

Virtual Vacation Bible School Parent Pack
June 15-19, 2020

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our “Virtual” Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. We are delighted you and your child/children have decided to join us for this program. Throughout the week we will be exploring the story of Moses and the Israelites and their escape from Egypt. Our theme of “Wilderness Escape – Where God Guides and Provides” seems like a timely message given the uncertain environment we are living in right now.

The purpose of this **Parent Pack** is to give you all of the information you need in advance to provide a successful VBS experience for your family. At any point along the way, please forward your questions and comments to us at sundayschool@lwlcaz.org. I will be monitoring this email account each day and will try to respond to you as quickly as possible. In addition, throughout the week, **we would love for you to share photos or short videos of your family participating in VBS to the same email address.**

In this pack you will find 5 clear plastic bags providing supplies for Day 1 through Day 5. These bags include supplies for the Crafts, the Family Mission Project (beginning on Day 2) and Games (when needed) and information about our VBS Mission Project. Once again, this year we will be collecting new and gently used books, as well as cash donations to purchase books, for distribution by the Phoenix Assistance League. Now more than ever, there are many children in our community without books to read and enjoy.

We have also provided the following:

- A Daily Summary of the Bible Story used in the Drama including the Bible Point and Bible Verse of the Day
- A Digital Download card for all of the music we will be using throughout the week. Instructions for downloading the music to your Smartphone, tablet or computer are under the plastic card.
- The lyrics for all of the songs.
- The ingredients and recipe for the snack demonstrated on the video each day
- A consolidated grocery list – so that you can be prepared!
- A summary of the game played each day on the video
- Instructions for the Family Mission Project

As a reminder, the videos will premiere on our You Tube Channel and our website (lwlcaz.org) each morning at 9am, beginning on Monday, June 15, and continuing through June 19. At the beginning of each day’s video, we will provide a countdown clock and scrolling reminders of the supplies needed for each activity.

On Friday, June 19, for those of you in the Scottsdale, AZ, area, we invite you to drive through the parking lot of our church between 1:00 and 1:45 pm. We will be providing safe delivery of an ice cream treat for every member of your family. In addition, at the

drive through we will be accepting donations for our Book Drive of new and gently used books or cash donations to purchase new books. We hope you can join us for this mini celebration on the final day of VBS.

Thank you for joining us on this “Virtual” VBS adventure! We welcome your questions and comments.

Blessings,
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God is With Us, So... TRUST GOD!

Day 1 – June 15, 2020

Opening Celebration:

Pastor Shari will introduce our first day of Wilderness Escape.

Bible Point:

God is with us, so...trust God!

Bible Verse:

"God answered. 'I will be with you.'"
(Exodus 3:12)

Songs:

"God Will Guide Us"
"This is How We Overcome"



Drama:

Today we meet Moses as we start our VBS Bible Story Adventure! Led by Moses, nearly 2 million Israelites fled Egypt after enduring 400 years of slavery. God guided his people with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. We can only imagine what that looked like! Yet within days after their escape, the people found themselves backed against the sea, with mountains on two sides and an army of enraged Egyptians bearing down on them.

"It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" they cried. Moses reassured the Israelites, "Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today." Translation: "Hang in there! God's here, and he's going to do something unforgettable!" That's putting it mildly! A mighty wind blew, the waters parted, Moses and the people poured across the dry path to safety. The waters roared back into place and the Egyptians had no way to reach the Israelites. God's presence and power freed the Israelites, launching them on an incredible journey of faith. (From Exodus 14:1-15:21)

Crazy Day Challenge:

Our own Denny Dumler is in the desert searching for Moses and the Israelites as well as all of our VBS friends and families! Will Denny find his way?

Crafts:

Fish and Turtle Suncatcher - Use the Sharpie Markers provided in your Day 1 Supply Bag to color in the blank spaces in the suncatchers. **Make sure to color on the side with the raised black edges.** Once completed, you can cut around the suncatcher, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " or leave as is and hang in a window. The sunlight makes the colors even brighter.

