Fear Factor” but quite the opposite. We encouraged the kids to be brave. We did our own rendition of some of the Youtube sensations we noticed the kids were watching. He did “What’s in the Box” and “Gummy Versus Real”. You can see both in Collin Keys’ silly bit here (except, of course don’t use deadly animals!!!) <https://youtu.be/WKfIP4-fu6w>

We incorporated an educational fact (not fearing animals most people are afraid of), Jelly Belly’s Beanboozles (candy that tastes disgusting), and the Egg Breaker challenge.

End your rally and night with a recap of the day’s lesson and be sure to invite kids back and encourage them to bring a friend.

It works best if a noticeable character, preferably the Pastor, can “transform” into the Billy Bob character.

POINTS:

Kids will do anything for points. So if you can give a team points, GO FOR IT! The team with the most points at the end of the week get to throw a pie in the leaders face. (This was our pastor). Play this up every rally. You can get some pie tins and use canned whip topping and go one at a time. Be sure the pie recipient has goggles, and it's nice to have nose plugs, too. And do it outside!

Here are some ideas for what to give points for:

Attendance: 10 team points for each kid in attendance. *This is why making the teams even on that first day is so important. *

Bringing a Friend: 10 points on day 2 (no friends points on day 1, everyone is the same). 20 points on day 3, and make it jump big time for the last day 50 points for friends brought on the last night! Announce this in the rallies, really pump it up. You want lots of kids to come!!!

Wear your team colors: 10 points for wearing team colors (this would be announced in rallies and would apply on day 2 on)

Loud contest: What team can be the loudest... use this to get the crowd energized. Make your points easy to add.. 20, 30, 40...

Offering: We did this in 2 ways. The team who brought in the most amount got 30 points, 2nd place 20points, 3rd place (as long as there was any money) 10points. But we also did a 2nd category based on weight. *Keep in mind that not every child can give, so if they bring in pennies, they can be rewarded even for their small amount. So, roughly weigh the offering buckets before dumping them for the next day. First place gets 30pts, 2nd place gets 20pts, 3rd (as long as there's money) 10pts.

Individual Tickets:

You can purchase single strands of tickets at Walmart, Amazon, or Party Supply stores. No need to have the double ones, as kids will be writing their names on each ticket. *So have pens available, and remind them to write their names on them right away so no one can steal their ticket* Give away items from your set. *See setup page for more details*

By each item put a bucket. Kids will put their tickets into the buckets corresponding with the prize they are entering to win. This means the more tickets they get, the more chances they get to win that item. This also means they can win more than one item. If you do not like that idea, you can start with the larger items, draw secretly and make sure they don't win 2. (put their name back for the smaller item if they won the big prize).

Ways to get individual tickets:

Attendance, reciting memory verse, good sportsmanship, cleaning up after snack, being kind to a teammate, dancing during worship, being a good listener during story time, walking in the halls, caught being good.

Equip all your leaders with tickets so they can quiz campers on the memory verse, or even ask questions about lessons their learning at any given time during the day. But be sure your leaders hold tight to their stash of tickets so that kids don't get their hands on blank tickets. If you can have your story time in your sanctuary, you can use this time to let kids put tickets in the buckets as they walk in and you're starting the Bible story. Otherwise just instruct the kids to hold on to their tickets until the closing rally and they can drop them in the buckets at that time.

Set up:

Decorations-



We gave away the tent, the orange chair, 2 fishing poles (seen leaning up against the wood pieces), and 2 walkie Talkies (that we used in a skit). What you don't see here is that we put buckets on the stage clearly labeled "Tent" "Fishing Poles" "Walkie Talkie" and "Chair". As the kids got their tickets, they could put them in the buckets they wanted so they could win the prize they wanted. **Kids LOVE this!

Borrow Christmas trees from your church storage, or from people in the congregation. Be sure to label the tree in the back with a tag and the box as to who it belongs to. Be mindful of how people packed their trees and be considerate to put it back as closely as possible (those trees can be tricky!). We asked for wood logs from the community. Then got to donate them when we were done (always a great outreach!)

The backdrop is tablecloth with white table cloth clouds. Use a spray

adhesive and it works great! The waterfall is covering our piano with some streamers. VERY budget friendly.

Along the walls, I have these signs from Oriental Trading Company. They are HUGE, and adorable!

http://www.orientaltrading.com/jumbo-camp-sign-cutouts-a2-3_5101.fltr?keyword=Camping

We also did a scene similar to this on our welcome center table (no snacks)

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/AcoC1PGAbacpIMktBV5zcPj3qHnc6CCNwl9SRr3NQGRrqrqlxZeiQA/>

Decorate for at least one Sunday Service. This allows others to see what the church is doing.

The Snack area can have red and white checked picnic style table cloths and camping lanterns. Because tables have to be washed, keep the decor simple.

Stations/Classes-

Have your classrooms in places with good traffic flow. Always remember that one group will be coming while another group will be going, so open spaces work great. If a smaller classroom is needed, have kids line up on one wall to dismiss before the next group files in.

Snack: If snack needs to be assembled, do so before VBS starts. If the snack can be assembled by the kids, just have the ingredients easily accessible for each day. Have a trashcan nearby and remind kids to clean up after themselves. Provide food gloves and access to a handwashing station (sink).

We found it easiest to have a big drink dispenser, older kids can serve themselves, or help with the younger kids.

Always use paper plates, and cups. No one has time for dishes!

Story Time: For this particular VBS it works best to have the story time in the sanctuary. I pulled the kids around the campfire and made it feel more like a campfire story. However, you can always decorate another room and have another fire for the story telling. Other props will be mentioned on the specific days.

Sports: If you plan to do games each day, have your supplies out and ready before VBS starts. This VBS is run using a Gaga Ball pit, and sidewalk chalk and a parachute (purchased for another VBS year)

Opening Rally:

On each day you'll see a detailed materials list. This will list all the things you'll need for props for each activity. It will also tell you where those props will need to be placed. These items can be placed there the night before so they are ready. There is nothing worse than getting a call on your walkie talkie only to find you forgot to put it in the backpack.

For this VBS, your opening rally is the songs and the skit, the skit uses the decorations as it's backdrop, so it's pretty easy, with easy to find props.

Closing Rally:

This is Billy Bob's bit. You'll have platters to set up, items to hide in the box, and towels to clean up. These things can be done by a helper during the worship time, but if you are like us, and you're really stretched for helpers, this can be done right before VBS starts. (the night before doesn't always work with food). A rolling cart does wonders carrying some of the foods make it difficult, especially if you don't have a "behind the stage" area. You'll want a plastic drop cloth during this part, and a trash can.

How to stay with a low budget

The more you can get your congregation to help financially, the easier it is on the church. Don't hesitate to ask, ask again, and keep asking. Ask for things that can be lend to your VBS, and ask for specific needs, not just money. Below is a copy of the paper we set out for our church. We counted on 50 attending (next year, we'll have to up that to 60 or 70!!)

Be sure to start asking about 3 weeks before your VBS, and start collecting a week before. Be sure to post the dates on your handout.

Include paper goods that are needed for each day as well.

CAMP CROSSROADS VBS

Would you like to help us pull off this year's VBS? Below is a list of items that we need to make this a success. If you have an item to lend, or would be willing to help provide snack please see Stevie as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

Could you lend us:

Camping lanterns

Christmas Tree (undecorated)

Metal pails

Flashy costume jewelry (nothing valuable)

Big logs and logs for campfires

****We need these items by Thursday, August 10th and will be returned after August 16th.**

Can you help provide snack?

These are broken into days, but if you can donate just one item, that would be appreciated. **Generic is welcomed as well!