VBS Mission Project:

Ima Bookworm will share information about our Mission Project to collect new and gently used books or donations to purchase new books. The books will be distributed by the Phoenix Assistance League to needy families in our community. See flyer in your Day 1 Supply Bag for more information.



Snack:

In today's video, our Kitchen Magician will teach you how to prepare a delicious and easy version of **Pigs in a Blanket** served with carrot sticks, ranch dressing, and Oreo cookies. Here is everything you need to make it in your home:

Grocery List (for 8 Pigs in a Blanket):

- 8 – hot dogs
- 8 – slices American cheese (or your favorite)
- 1 – (10 ounce) package refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 – small bottle Ranch dressing
- 1 – bag carrot sticks
- 1 – package Oreo cookies
- 1 – jug apple juice

Prepare Ahead:

- Non-Stick cookie sheet or cookie sheet lined with parchment paper
- Open the package of biscuits
- Pre-heat oven to **350 degrees**; Be sure you have hot pads

RECIPE FOR PIGS IN A BLANKET

Ingredients:

- 8 – hot dogs
- 8 – slices American cheese
- 1 (10 ounce) package refrigerated biscuit dough

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Open package of biscuits, separate and flatten each slightly

3. Wrap cheese slice around hot dog, then wrap a biscuit around that.
4. Place on non-stick or parchment lined cookie sheet. Place the side of hot dog with the overlap of biscuit face-down.
5. Bake in preheated oven until the biscuits are brown, about 13 - 15 minutes.

Serve with Carrots, Ranch dressing, an Oreo cookie, and apple juice or water for the perfect VBS Day 1 Treat! *For life and health and all good things we give you thanks, O Lord! Amen!*

Game:

Today's game is called **Cone Heads!** When the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, the king of Egypt was called a Pharaoh. The Pharaoh was really rich and loved to give fancy feasts and celebrations. At these parties, Egyptian men and women wore cones of perfumed-scented fat on their heads. As the feasts lasted through the night, heat melted the fat which released the perfume scent over the person wearing it. Sweet...but messy!

Directions: Head outside for this wet game! Grab a bucket about half full of water and the large sponge provided in your Day 1 Supply Bag. Dip the sponge in the bucket, balance it on your head and walk across your outdoor space and back. Do not let the sponge fall off your head. When you get back to the bucket, high five the next person or family member and say our Day 1 Bible Point – **GOD IS WITH US, SO...TRUST GOD!**

Closing Celebration:

Songs – “God Will Guide Us” and “This is How We Overcome”

All of the songs we will be using this week and a few extras are included on the Digital Music Download Card included in your Supply Pack. In addition, copies of the lyrics for the songs are attached.



We would love for you to share photos or short videos of your experience with VBS each day; please email to sundayschool@lwcaz.org. Thank you and see you tomorrow!!

God Gives Us What We Need, So...Trust God!

Day 2 – June 16, 2020

Opening Celebration:

Pastor Shari will continue leading us as God gives Moses manna and quail to eat in the Wilderness.



Bible Point:

God gives us what we need, so...trust God!

Bible Verse:

"For your father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!" (Matthew 6:8)

Songs:

"God Will Guide Us" and

"Let God Arise"

Drama:

About thirty days had passed since the Israelites left Egypt. The food they had brought with them had run out and they began grumbling. All they could think of was the food back in Egypt – even if that food had come at the price of captivity! In spite of the Israelites' complaining, God responded by providing bread and meat – manna and quail. When the manna appeared the first morning, the Hebrews' questioned "What is it?" This miraculous food (which fed the Israelites for 40 years) would spoil overnight...except on the Sabbath. The day before the Sabbath, God's people could collect as much as they needed to get them through the next day. God heard his people and responded with incredible and unexplainable surprises. (From Exodus 16)

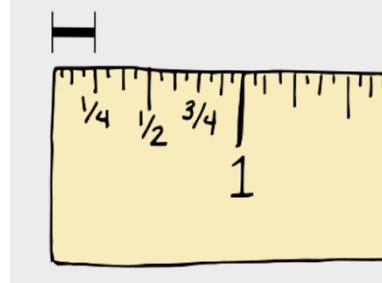
Crazy Day Challenge:

Our friend Denny Dumler is still looking for Moses and the Israelites. But he takes the time to tell us that today is "hat day." Find a hat you like, make up a story, and email us a photo of you and your hat to sundayschool@lwcaz.org.