Sunday August 13:

50 servings of Goldfish crackers (These should be fish to go with theme)

50 pretzel rods

1 package pull and peel twizzlers

100 small punch cups

Monday, August 14:

4 Boxes Golden Graham Cereal

4 packages mini marshmallows

4 packages of chocolate chips

100 small punch cups

Tuesday, August 15th:

15 boxes chocolate pudding mix (3.9oz)

Gallon of milk (Check expiration, needs to be on or before August 15th)

2 packs of oreos

3 packages of gummy worms

100 small punch cups

50 spoons

Wednesday, August 16th:

Cake mix enough to make 50 cupcakes

Icing enough to ice 50 cupcakes (with generous portions)

Cupcake liners (50)

If you'd like to make flame themed cupcakes, even better



50 small punch cups

Napkins for the week

Powdered lemonade (about 250 servings are needed)

***These items can be donated anytime before August 13.**

We will also accept any monetary donations to offset general VBS costs. Please mark your giving envelope "VBS" in the "other" section. *THANK YOU!!!*

Master Supplies List

- 3 knee high hose,
- 3 tennis balls,
- Kiddie pool,
- glue,
- paper fish
- Clipboard,
- Luggage, (pink is best)
- Brown paper bag
- 3 square pieces of paper cut in half
- 3 ribbons
- Transformer toy
- Fake Bat Prop
- 12 Eggs (11 hardboiled, 1 raw) x 4
- Plastic spider
- Box with openings in the side for hands to be inserted
- Sardines
- Swedish Fish
- 2 bowls (or covered platters):
- 3 Buckets
- 3 shovels
- 3 chocolate bars
- 3 graham cracker squares
- 3 marshmallows
- Megaphone
- Night Mask
- Sunglasses
- Cell Phone
- Big Book
- Branches breaking sound effects (can be found on google)
- Handkerchief
- 5 smooth stones (One letter per stone T.R.U.T.H)
- Cooked Spaghetti
- Calamari
- Gummy squid
- 3 Sleeping Bags

- Broom
- Gummy Worm
- Carved down Stick
- Very Branchy stick w/ leaves
- “Pocket Knife”
- Red Yarn
- Slide show of steps to making a fishing pole (Got this from google as well)
- Lure
- 3 Puddings
- 7-up (2 Liter)
- 3 bowls
- Spoons (one for each camper)
- Snake Prop
- Jerky (long enough to look like cooked snake, if you can get cooked snake, even better)
- Gummy Snake
- 3 Newspaper sheets
- 3 sets of twigs
- 9 logs (small enough kids could pick up and run with... with a partner)
- 3 tissue paper flames (just fold them with corners pointed up)
- Pail of worms
- Backpack
- Fly sound (found on google, or someone could do it into a mic)
- Walkie Talkies (The giveaway ones)
- Most Improved Camper Award
- Night Mask
- White Dry Erase Board
- Markers
- Olives
- Box
- Gummy Bears
- Large Gummy Bear

Slides needed: (always optional)

- Songs words
- Welcome slide
- Brave Factor
- Educational Fact
- Egg On Your Head
- What’s in the Box?
- Gummy v. Real
- Slide with a real bat

- Slide with a real spider
- Slide with a real snake
- Staying on Track slides
- Back to School slide

Songs needed: (modify movements to fit your kids.)

- We are Brave by Shawn McDonald
(motions can be found here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zn7j5ff3yBk&list=PLj7YsbOYxxhVOPuHhP8_TyePn1sxP8AID&index=2&t=0s)
- Nothing is Impossible by Planet Shakers
(motions here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UPVRJw0HI4&list=PLj7YsbOYxxhVOPuHhP8_TyePn1sxP8AID&index=1)
- Brave by Saddleback Kids
(motions here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLAVCv_onTw&list=PLj7YsbOYxxhVOPuHhP8_TyePn1sxP8AID&index=3)

Snacks Needed:

- Goldfish fishing poles (goldfish crackers in a cup, pretzel rods as a fishing pole, wrap a pull and peel string around for the fishing line.) Kids can assemble this themselves.
- S'mores trailmix (OR smores cereal) Graham cereal, mini marshmallows, chocolate chips (OR the cereal)
- Pudding cups (in small plastic cups) with crushed oreos for dirt, and a worm hanging out
- Campfire Cupcakes

Skit description

Setting:

This is an outdoor camping camp. They are in the woods and the lead counsellor is training the campers how to survive in the wilderness. Diva Daisy is NOT in the right camp.

Characters

Dave: *(This was our pastor, so feel free to change his name)*

Dave is the lead counselor, the guide/leader of the camp. He is confident, and encouraging, but sometimes gets annoyed with Diva Daisy's inability to catch on. He emphasizes the name of the camp (your church name) a lot. **Work it in as much as possible... branding at it's best!

Diva Daisy:

She is prissy, is afraid of the outdoors... and dirt. She is afraid of everything! She is basically at the wrong camp! She arrives with tons of luggage, decked out in prissy clothing, lots of jewelry, and perfect hair. She is expecting a grand hotel and is given an outdoor tent. This doesn't sit well with her. She does not see herself as brave, but as the week goes on she becomes less and less "done up" and more "camper-like". She is growing in confidence as she ventures out and tackles the challenges of camping outdoors. She is becoming BRAVE.

Theme:

Know your guide= Know Jesus

Trust your guide= Trust Jesus (once you get to know Him, you can learn to trust Him)

Follow your guide= Follow Jesus

Stay on Track= Continue in your Christian Walk

The Guide is Jesus, the Guide Book is The Bible

Brave Factor

Brave Factor is the main activity in your closing Rally. This is when the character comes out. Ours is Billy Bob (see previous pages). This is the host of the show "BRAVE FACTOR". It's the same set up every night. Emphasize being BRAVE instead of being fearful (not fear factor) Educational Facts, Beanboozled, Egg Breaker, What's in the Box, and Gummy Versus Real

Educational Facts: The host puts on his "smart classes" and gives the educational facts behind something that is scary to kids (Bats, Spiders, Snakes, and BACK TO SCHOOL jitters)

Bean Boozled: This was sporadic, and was done at the sound of a silly sound effect. When the students heard the beanboozle sound, a student was chosen at random to come and taste a Jelly Belly Beanboozle. They could pick a friend. Then the kids were given 2 identical beans (if you've never heard of these, they are jelly bellies that taste disgusting but look like a tasty twin. Like "Chocolate vs Dog Food" or "Toothpaste vs Coconut".) ** Have a trashcan ready. This is just for fun, no points are given, but we did give any kid volunteer a ticket for an added entry in the giveaways.

Egg Breaker: 12 eggs, 11 are hardboiled, one is raw. Stand inside a blue wading pool (or use a drop cloth if you need to protect the floors) and put a black trash bag with a head hole cut out on the bottom over the child who will be competing. The volunteer and Billy Bob take turns cracking an egg over their heads until the raw egg is picked and cracked over a person's head.

What's in the Box: Make a box with flaps on the side so the kids can put their hands in on the sides but no one can see what's in the box. You'll need to prep this before the closing rally, either roll it out or have it off to the side and easily able to move to center stage. Kid reaches in and guesses what is inside. (We used A Plastic slimey and stretchy spider, Olives, Pudding with oreo dirt and a gummy worm... that they had eaten for snack, and cooked spaghetti)

Gummy Versus Real: present 2 covered dishes. We rigged it to be sure the leader always got the yucky things (no one wants a kid to throw up on stage). So although we asked the student to pick A or B, whatever one was the gummy, was the letter they picked. The lineups were: Gummy squids vs Canned Calamari, A long gummy snake vs beef jerky (made to look like dried snake, if you can find snake, even better!!!), Swedish Fish Vs Sardines and the last night we switched it up. We made a huge Gummy bear (they can be bought, too) and had the student get it. So when the leader revealed that he had small gummy bears, it was thought to mean that the student had REAL BEAR!!! The crowd went wild! Then she lifted her cover to see the mega



bear and it was GREAT!

This concludes your “How To” Guide. The following pages will be printed and used as you implement each part of the VBS.

- The Quick Guide is to be given to all the leaders, sound tech, and anyone performing. It is the order of service.

- The Skit will be printed and given to Sound Tech and actors.

- The Bible Story Lesson will be printed and given to your story teller

- The Daily materials list will help you get prepared for each day.

Make changes to those pages as it fits your VBS setting and characters. Mark on them, and make them your own!

Day 1: Know Your Guide *Quick Glance*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! -2 Corinthians 5:17

Opening Rally:

Songs: We are Brave & Nothing is Impossible

Announcements:

*Introduce All your adults as camp counselors.

*Explain how the days will go, and what they'll do for their team points emphasizing the pie in the face. Offering... where it goes and how it can earn points. Remind them to ASK parents. Downplay points for \$\$\$. *not everyone can give, make points bigger for attending. And be sure they ask parents before giving money.

*Explain giveaways, Tent, Walkie Talkies, Fishing Poles, and Chair. You MUST be present to win so be sure to come each night, especially the last night.

*Basic rules, being kind, no bullying, keeping hands and feet to themselves, listen and obey your counselors, stay on church property, once you arrive stay here unless a parent picks you up.

**Invite friends for tomorrow

Offering

Game: Fishing with your head

One player from each team competes. Put a thigh high with a tennis ball in the end on each competitors head. Use a glue stick to coat the tennis ball (from the outside of the thigh high). The kids will kneel over and try to collect as many paper fish as they can with their gooey tennis ball "hat". No hands other than removing the fish once they've been caught. Time them for 1 min. Highest amount wins... give 2nd and 3rd place points (30-20-10)

Skit (*See script*)

Dismiss to groups

Orange team- SNACK: Fishing Poles w/ Fish

Green team- Stays put for BIBLE STORY (that is if the story is done in the sanctuary)

Yellow Team- GAMES

Closing Rally:

Song: Brave

Announcements: Reiterate the Opening Rally announcements. Add any as they come up.

Brave Factor

Items needed for Day 1:

- Copies of Schedule for helpers
- 3 copies of skit
- 3 copies of closing rally

Opening Rally:

- Songs: We are Brave, Nothing is Impossible
- VBS slides

For Game:

- Let's Go Fishing Slide
- 3 panty hose,
- 3 tennis balls,
- pool,
- glue,
- paper fish

For Skit:

- Clipboard,
- Luggage,
- Brown paper bag

Snack:

- Goldfish, pretzel rod, Pull and Peel twizzler

Story Time:

- 3 square pieces of paper cut in half
- 3 ribbons
- transformer

Closing Rally:

- Song, Brave
- Brave Factor Intro video
- Title slides (Educational Fact, Egg on Your Head, What's in the Box, Gummy v. Real
- Bat Slide
- Bat Prop
- 12 Eggs (11 hardboiled, 1 raw)
- Plastic spider
- Box
- Sardines
- Swedish Fish
- 2 bowls

Day 1 Skit: Know Your Guide

Dave: *Open with Dave getting things ready for camp, clipboard in hand checking things off. He notices the crowd and says:*

Oh! My campers have arrived! Welcome to CAMP CROSSROADS!

(points to the camp sign as he draws out the words... Do this EVERY time you mention the camp name).

Well, let's start roll call!

(Call random names, use names that you may know from the audience, work in any characters your kids church may already know checking them off your list as you go. Then say:)

Diva... Um... Did I read that right? DIVA... *(squint, lift glasses, look closer)* yea, Um... Diva Daisy? Diva Daisy? *(Search audience for Daisy)...*

Diva Daisy enters from the back lugging around tons of luggage, decked out in frilly clothing, perfect hair, frantically trying to make her way to the front.

Daisy: Um! Yep! That's me! Sorry, I'm late, I couldn't find anyone to help me with all my luggage. Have you seen the bell boy?

Dave: Bell Boy? *(looking around dumbfounded)*

Daisy: Yes- BELL BOY *(drawing the words out)-* The nicely dressed gentlemen who is kind enough to take a young lady's baggage up to her room *(Looks around looking for her room).* Speaking of room-- Where is mine? *(look worried and leary that you don't see any buildings)*

Dave: Well, I think you're thinking of a hotel. This is Camp... CAMP CROSSROADS *(say with the same tone and enthusiasm as before, underlining the banner with the wave of your hand).* And THIS *(point to tent)* is your "room".

Daisy: Oh! Oh NO! There must be some mistake! I mean, this is impossible! There is NO room! *(look in tent).* I mean, how can that be a room! There is no bed! WHERE IS MY BED!? *(increase the panic mode as you go along, running around the stage, looking high and low... getting closer to hyperventilating)*

(Dave points to the sleeping bag... bracing himself for an explosion)

Oh, huh uh! NO NO NO NO NO!!! I can't do that! It's IMPOSSIBLE! Where are the... the ... walls? The protective roof?? WHERE-IS-THE-AC?????? *(by now full fledge hyperventilate)*

Dave: *(Hands Daisy a brown paper bag to breath in... she snatches it and breaths in it)* Here at CAMP CROSSROADS *(Do it the same as before)* we are ALL nature. Real trees, real sky, real air *(Point to fake trees, fake sky with a look of "oops")...* Nature at its finest. Here at CAMP

CROSSROADS *(just as before)*, we'll brave the great outdoors for FOUR nights (Daisy gasps, breaths harder into the bag). We'll learn survival techniques, and grow braver each day! All while having a blast!

Daisy: SEE! That word... That Br...*(breaths into bag)* BBRRR *(bag)* BRAAAVE! I am NOT BRAVE. It's impossible to make me brave! So , see, I'm not supposed to be here. I am NOT brave. I am TERRIFIED!

Dave: Terrified? Really? Of what?

Daisy: Spiders, mosquitos, coyotes, bears, Fresh air... dirt... THE DARK! I did not see a light inside that "room". I'm just too scared. I'm leaving! I'm outta here! *(Runs away grasping for all her luggage)* MMMMOOOOOOMMMMMMYYYYYYY!!!!!!

Dave: Oh, wait! Wait just a minute! Don't run out so fast. You won't be alone. Look there-- Look at all the other brave campers who showed up tonight. They'll help you overcome your fears and become brave. It's not impossible. Will you guys help Daisy this week? It's not impossible, is it campers?

Daisy: *(Slowly come back, looking at the audience asking each one:)* You will? You'll help me? Well, how many of you are scared of spiders? Mosquitos? Coyotes? Bears? THE DARK? Well... see... They're scared, too! How can THEY help? I'm sorry, it's just too impossible!

Zech :*(from among the campers stands up before Daisy gets to the back and says...)* It's because we KNOW Pastor Dave.

Daisy: Pastor Dave?

Dave: Yep! That's me *(reach out to shake her hand)* I'm your camp counsellor this week for CAMP CROSSROADS (you know what to do) Most of these kids know me, they aren't scared of me... well, not TOO scared... well, not anymore at least.

Daisy: *(to audience)* So you guys know him? Is he a good guy? Will he take good care of us? Can he fight off bears?? *(Dave shakes his head yes behind Daisy's back trying to get the kids to say yes, stops as if he wasn't if she looks back at him)* Can he make a fire so I won't be scared of the dark? *(Dave keeps shaking his head)*... But how can I ever trust him?

Zech: Get to know him!

Dave: Yep, get to know me! Keep coming each night and let me teach you that you can be brave and do the impossible with God. What do you say? Will you stay at CAMP CROSSROADS *(do it!)*

Daisy: *(looking at audience)* Should I? *(Look in the tent)* Would you?