Crafts:

Sand Art Jewelry – From your Day 2 Supply Bag you will need the paper plate, the small snack size Ziploc bag of clay, the wooden skewer and the bag of small pony beads and star beads. Cover your work surface with a piece of plain or wax paper. Take the clay out of the bag and knead it with your hands. Once the clay feels soft and pliable, pull off 4 small pieces to make 4 beads. Roll the small pieces of clay into balls and use the wooden skewer to make a hole through each bead. Gently push the skewer all the way through each ball of clay and twist it to make sure you get a large opening. Put the beads on the plate.

Take the remaining sand clay and flatten it into a round disk about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Use the wooden skewer to make 2 holes near the top of the disk. Place the disk flat on the paper and use the pony beads and star beads to decorate the front by pushing the beads into the clay. Place the medallion on the paper plate with the clay beads. Make sure the 2 holes at the top of the medallion are still open.



You might need to use the wooden skewer again to reshape the holes. Make sure the clay beads and medallion are not touching each other on the plate. Put the plate someplace safe so the clay can dry overnight. We will finish this project tomorrow.

VBS Mission Project:

Ima Bookworm returns to remind us about the Book Drive for new and gently used books. Ima loves books and she hopes you are reading something every day throughout this summer. If you live outside of Arizona, consider donating books in your community through a local church, the library or a program that provides services to the homeless.

Snack:

Today, our Kitchen Magician will be making **Walking Tacos** served with apple slices and Rice Krispies treats in the Snack Shack! Please follow along at home to make your own delicious treat.

Grocery List (for 5 walking tacos):

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 – can (8.3 ounce) of beans (any kind you like)
- 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 – 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ or 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce bags of Doritos or Fritos

Apples for slicing
Rice Krispies treats

Prepare Ahead:

- Brown ground beef, chopped onions, and half bag of taco seasoning.

RECIPE FOR WALKING TACOS

Ingredients:

1/2 pound ground beef
1 packet taco seasoning
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 –can (8.3 ounce) of beans (any kind you like)
8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
5 – 1¾ or 2¾ ounce bags of Doritos or Fritos

Directions:

1. Brown together the ground beef, onions, half bag of taco seasoning and water.
2. Open the can of beans (transfer to microwave-safe bowl, warm in microwave if desired), chips, and cheese.
3. Crush the chips a little bit.
4. Add some of the ground beef mixture, beans, and cheese to the chips in bag.
5. Mix together with a spoon or fork.
6. Continue mixing in the ingredients in all 5 bags of chips.

Serve with apple slices, Rice Krispies treat, and apple juice or water for the perfect VBS Day 2 treat! *For life and health and all good things we give you thanks. O Lord! Amen!*

Game:

Today's game is called **Camel Spit!** One of the most fascinating animals in the wilderness is the camel. One thing you may not know is that when camels feel threatened or afraid, camels spit! That's a bit gross, but true! Let's pretend we are a bunch of camels in this game!

Directions: Grab the **squirt guns and cotton balls** from the Day 2 Supply Bag. Form a line with your family members with about 6 feet between each person. Have each person put a cotton ball on top of his or her head. Hand a squirt gun to the person at the back of the line. This person should be facing the back of the next person in his or her line. When you say "Go!" the camel will squirt the cotton ball off of the person's head. When the cotton ball falls, the camel will hand the squirt gun to that person, who will squirt the cotton ball off of the next person's head. Continue until the last person has been sprayed.

Family Mission Project:

Our Bible Point is “**God gives us what we need, so...Trust God!**” One of the ways to KNOW that God gives us what we need is to SEE what God gives us! Please use the little heart-shaped post-it notes in your Day 2 Supply Bag to write down some ways that you SEE God working around you. In VBS, sometimes we call these GOD SIGHTINGS. Will you write down a God sighting on the post-it provided and hang it somewhere in your home for you and your family to see?



Closing Celebration:

Songs – “God Will Guide Us,” “This is How We Overcome” and “Let God Arise”

We pray today has been a fun day of VBS for your family. See you tomorrow!

**“FOR YOUR FATHER KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT
YOU NEED EVEN BEFORE YOU ASK HIM.”**

~MATTHEW 6:8



GOD GIVES US STRENGTH, SO...TRUST GOD!

Day 3 – June 17, 2020

Opening Celebration:

Pastor Shari will continue leading us as Moses and the Israelites battle foes in their Wilderness Escape.

Bible Point:

God gives us strength, so...trust God!

Bible Verse:

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength!”
(Philippians 4:13)



Songs:

“God Will Guide Us”
“Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
“I Am”

Drama:

As if wandering in the desert wasn't challenging enough, the Israelites soon came face to face with the Amalekites. A fierce violent tribal people, the Amalekites viewed the mass of Israelites as a threat to their land.

The Amalekites attacked, and Moses called on Joshua to round up an army to defend God's people. When Moses, with a hilltop position, lifted his hands to God, the Israelites gained victory. Yet when Moses lowered his hands, the Israelites faltered. With his brother Aaron holding up one arm and his brother-in-law Hur holding up the other, Moses kept his hands raised until the battle ended at sunset. Now that's teamwork! God had given his people victory over the Amalekites.

Who holds you up in hard times? Although Moses relied wholeheartedly on God, it's interesting to read that God gave him additional strength through people like Joshua, Aaron and Hur. God's power doesn't always take the form of a jaw-dropping miracle – sometimes God empowers us by providing just the right people at just the right time. (From Exodus 17:8-16)

Crazy Day Challenge:

Our friend Denny Dumler is seen with a giant camel as he welcomes us to Day 3. Today he challenges us to dress really cool, or maybe really weird. Dress up in your coolest outfit and email a photo to sundayschool@lwlcaz.org.

Crafts:

Sand Art Jewelry (Part 2) - From your Day 3 Supply Bag you will need the leather cord, large beads and the Sharpie Markers (that were used on Day 1 for our sun catchers). Your sand clay medallion and beads made on Day 2 should be dry. To complete this project:

- Fold the leather cord in half and gently thread both ends through the holes in the medallion from the front to the back. Gently pull both ends of the cord leaving a small loop on the front. Pull both ends through the loop. Now the medallion is securely on the cord.
- Thread your sand clay beads and the large pony beads on the 2 strands. Tie a knot on each cord just above the last bead. Tie the 2 cords together. Trim off any excess leather cord.
- Decorate the sand clay beads and medallion with the Sharpie Markers.

Pasta Cross – Find a wooden cross, a bottle of Tacky Glue and the bag of painted pasta from the Day 3 Supply Bag. Cover your work surface with a piece of wax paper or plain paper. (**Please note:** the painted pasta should be not eaten by children or pets.) Arrange your selected pasta on the wooden cross. Use the Tacky Glue to adhere the pasta to the cross. Put your project somewhere safe to dry for a few hours.

VBS Mission Project:



Ima Bookworm returns to remind us about the Book Drive for new and gently used books. Often the books distributed by the Phoenix Assistance League are the very first book a child has ever received. We accept books for teens and adults and books with religious titles/themes.

Snack:

Our Kitchen Magician will show you how to make **Tater Tot Hot Dog Bites** served with orange slices and Oreo cookies for our Day 3 snack.