Dave: How many will come each night? Let me hear you! Will you bring a friend!? You have all made such a great decision! We've got a week full of games, snacks, Bible stories where you will also get to know the most important guide in the world. Does anyone know who that would be? Yes, Jesus. Jesus is our guide, and the more we get to know Him, the braver we'll become. Oh... and did I mention GAGA BALL! We'll be playing Gaga ball all this week, too. And by Wednesday night I know all of you... Daisy, too, will all be brave! Brave to face the impossible with God!

Should we start!? (Dismiss teams to go to their classes)

Orange team- SNACK

Green team- Stays put for BIBLE STORY

Yellow Team- GAMES

Story time Day 1: Paul's Conversion

**** Once you get into the story portion, make an "Origami" butterfly as you tell the story. Reveal it at the end and explain the transformation a butterfly goes through, then introduce the Memory Verse. **You could also have a Transformer toy to show.**

<http://www.redtedart.com/easy-paper-butterfly/>

Do you know what a Transformer toy is? What a silly question! Most of you probably know a lot more about The Transformers than I do. The original Transformers gave kids the power to change a toy from a robot into something like a car, a boat, or an airplane. These toys have become so popular that they have been featured in comic books, TV shows, and even full-length movies.

These Transformers are only toys without any real powers but it may come as a surprise to some of you that there is a real Transformer who can totally change your life. That Transformer is Jesus! If you place your faith and trust in Jesus, he will transform your life into something that you never imagined. In our Bible lesson today, we will see an example of the transforming power of Jesus. And when we are done, we just may see something else transform. (Begin to make the butterfly as you read)

Many years ago, there was a man whose name was Saul. He was an enemy of the Church and he did many terrible things to the followers of Jesus. He was even part of a group that stoned a man named Stephen because he was preaching about Jesus.

One day, Saul was traveling to the city of Damascus to hunt for Christians so that he could have them thrown into prison. On the way to Damascus, a bright light appeared and Saul heard the voice of Jesus saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul answered, "Who are you, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. I have appeared to appoint you as my servant and to be a witness for me."

After that meeting with Jesus, Saul's life was transformed. In fact, he even got a new name. From that day on, he became known as Paul and instead of trying to destroy the Church, he went from town to town preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus.

People were amazed at the change that took place in Paul's life. Wherever he went, people said of him, "The man who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

When Daisy walked into camp for the first time today, she was VERY scared wasn't she? Why was she scared? She didn't know anyone, and couldn't really trust that what they wanted her to do was the right thing. Because Daisy didn't know Counselor Dave, she was scared. Once she gets to know him, she'll trust him, and she'll be transformed into an amazing camper.

It's scary to approach something big, whether that is fears of the dark, or of meeting new people, or even of BEARS!!!

That is what the transforming power of Jesus can do. He can help you face the impossible. Wouldn't you like to let Jesus change your life?

Story taken from <https://www.sermons4kids.com/transformer.htm>

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

See, I started with just some paper, and now look how it was transformed. (Show butterfly).
When we ask Jesus to be our Guide, He will transform us. I'd like to pray for you today and I'd love it you'd pray with me. If you want to get to know this perfect Guide, Jesus, let's pray and get to know Him. (Salvation message here)

Closing Rally Day 1

Songs: Brave

Closing announcements:

Bring a friend. Explain the prizes on the stage and how to enter them.

Brave Factor:

Educational Fact: Bats

Eggbreaker

What's in the Box Challenge: Spider

Real vs Gummy: Swedish fish & Sardines

Educational Fact: Bats

Bats may seem creepy and unpleasant, but people only think this because they come out at night. But these little creatures are actually more helpful to you than cats and dogs!

Bats can be the gentlest and kindest of all of God's creatures. They may look fearsome in pictures but they are gentle, shy, and usually very small. Believe it or not, most bats are no bigger than your thumb. Put your thumbs up, plus add their wing spans... add your hands--see? That's not very big! So... Remember

1. Bats do not carry diseases anymore than dogs do.
2. Just one bat eats thousands of mosquitoes and other crop-destroying insects each night.
3. Bats pollinate many fruits and nuts that we love to eat.

So don't be afraid, just let them be!

Day 2: Trust Your Guide

“Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.” -Psalm 9:10

Opening Rally:

Songs: Nothing is Impossible, Brave

Announcements:

Offering

Game: Bucket S'mores

Choose 3 students from each team. The first player must use the bucket shovel and launch 2 graham crackers into the bucket from the tape you've put on the floor. (bucket is about 3-5ft away). Once they get 2 in the bucket the next player must launch 1 big marshmallow. Once they get it, the last person launches a hershey's bar. First team to get a complete "smores" into their bucket wins.

Skit

Dismiss to Groups

Green team- SNACK- S'mores Cereal

Yellow team stays where they are for BIBLE

Orange team goes to GAMES

Closing Rally:

Song: We are Brave

Announcements

Brave Factor

Items needed for Day 2:

- Copies of Schedule for helpers
- 3 copies of skit
- 3 copies of closing rally

Opening Rally:

- Songs: Nothing is Impossible, Brave
- VBS slides

For Game:

- 3 Buckets
- 3 shovels
- 3 chocolate bars
- 6 graham cracker squares
- 3 marshmallows

For Skit:

- Megaphone
- Night Mask
- Sunglasses
- Cell Phone
- Big Book
- Branches breaking sound effects
- Handkerchief

Snack:

- S'mores cereal

Story Time:

- 5 smooth stones with T.R.U.T.H one letter per stone

Closing Rally:

- Song, We are Brave
- Brave Factor Intro video
- Title slides (Educational Fact, Egg on Your Head, What's in the Box, Gummy v. Real
- Spider Slide
- Spider Prop
- 12 Eggs (11 hardboiled, 1 raw)
- Cooked Spaghetti
- Box
- Calamari
- Gummy squid
- 2 bowls

Day 2 Skit: Trust Your Guide

Dave: *(With the megaphone)* RISE AND SHINE!!! It's time for day TWO of CAMP CROSSROADS *(do the thing)*. Are all the campers ready for day two!? Let me hear you if you're excited to be here another day.

Crowd shouts... get them to go louder if you need to.

Daisy pokes her head out of the tent with her night mask on

Daisy: WHAT IN GOD'S GREEN EARTH IS GOING ON!!!!???

Dave: *(into megaphone, then realizes he doesn't need to)* It's morning, Diva Daisy! Time to Rise and shine! *(Turn to audience and sing "Rise and Shine Give God the Glory" in your most peppiest, cheerful way)*

Daisy: Rise and Shine! It's still dark out *(as she tries to find her way out of the tent)*
(Dave reaches over and flips her mask up)

Oh! Bright! Bright bright sun!!! Oh good heavens! It's just so BRIGHT!!! *(reaches in and gets her sunglasses and comes out to join Dave on stage)*. Since when did the sun come up so early!? *(Daisy starts cracking her back, rubbing her shoulders)*.

Dave: Looks like you survived your first night in nature! Did you sleep well?

Daisy: Sleep well!? Well if you call swatting mosquitoes, shooing flies, and cowering in the corner of your tent at the sound of coyotes "sleep" I guess I did them perfectly well! There must have been bears, too. I heard them growling all night!

Dave: Bears? Ah, naw, was this what you heard? *(Let out a loud snore)* HA! That was just me snoring! There aren't any bears, *(jump to the side, look around suspiciously)* at least I don't THINK there are! HA! Just kidding!

Well, we've got a busy day planned today! Are you ready for our nature hike where we'll see woodland creatures, great landscape, and a breathtaking view!

Daisy: CREATURES!? Oh, no! I'll need to stay back today. I just can't do CREATURES!!! And I know landscape is just code for DIRT! Do I look like I enjoy dirt?? And don't worry about the view... I've got facebook! It's all the view I need *(tries to get cell service)* Plus, how can I trust that you won't get us lost, or lead us down a dangerous path, or worse off GET MY SHOES DIRTY!!!