Grocery List (for 12 regular-muffin-size bites):

- 1 bag of frozen Tater Tots (we only need 48 Tater Tots)
- 1 pack Kraft cheese singles (need 3 slices of cheese)
- 1 pack Hot Dogs (need 3 hot dogs)
- 1 or 2 Oranges

Prepare Ahead:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees
- Spray a regular size muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray.

RECIPE FOR TATER TOT HOT DOG BITES

Ingredients:

- 48 frozen Tater Tots
- 3 – Kraft cheese singles
- 3 – Hot Dogs

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees
2. Spray muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray
3. Place 4 Tater Tots in each muffin cup (for total of 12 cups)
4. Bake 5 minutes (or until thawed)
5. Use the back of a spoon to press Tater Tots onto bottom and up the sides of each cup.
6. Cut 3 Kraft singles and 3 hot dogs into 4 pieces
7. Place 1 piece of cheese and 1 piece of hot dog into each Tater Tot shell.
8. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.
9. Cool 3 minutes before removing from the pan.

Serve with orange slices, Oreo cookie, and apple juice for a delicious VBS Day 3 treat! *For life and health and all good things we give you thanks, O Lord! Amen!*

Games:

Today's game is called **Launch**. Pretend you are one of the Israelites in the wilderness after escaping from Pharaoh's army. Now, the Amalekites want to fight. Since we are not soldiers, we had better do some training exercises to prepare for battle. Today's game is learning how to launch large rocks into battle.

Start by blowing up the inflatable beach ball in the Day 3 Supply Bag. In addition, grab a blanket and a laundry basket from your home. Find a playing space with no obstacles. Place the laundry basket 6-8 feet from the participants. Have 2 people hold each end of the blanket waist high. Put the beach ball on the blanket and

launch it into the air. The goal is to land the beach ball in the laundry basket. For more challenge, move the laundry basket farther away from the blanket launchers.

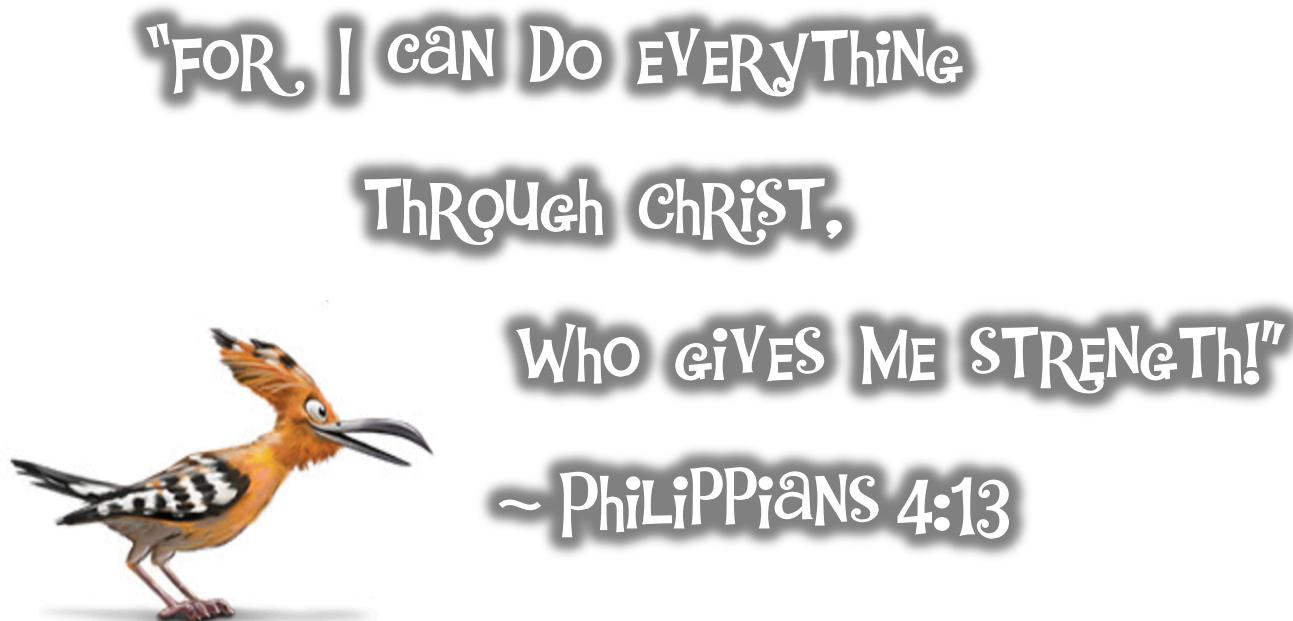
Family Mission Project:

Our Bible Point is “**God gives us strength, so...Trust God!**” During this pandemic there have been so many people that have shown strength to help keep our communities going. Maybe some of these people are in your own family: grocery store workers, mail carriers, hospital workers, gas station workers, truck drivers, first responders, and more! All of these people have shown special strength during these last several months. Let’s thank them! Take the **thank you card** from your Day 3 Supply Bag and write a note to someone in your community. When completed determine the best way to deliver your note!

Closing Celebration:

Songs – “God Will Guide Us,” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” and “I Am”

We are praying for each of you this week. Thank you for being a part of our VBS family. Remember to share photos or short videos of your experience with VBS to sundayschool@lwlcaz.org.



GOD SAVES US, SO...TRUST GOD!

Day 4 – June 18, 2020

Opening Celebration:

Pastor Shari will continue leading us on our adventures with Moses in the Wilderness Escape. Today Moses remembers the Passover, where God's people, the Israelites, were saved from the plagues in Egypt.



Bible Point:

God saves us, so...trust God!

Bible Verse:

"For I am with you and I will save you,' says the Lord!" (Jeremiah 30:11)

Songs:

"God Will Guide Us"

"Holy is the Lord"

Drama:

In today's drama, we recall what happened right before the Israelites left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea. Moses asked Pharaoh to let the Israelite go. Each time Pharaoh refused God sent a plague. Egypt was still reeling from nine severe plagues when God dealt the last and most convincing blow of all – the death of every firstborn son, from the poorest Egyptian slave to Pharaoh himself, no one's household would be spared. Except those of the Israelites.

God instructed the Israelites to carefully prepare for this event and to never forget it. Each household selected a lamb without blemish and sacrificed it to the Lord. The perfect lamb died in place of the firstborn child. This sacrifice became a symbol that the Israelites understood: An innocent life had to be taken to spare them from death. That night, death and grief filled every Egyptian house...but gratitude and renewed faith overflowed each Israelite home. The angel of death "passed over" every Israelite home. Although they didn't understand it at the time, that sacrifice looked forward to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who shed his blood and died so that all who believe in him might be saved from spiritual death and eternity apart from God. God saved us by sending his Son, Jesus, to be the sacrifice for our sins. (From Exodus 12:1-30)

Crazy Day Challenge:

Our resident silly man, Denny, challenges us all to wear shoes and socks that don't match. It's crazy shoe and sock day! Dress your feet in your craziest and email a photo to sundayschool@lwcaz.org.

Crafts:

God's Eye (Ojo de Dios in Spanish) – In the Day 4 Supply Bag you will find a pair of 1/4" wooden dowels and a bundle of yarn for each child. You will need a pair of scissors from your own supplies to trim the yarn. To make your God's Eye:

- Tie one end of the yarn to the middle of one wooden dowel
- Hold both dowels in your hand one on top of the other to form an X.
- Take the yarn and wrap around the middle of the 2 dowels 5 times. Then turn the dowels 90 degrees and wrap 5 times around the middle to secure the dowels together.
- Now start wrapping around one stick at a time going under and around the sticks while turning the dowels counter clockwise. Keep the yarn tight, you do not want any slack.
- When you have the size you want, tie the yarn around the end of the stick and make a couple knots to hold secure. You may want to put a dot of glue under each knot.
- Create a loop for hanging.
- Cut off excess yarn.