Dave: Trust me? Didn't you read my guide book?

Daisy: Do you mean THIS *(she reaches in the tent and pulls out a really large book)*

Dave: Yeah! That's the one! Page 35 tells how I got certified in human GPS. And I've never gotten anyone lost... it's right there in the the book! I know CPR page 67, FIRST AID page 103, and Kung Fu! Right there on page 167! I'm a skillful guide and will never leave your side! I gave you my guide book so you could get to know me! Once you know me, it's easier for you to trust me! Don't you trust me?

Daisy: Well, I did *start* to read your book, and I saw how much you knew about everything yesterday... but it's just so hard to trust you! I'm really scared! And I'm not very brave at all! I scared myself last night when I heard the sound the sleeping bag zipper made!

Dave: That's understandable! But the more you know, the more you'll trust. And the more you'll trust, the braver you will be. What do you say? Let's go on an adventure! (*reach out and offer your hand to Daisy*)

Daisy: (*takes your hand*) Um... I guess so!

The two of you exit the stage, keep your mics on. From off stage...

Dave: Wow! Look at all those spider webs, don't walk into it! See that nest and all the babies? Oh wow! If you look way up there, you'll see a bald eagle! WOW! Did you see it soar!? (*make a falling sound*) Oh, but watch your STEP!!!

Daisy: Counsellor Dave! I almost fell! You caught me! I can't believe you caught me! I almost DIED!!!

Coming back through the doors Dave escorts Daisy over to the chair where he starts to clean her shoes as he talks

Dave: Died? Daisy, your foot slipped just slightly off the roots of a tree, that's hardly close to DYING!

Daisy: I saw my life flash before my eyes! I thought for sure I was a goner! Hey, wait, what are you doing?

Dave: I'm cleaning your shoes. I thought you said you didn't want your shoes to be dirty. If you had finished my guide book, you would have read that I care about my campers. I care about their safety, but I also care about what they care about. So if you want your shoes clean, I want you to have clean shoes. You can trust me to give you the best camping experience!

Daisy: Hmmm, the more I get to know you, the more I trust that you're right. And to tell you the truth... the more I trust you, the more fun I'm having here at CAMP CROSSROADS! But, I'm not

so sure about all these BUGS! (*swats bugs away, smack a mosquito on your arm*). And I'm still kinda scared of the dark!

Dave: Well, Daisy, you got just a little braver today. You took a leap of faith, trusted me, and actually went on an adventure! Learning to trust takes some time. But the more you get to know your guide, the easier it is to trust your guide... Does anyone remember who the GREATEST Guide in the world is? Right Jesus! I hope you got to know Jesus a bit more yesterday, and that you will continue to trust him. Did you know that Jesus has a guide book, too? Yep, the Bible is God's guide book, it'll help you get to know God more, and then you will learn to trust God. Today you'll hear a story in the Bible class about how brave a guy named David was... and do you know how he got to be so brave? By Trusting God. He trusted God and was brave enough to do the impossible!

Daisy: Did he fight off bears?? If he did, maybe it wouldn't be SO impossible for me to sleep tonight! (*looks at Dave accusatory*).

Dave: You'll have to see. Who's ready to head to classes tonight?

Green team- SNACK

Yellow team stays where they are for BIBLE

Orange team goes with Dave to GAMES

Bible Story Day 2

I want to read you a story straight from the Bible that you may have heard before. But, let's listen anyway.

Read 1 Samuel 17:2-11, 16, 40, 45-50 (NIRV) aloud to the children.

2 Saul and the army of Israel gathered together. They camped in the Valley of Elah. They lined up their men to fight against the Philistines. 3 The Philistine army was camped on one hill. Israel's army was on another. The valley was between them.

4 A mighty hero named Goliath came out of the Philistine camp. He was from Gath. He was more than nine feet tall. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head. He wore a coat of bronze armor. It weighed 125 pounds. 6 On his legs he wore bronze guards. He carried a bronze javelin on his back. 7 His spear was as big as a weaver's rod. Its iron point weighed 15 pounds. The man who carried his shield walked along in front of him.

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the soldiers of Israel. He said, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? I'm a Philistine. You are servants of Saul. Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me. 9 If he's able to fight and kill me, we'll become your slaves. But if I win and kill him, you will become our slaves and serve us." 10 Goliath continued, "This very day I dare the soldiers of Israel to send a man down to fight against me."

11 Saul and the whole army of Israel heard what the Philistine said. They were terrified.

16 Every morning and evening Goliath came forward and stood there. He did it for 40 days.

40 Then David picked up his wooden staff. He went down to a stream and chose five smooth stones. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag. Then he took his sling in his hand and approached Goliath.

45 David said to Goliath, "You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I'm coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He's the one you have dared to fight against.

46 "This very day the Lord will hand you over to me. I'll strike you down. I'll cut your head off. This very day I'll feed the bodies of the Philistine army to the birds of the air. I'll feed them to the wild animals. Then the whole world will know there is a God in Israel.

47 *"The Lord doesn't save by using a sword or a spear. And everyone who is here will know it. The battle belongs to the Lord. He will hand all of you over to us."*

48 *As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet him.*
 49 *He reached into his bag. He took out a stone. He put it in his sling. He slung it at Goliath. The stone hit him on the forehead and sank into it. He fell to the ground on his face.*

50 *So David won the fight against Goliath with a sling and a stone. He struck the Philistine down and killed him. He did it without even using a sword.*

What made David so brave?

Was it the sling shot? Oh, I know... it was these 5 special rocks! The rocks must have been magical! No... what was it? Can anyone read my rocks and tell me what David had that helped him defeat the giant? (*Place the 5 rocks that have T.R.U.S.T on them*)

Trust! Right! We all have giants in our lives, bullies, fear, sadness... But one thing will help us defeat those things. TRUST. Why should we trust? Because God is

T-True (what he says is true... and he says we can trust him)

R-Reliable (We can count on Him to hear us when we pray, and answer... even if the answer is no)

U-Understanding (He understands our fears, he faced his own, and defeated them)

S-Secure (We can be safe and secure with God)

T-Trustworthy (He has proven that we can trust him. He has taken care of his people time and time again, he can is trustworthy).

Daisy was scared today when she had to go out into the woods. Would you be scared? But if she would have trusted that Counselor Dave was with her, that what he said was true, that he was reliable, that he understood her (he had been in those woods before); if she had trusted that her guide was making things safe and secure for her and if she could trust that Dave would take care of her, she wouldn't have been scared... Do you remember who our ultimate guide is? Jesus. We can trust him. And when we trust him, we can let go of fear and face our giant.

Memory Verse: Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. -Psalm 9:10

Yesterday we talked about knowing God. Is there anyone here today that needs to still say a prayer to get to know Jesus? We have to know Him before we can trust Him. Should we pray?

Closing Rally Day 2

Songs: We are Brave

Closing announcements:

Brave Factor:

Educational Fact : Spiders

Eggbreaker

What's in the Box: Spaghetti

Real vs Gummy: Calamari and gummy squid

Educational Fact: Spiders

For too long spiders have been treated like common insects! STOP THE HATE!! Put down your bug squasher, put away the vacuum, stop flipping out-- Spiders are our friends!

Do you know you have a better chance of dying from a misguided frisbee than a spider bite?

- Spiders can create up to seven different kinds of silk to make their webs do all kinds of things. Those webs can catch food, collect rain, and build bridges.
- Did you know a spider's silk can heal wounds? Just like a band-aid!
- Spiders can eat roaches, earwigs, and mosquitoes-- all things we do NOT want in our house!
- Spiders feast on many household pests that can harm humans-- so they protect you!
- HOWEVER!!! Spiders are scared of you and may bite you IF you try to pick them up. They may not kill you, but who really wants to get bit? SO...

Master your fears. Subdue the need to squish, scream, or stomp. LIVE AND LET BE! Be Cool!!

Day 3: Follow Your Guide

“I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.” -Psalm 119:60

Opening Rally:

Songs: Brave & We are Brave

Announcements:

Offering

Game: Sleeping bag relay

Pick one player from each team. HAVE them race hacky sack style in a sleeping bag. First to the finish line wins. (be sure to give points for 2nd and 3rd, too)

Skit:

Dismiss to Groups

Yellow team to SNACK: Pudding cups

Orange teams stays put for BIBLE

Green teams goes with Dave to GAMES

Closing Rally:

Song: Nothing is impossible

Announcements

Brave Factor

Items needed for Day 3:

- Copies of Schedule for helpers
- 3 copies of skit
- 3 copies of closing rally

Opening Rally:

- Songs: Brave & We are Brave
- VBS slides

For Game:

- 3 Sleeping Bags

For Skit:

- Broom
- Gummy Worm
- Carved down Stick
- Very Branchy stick w/ leaves
- "Pocket Knife"
- Red Yarn
- Slide show of steps to making a fishing pole
- Lure

Snack:

- Pudding Cups with dirt and worms

Story Time:

- 3 Puddings
- 7-up (2 Liter)
- 3 bowls
- spoons

Closing Rally:

- Song: Nothing is Impossible
- Brave Factor Intro video
- Title slides (Educational Fact, Egg on Your Head, What's in the Box, Gummy v. Real
- Snake Slide
- Snake Prop
- 12 Eggs (11 hardboiled, 1 raw)
- Pudding snack (with dirt and worms)
- Box
- Jerky
- Gummy Snake
- 2 bowls

Skit Day 3: Follow Your Guide

Daisy is on stage tidying up. Sweeping the ground, she notices a bug and begins beating it with the broom... be excessive Dave enters the stage looking down at his clipboard until he notices that Daisy has gone crazy. He rushes over to get the broom away before she does more damage.

Dave: DAISY! What are you doing!?

Daisy: I was TRYING to clean up. This place is a dump! Dirt everywhere!

Dave: Um... it's the outdoors... that's kinda where the dirt lives.

Daisy: Well, it sure makes everything dirty around it... and do you know what's hidden in that dirt!? BUGS! Lots of BUGS! And one was long and slimy and slithered down into that dirt... EWWWWW!

Dave: Oh! That was a worm!!! I wish you would have grabbed it instead of beating it with a broom! (Go back and see if you can find it)

Daisy: Find it! No way! I would never be brave enough to pick up some nasty slimey...

Dave: *pick up a gummy worm off the ground, hold it up in front of Daisy's face and finish her line*

WORM!

Daisy: *Jumps back, hides behind the chair, screaming...* Oh please! Get that nasty thing away from me! So gross... so so so so gross! *Get on knees and start praying*
Dear Jesus, I got to know you, I'm learning to trust you... but PLEASE strike that worm dead! Send your lightning bolts and zap it up! Oh please please God... SAAAVVEE MEE!

Dave: *Roll your eyes and say* Oh Daisy, it's just a worm. God made worms, too and they can't hurt you. Trust me... and God on that one. Plus, we'll need this worm today. Because today at CAMP CROSSROADS we are going FISHING!

Daisy: Um... the only "fishing" I do... is "fish" for compliments! Anything else is just too slimey. I may have gotten a tad braver and stayed 2 nights out here... but it's impossible for me to come THAT close to a fish! Plus, what if the fish pulls me in, I might fall... into the lake!

Dave: Daisy, haven't you learned anything? Campers, what did we learn on day one? KNOW YOUR GUIDE. And Day two? TRUST YOUR GUIDE. So, Daisy. Don't you know me by now? I'm not going to have you do anything without being right here with you!

Daisy: Well, yeah, I guess... but fish are so slimey!!! And I've seen strong ones!

Dave: And, you're going to need to trust me. I may not be able to get the slime off a fish, but I can teach you how to fish so you won't be pulled in by a strong fish. Do you trust me?

Daisy: Well, yes, I'm learning to. Ok, fine. I'll trust you, teach me to fish! *Dramatically put my arms out like but look leary and scared.*

Dave: GREAT!!! If you follow my instructions, you'll be fishing in no time! First, we're going to make our own poles! Are you ready!? Grab a stick. (talk to the audience mainly, don't look back at Daisy until the very end, maybe have the picture on the screen to teach how to make a pole... use a stick and red yarn)

Step 1: Make your stick straight and smooth, use a pocket knife to trim away any leaves or nubs, as close to the main body of the stick as possible. *(Daisy will pick up a multi branched stick and start pulling off leaves in a frantic motion, after about 3 or 4 leaves shrug like, "That's enough" then she gets distracted with her phone and begins to fall behind)*

Step 2: Take some string and wrap it many times around the bottom, or the "handle" of your pole, leave enough space for your hands. And wrap it many times to make it sturdy. *(Daisy will look up from her phone and realize she's behind, she'll wrap it haphazardly getting her hand wrapped in as well so the stick will be tied to her hand. All while Dave is oblivious to what is going on behind him.)*

Step 3: Draw your string down the pole, and secure the line by tying some line around the pole and line together. Be careful when tying the running line to the pole -- if it's tied too tightly you won't be able to slide the line up and down, but if it's tied too loosely the line will droop and get tangled. *(Daisy will then just start doing her own thing, no longer following directions. She'll wrap the string around hers in a droopy manner but end up getting tied up in the string completely.)*

Step 4: now make a tiny cut in the end of your pole and pull the string down into that groove, then only leave a couple of feet at the end to catch your fish. Now we just need the hook and lure! *(Daisy breaks parts off and has nothing that resembles a fishing pole, finally gives up and sits down)*

Last Step, we'll tied this lure on and we're ready...*(Trail off as you look over at Daisy and see the total mayhem she's created)* Daisy! What in the world happened to you!? How did this happen! Did you follow my directions?

Daisy: Well, I did... I mean, I tried, but... it was just so hard, and I didn't want to do all that work... and... well, fine. I checked facebook and didn't follow the directions.

Dave: (*trying to untie her*) Daisy, you have to follow the directions. You will never catch any fish with THIS pole! I mean, this is not even a pole! (*rub your brow in frustration*). This was also written out right there in your guide book! I can't believe the mess you've gotten yourself into. If only you had followed my instructions.

Daisy: Well, I tried, I mean I started listening. Then I got distracted and I stopped following.

Dave: Campers. This is a great example of what happens when we stop following the guide. The guide knows what they're doing, that's why they are the guide. When you don't read your guide book and don't follow the guide, you get yourself in all kinds of messes!

Daisy: But, it wasn't EASY!

Dave: It was easier than getting you out of that mess!

Daisy: But my friends wanted my attention...

Dave: Did your friends want you to end up like THIS?

Daisy: probably not... But it wasn't SUPER fun!

Dave: It was more fun than being tangled in tree limbs and red yarn!!!

Daisy: You got that right! I should have listened and followed you!

Dave: Who remembers who the BEST guide in the world is? JESUS! And what did He give us as guide book? THE BIBLE. You guys are such good campers! When we don't follow Jesus, and read The Bible, we will end up doing things wrong. It may not always be easy, or popular, or even at times SUPER FUN (even though most of the time it is!) But it's easier than a heap of mess! And it's more fun than the consequences. When we choose not to follow Jesus we'll end up in a big mess like Daisy got herself into. Maybe your mess won't be with sticks and strings, but with drugs, or too much alcohol. Maybe you'll get yourself in a mess by breaking the law, or being mean to people... Whatever it is, you can avoid wrapping yourself with sin by following your guide, Jesus. Today you'll hear a story about a king who followed the instructions... and a people group that did not! They weren't brave enough to follow their guide. Are you? Let me see who's brave!