If you need more time, just pause the video. A great resource for this craft can be found at www.happyhooligans.ca. Once on this website, search "Classic God's Eye Craft."

VBS Mission Project:

Today we have a guest appearance by "Sheeza Bookworm" to model our Thrivent Financial t-shirt. This year Thrivent provided \$250 in funds to purchase new books for our book drive. Ima Bookworm reminds us about the Book Drive for new and gently used books. If you are in the Scottsdale area, please drop off your books at:

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The book drop is located at the south end of the Education Building. There will be a large box for books. After leaving the books, please call or text Pastor Shari at the number on the sign to let her know you have dropped off books. Or, Friday, June 19, From 1-1:45pm, you can drive through our parking lot and we will have volunteers at the book drop to accept your books or donations and provide an ice cream treat to every member of your family.

Snack:

Our Kitchen Magician will be making **Snickerdoodle Dip** served with apple slices, fresh strawberries, cheese sticks, and crackers for a delicious Day 4 snack!

Grocery List (for about 2 cups of dip):

1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons butter
8-ounce package cream cheese
1/4 cup plain yogurt
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Strawberries for dipping
Apple slices for dipping

Prepare Ahead:

- 1 small mixing bowl
- Electric mixer
- Soften butter and cream cheese

RECIPE FOR SNICKERDOODLE DIP**Ingredients:**

1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup powdered sugar
2 Tablespoons butter, softened
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup plain yogurt
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Combine first 3 ingredients in a bowl. Beat at medium speed until smooth.
Add remaining ingredients; beat until smooth. Chill
2. Best if made the day before serving.
3. Slice apples and prepare fresh strawberries for dipping.

Serve dip with apples, strawberries, cheese stick, crackers, and juice for a delicious Day 4 VBS snack. *For life and health and all good things we give you thanks, O Lord! Amen!*

Games:

Our game today is called **Lemon Herders**. Many of the Israelites thought Moses was taking them on a strange path through the desert. Since God is in charge, we must go where he says, but sometimes we want to do things our own way instead of trusting God. It makes us a little like lemons. Lemons don't roll straight; they tend to wander around.

Create a long line (10-20 feet) on a flat surface with tape if you are indoors or chalk if you are outdoors. If you have multiple players, create at least 2 lines. Each player takes a paint-stir-stick from the Day 4 Supply Bag. **You will need to supply your own lemon or lemons.**

When you say go, the player uses the end of the paint-stir-stick and one lemon and tries to move or "herd" the lemon down the straight line to the end. If the lemon strays away from the line, the player will have to start over at the start line. The player reaching the end of the line first is the winner. The shape of the lemon makes this game more challenging!

Family Mission Project:

Our Bible Point is "**God saves us, So...Trust God!**" One of the ways we can think about God saving us is to think about how God saved Moses from wandering around lost in the wilderness. We may not be lost in a literal wilderness, but God helps us, God leads us, and God encourages us in the same ways. Let's share that encouragement with others! In your Day 4 Supply Bag are a few pieces of sidewalk chalk. Please use chalk to draw or write a word of encouragement on the sidewalk by your house. Something simple like "Stay Strong!" or "You are loved!" or "God loves you!" along with your own creative chalk drawings might be just the thing to brighten someone's day as they walk down your street!

Closing Celebration:

Songs – "God Will Guide Us," "Holy is the Lord," "This is How We Overcome" and "Let God Arise"



**"FOR I AM WITH you AND
I WILL SAVE you,' says THE LORD!"**

~ JEREMIAH 30:11

GOD GUIDES US, SO... TRUST GOD!

Day 5 – June 19, 2020

Opening Celebration:

Pastor Shari helps conclude our VBS journey as God gives Moses the Ten Commandments.

Bible Point:

God guides us, so...trust God!