Lets go to our classes.

Yellow team to SNACK

Orange teams stays put for BIBLE

Green teams goes to GAMES

Bible Story Day 3

**Story taken in part from*

<http://childrensbiblelessons.blogspot.com/2014/10/lesson-good-king-hezekiah.html>

Did you know that back in the Old Testament times there were some really rotten kings? At one point the kings of Israel walked in the evil ways of an evil King named Jeroboam and the people were carried away into Assyrian Captivity because they had not obeyed God as we studied last time.

However, They were kings who loved God and obeyed Him. They tried to walk in God's ways like David did. Do you remember David from yesterday?

One Of these good kings was King Hezekiah, he trusted God and followed God's laws.

Hezekiah kept God's commandments in the Law of Moses. He opened the doors of the temple, made repairs and cleaned the temple, brought the priests and Levites back to the temple, offered sacrifices to the LORD, and all the people worshiped God again. Some times the kings, and the people of Israel walked the way God wanted for a short time, but then after a while they would return to worshipping idols. So, when King Hezekiah was made king at 25 years old, there were idols in the land of Judah, but Hezekiah did the right thing. He did what God wanted him to do. He had the idols broken down and burned. Hezekiah did much good and trusted in God. Hezekiah followed God's plan.

Hezekiah knew God's plan because he went back to the instructions Moses had given beforehand. He had followed the God of Moses, and wanted to follow the instructions God had given. Those instructions were to follow GOD's plan, not an idols way.

Let's make some pudding! How do you make it? *(take suggestions, but do not make it the way the box says... add your own things, juice, soda, or water instead of milk. Question why it's not looking like the box shows. Build it up until the kids shout out that you didn't follow the instructions.)*

God has always had a plan for His people and it has always been a good plan. When the people followed God and His plan for the family, or for worship, or for whatever it might be,

things always worked out for the best. Had I followed the instructions I would have pudding like this (pull out premade bowl of pudding made the right way). Same with God. If we want to turn out the best we can, we need to follow God's plan. That is also what happened in Hezekiah's case. Hezekiah restored the worship, the temple, the law of the LORD, and things went well. He rebelled against the wicked king of Assyria and did not serve him. Hezekiah fought the Philistines and the Philistines went back to their own land. The Bible says that the Lord was with Hezekiah and that Hezekiah prospered or things got better for him. For a good while, things went well.

Daisy got herself in a big mess today all because she didn't follow the instructions. Who remembers who the BEST guide in the world is? JESUS! And what did He give us as guide book? THE BIBLE. When we don't follow Jesus, and read The Bible, we will end up doing things wrong just like the people of Judah did in this Bible passage. It may not always be easy, or popular, or even at times SUPER FUN (even though most of the time it is!) But it's easier than a heap of mess! And it's more fun than the consequences. When we choose not to follow Jesus we'll end up in a big mess like Daisy got herself into and like the people of Judah. Maybe your mess won't be with sticks and strings, or graven idols, but with drugs, or too much alcohol. Maybe you'll get yourself in a mess by breaking the law, or being mean to people... Whatever it is, you can avoid wrapping yourself with sin by following your guide, Jesus. **Memory Verse: I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands. -Psalm 119:60**

Closing Rally Day 3

Songs: Nothing is impossible

Closing announcements:

Brave Factor:

Educational Fact: Snakes

Eggbreaker

What's in the Box: Pudding snack w/ oreos and worms

Real vs Gummy: Snake & Gummy Snake

Educational Fact: Snakes

You may not like long slithering, slimy, hissing SNAKES... but chances are that's only because you don't know enough about them. Yes, slithering things on the ground can give even the bravest man (like me!) the chills! HOWEVER, there are a LOT of snakes that would do you absolutely no harm. As long as your not playing tackle football in the middle of a venomous snake pit, your more than likely never going to get bit by a snake. They can keep pests, such as rats and mice, in check. And some species that are harmless to people prey on poisonous snakes, reducing the chance of a deadly encounter. Snakes can be useful in controlling rat populations. (And seriously, I'm TERRIFIED of rats!!!).

Actually, snakes make pretty good pets, if you get the right species, that is! In terms of the snake species that do make good pets (such as corn snakes and ball pythons), what a snake has to offer is this:

- They can become habituated to handling and tolerate it well.
- They're pleasing to handle.
- They're beautiful in color/pattern. ...
- And the best and easiest thing ever is that Snakes want no affection, and eat only once a week! PERFECT pet!

So run home to your parents and beg them for a pet snake... but PLEASE don't tell them I sent you!

Day 4: Stay on Track

“You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised” Hebrews 10:36

Opening Rally:

Songs: We are Brave & Nothing is Impossible

Announcements:

Offering

Game: Build a fire relay

In the back of the room have 3 small logs, some kindling, and red, orange, and yellow tissue paper resembling flames. Do a relay to “build a campfire”. 2 runners carry each log, one at a time and put them in a triangle. Add Kindling to the middle and lastly add the tissue paper on top. First team back with a completed campfire wins. (Be sure to give points)

Skit:

Dismiss to Groups

Orange team to SNACK: Cupcakes

Green Team stays put for BIBLE

Yellow goes to GAMES

Closing Rally:

Song: Brave

Announcements: Invite to Sunday morning service.

Brave Factor

Pies in the Pastor’s face

*****All the leaders surprise the kids with silly string (adults spray kids). OUTSIDE**

Items needed for Day 4:

- Copies of Schedule for helpers
- 3 copies of skit
- 3 copies of closing rally

Opening Rally:

- Songs: We are Brave, Nothing is Impossible
- VBS slides

For Game:

- 3 Newspaper sheets
- 3 sets of twigs
- 9 logs
- 3 tissue paper flames

For Skit:

- Large Book
- Pail of worms
- Clip Board
- Backpack
- Fly sound
- Walkie Talkies in backpack
- Most Improved Camper Award
- Slides for staying on track

Snack:

- Cupcakes

Story Time:

- Night Mask
- White Dry Erase Board
- Markers

Closing Rally:

- Song, Brave
- Brave Factor Intro video
- Title slides (Educational Fact, Egg on Your Head, What's in the Box, Gummy v. Real)
- Back to School slide
- 12 Eggs (11 hardboiled, 1 raw)
- Olives
- Box
- Gummy Bears
- Large Gummy Bear
- 2 bowls

Skit 4: Stay on Track

Daisy is on stage, backpack on, ready to go. Looking less Diva, more camper. She has her guide book with her and is pacing waiting for Dave

Daisy: Oh, I just can't wait until Dave shows up! I'm going on my final CAMP CROSSROADS Adventure! And if I do a good job, I just might get the "Most improved camper" award! I LOOVE awards! And really... I have gotten SO BRAVE! I caught 3 fish yesterday... well, not really FISH, but a slimy boot, a few soda cans, and one great big (pull it out from behind a stump) bucket of worms! A few days ago I would have walked away never to return... but I know I'm getting braver because I only screamed for 15 minutes when I reeled it in! THAT's progress!

Dave: *(Coming in with his clip board)* Oh, look, you found your bucket of worms from yesterday. *(Daisy looks side to side trying to hide that she'd left that bit of info out when talking to the kids).* Are you ready for your final adventure at CAMP CROSSROADS!?

Daisy: Yep! I have my backpack, my guide book, I took notes on all you've been teaching us! I'm ready! I think! I mean, how bad can it be? It's just woods, and bugs, and... no no... I can't lose my brave! *(chants to self)* Be brave, be brave, beee braaave!!! Ok... READY!

Dave: Daisy, don't worry. I've written everything you need to know in the guide book. Read it regularly, and do what it says. I've been teaching you all week, so remember what I taught you and put it into practice. The path I want you to take is already marked out for you. If you just stay on that path, you'll get through to the other side. Are you ready?

Daisy: I'm ready. Here I go! *(head down the aisle pretending your on a trail)*

Dave: Have a good trip, see you later!

Daisy will travel just a minute when she feels she's in trouble.

Daisy: Oh no! I forgot. Is it leaves of 4 touch no more, or is it 3 leaves let it be! I can't get poison ivy! My skin is WAY too pretty for that! I better look in my book! *(flip through, then sigh in relief)* Oh, 3 leaves let it be! THIS is just a 4 leaf clover!

UGH! What is that!? That buzzing sound... it could be a bee! *(act wild like a child who is terrified of bees)* *(Just when Daisy is at her craziest, Dave speaks to her through the walkie Talkie that's in her back pack. Daisy's face lights up, looks around for Dave. Make it comical, Dave keep talking until she finds it in the back pack.)*

Counsellor Dave? Are you IN my backpack!? How did you fit? *(Pulls out walkie talkie)* Oh... ha! It was just this!

DAVE! I'm being attacked by a swarm of killer bees! Can you hear them?

Dave: Daisy, how many bees is it?

Daisy: One... and now that I truly see it, I think it's just a fly! I can't believe I'm talking to you! I feel SO MUCH better now.

Dave: Well, of course I wouldn't throw you out there and then leave you. What kind of guide does that. Just because I'm not there physically doesn't mean I've left you. You can call me anytime you need help. Just use this walkie talkie.

Daisy: Well, that makes this journey so much easier. What a great guide I have! He wrote a book I could use if I need help. He taught me the way to go, and then speaks to me even when I'm out by myself. I mean, It's kind of like I'm NEVER alone! That Counselor Dave really knows how to run a camp! Oh no! Where am I? I'm lost! I've lost my path! I need help again! Campers, can you help me?

I need to get back to the campsite, which way do I go? If I make the wrong turn, I could run into a coyote... and I'm scared of coyotes!!! Help! Should I go this way? (*Point the wrong way*) This way? (*another wrong way*) This way? (*Point a way towards the stage*) Oh my, thanks! This looks familiar!

(*arrive back on stage and run to meet Dave*).

I made it! I made it! I ventured out into the woods, I thought I'd never be able to do that! I really thought it was impossible! Dave! I made it!

Dave: Congratulations! You did it! You are the winner of the "Most improved camper"

Daisy: I did have to ask the other campers for the right direction, is that against the rules?

Dave: Absolutely not! Asking your fellow campers is great! They can help you stay on track! Do you remember who the best guide in the world is? JESUS. And do you remember what the best guide book in the world is? THE BIBLE Well, Jesus has marked out a path for each one of us to take, and if we follow him, we'll get through that path with great rewards. However, sometimes that path isn't easy. And so when we are walking along in life and we need help there are 4 things we can do to help us get back on track. And Daisy, you did them all.

1. Read your guide book, the Bible. When you aren't sure what choice to make, read your book!
2. Learn more by attending church. Just like Daisy learned all about nature by attending Camp Crossroads, you can learn more about Jesus and the path he has you on by attending church. Crossroads church meets every Sunday morning at 10 and every Wednesday night at 6:30.
3. Pray. Jesus didn't send you out only to leave you alone. He is never away from you. You can talk to him as easily as Daisy talked to me on the WALKIE TALKIE. You just start talking and then listen for God to lead you in the right direction.
4. And lastly, to stay on track with God, you can ask your Christian friends to guide you. Just like you helped Daisy get back to where she needed to be, your Christian friends can help you when you feel lost.

The most important thing though is to KNOW YOUR GUIDE! It's much scarier if you don't know Jesus. I know many of you have been given this opportunity before, but let's take a moment to meet Jesus. (Give a quick salvation message about how Christ died for their sins work in how he desires a straight path for you, but sins put trials in that path to trip you up).
Pray...

Ready for your final adventure at CAMP CROSSROADS???

Orange team to SNACK

Green Team stays put for BIBLE

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Day 4 Bible Story

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

Start by blind-folding a volunteer. Then have the other kids play picture dictionary. Tell the volunteer to try guessing, too, based on what he hears the other kids yelling out. Only play 5-7 min (for a 20 min class).

Ask the blindfolded volunteer how it felt to not be able to see what all the commotion was about? Discuss this further as time allows.

There was a man named Bartimaeus who lived his life not being able to see. But he could hear the commotion and knew that there was a man named Jesus that heal him.

Bartimaeus sat and begged. Here's what the Bible says. Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

"Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Bartimaeus could have given up. He could have been scared of what people would say or do, and he couldn't even see to protect himself. But he'd heard all the commotion, remember. He knew something was special about Jesus. After all, Jesus is the best Guide, right? Let's keep reading.

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

This coat... the Bible says he threw aside his coat. His coat was his permission for begging. In those days not just anyone could sit on the street and beg. It required that you got permission. So, when Bartimaeus throw that to the side, he was taking a great leap of faith. He knew that if he came to Jesus, the great guide, he wouldn't need to beg anymore, he'd have Jesus to take care of him. He kept the path, he persevered. I'll keep reading...

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"My Rabbi,," the blind man said, "I want to see!"

And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Bartimaeus could have given up, but he would have stayed blind. God did not plan that for Bartimaeus. God had a plan for Bartimaeus, and by persevering, Bartimaeus was blessed.

Memory Verse: "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God,

you will receive what He has promised.

So... How do you persevere? Do you remember what Counselor Dave told us earlier?

1. Read your guide book, the Bible. When you aren't sure what choice to make, read your book!
2. Learn more by attending church. Just like Daisy learned all about nature by attending Camp Crossroads, you can learn more about Jesus and the path he has you on by attending church. Crossroads church meets every Sunday morning at 10 and every Wednesday night at 6:30.
3. Pray. Jesus didn't send you out only to leave you alone. He is never away from you. You can talk to him as easily as Daisy talked to Dave on the Walkie Talkie. You just start talking and then listen for God to lead you in the right direction. Just like Bartimaeus, you won't see Jesus, but you'll know he's there!
4. And lastly, to stay on track with God, you can ask your Christian friends to guide you. Just like you all helped Daisy get back to where she needed to be, your Christian friends can help you when you feel lost.

Coming to church helps you build those relationships. I'm going to ask the same question

Dave asked earlier just in case you didn't have a chance to respond. (Give salvation message)

Closing Rally Day 4

Songs: Brave

Closing announcements:

Church times

Van rides

Brave Factor:

Educational Fact: School

Eggbreaker

What's in the Box: Olives

Real vs Gummy: Gummy Bears/ mega bear

Educational Fact: Back to School

I know what you're thinking. Spiders, bats, and snakes... THOSE are scary... but Back to school?? You're right, heading back to school can be downright TERRIFYING!!! New teachers, new classmates, maybe a new school!!!! AHHH, it's just so SCARY! But it doesn't have to be! Remember Jesus never leaves you! He is with you always. So you can take him with you every day you go to school! The fear of the unknown is much easier to handle with Jesus on your side. Here's some ways you can fight the fear of heading back to school:

1. Pray every morning! Prepare yourself for a GREAT day with Jesus by your side. That makes ANYTHING less scary!
2. Find good friends! If you know your friend is at school, too. It's WAY less scary. It's easy to find friends just among those who came to VBS this week. But the more you attend church, the more friendships you can make outside of school. Then when you go, you have a built in support system.
3. Be a good listener and a good example while you're there. Every teacher likes a student who gets their work done and is a good student!

Just know that those of us at Crossroads Church are praying for you! So don't be afraid and HAVE FUN this year!