Bible Verse:

"I will bless the Lord who guides you!" (Psalm 16:7)

Songs:

"God Will Guide Us"

"Holy is the Lord"



Drama:

Following the battle with the Amalekites, Moses led the Israelites to Mount Sinai, where years earlier he met God at the burning bush. Again, God spoke to Moses – this time promising that Israel would be God's treasured possession, his holy people, if they would obey God. Then God gave Moses a list of laws by which the Israelites should live. The Hebrew words for "Ten Commandments" are "Ten Words." The term "words" was the technical expression for covenant guidelines. On Sinai, God laid down his expectation for righteous living. These guided the Israelites as they formed a new nation. God provided the "Ten Words" to keep his people safe, unified, and focused on their relationship with him.

In the thousands of years that have passed since this event, one thing hasn't changed: We need to love God with all of our heart, mind and strength. This covenant – or agreement – between God and his people is more than a list of do's and don'ts; the Ten Commandments bring God's character to light. Through these words from God, we discover what God values and expects from his people. These guidelines for living are timeless and still guide families today. (From Exodus 20)

Crazy Day Challenge:

Denny's final appearance celebrates the tradition at Living Water of having a BBQ and giant water inflatables on our last day of VBS. Unfortunately, "Virtual" VBS does not allow us to have an in-person celebration this year. If you decide to wear your swimming gear today, email a photo to sundayschool@lwlcaz.org.

Crafts:

Rain Stick – Please take the following from the Day 5 Supply Bag:

- White cardboard tube
- 1 large and 1 small piece of aluminum foil
- A snack size Ziploc bag of rice (1/4 cup)
- 1 bag of paper circles
- Rectangular piece of paper to make a cone
- Pieces of washi tape

You will also need a roll of scotch tape and a pair of scissors from your home for this project.

Instructions:

- Take out one paper circle and place one end of the tube in the center of the circle.
- Use scotch tape to tape the cut tabs of paper on the tube, sealing the end of the tube.
- Unfold the large piece of aluminum foil and crumple it into a long rod. Twist the rod around your finger to make a coil approximately the length of the tube. See example in photo on page 28.
- Unfold the small piece of aluminum foil and crumple it into a skinny rod. Coil the rod slightly. Slide the small coil inside the large coil.
- Slide the double coil of aluminum foil into the cardboard tube.
- Make a cone out of the rectangular piece of paper. Stand the tube up with the sealed end on the bottom. Put the small end of the cone in the tube. Slowly pour the rice into the tube through the cone.
- Take the second circle of paper. Place over the open end of the tube and tape cut tabs to close the end.
- Decorate the tube with strips of washi tape, markers or anything you like!

If you need more time, just pause the video. A great resource for this craft can be found at <https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/diy-rain-stick-craft/>. The writer offers a post entitled "DIY rain stick that actually sounds like rain!"

VBS Mission Project:

Today, Ima Bookworm shares with us the many ways to say “Thank You” in English, Spanish, French, Hawaiian, German and Finnish. She expresses her gratitude for the helpers that made VBS a reality this year. In addition, Ima introduces a representative from the Phoenix Assistance League who wants to say thank you for our support through the Book Drive.

Today, **Friday, June 19**, you have one final chance to donate new and gently used books. Join us **between 1:00 and 1:45pm** for a drive through at our church. Drop off your books (or cash donation) and receive an ice cream treat for each member of your family. We hope to see you this afternoon!

Snack:

Our Kitchen Magician will be making **Mini Pizza Bites** served with pudding cups, and fruit for our fabulous Day 5 snack.

Grocery List (for 12 mini-muffin-size bites):

- 4 – 8-inch flour tortillas
- 1 – Small (14 oz.) jar pizza sauce or marinara sauce
- 1 – 8-ounce package shredded Mozzarella cheese
- Small package mini pepperoni
- Sugar-free pudding cups

Prepare Ahead:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees
- 1 – small round cookie cutter or empty can
- Spray mini muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray

RECIPE FOR MINI PIZZA BITES

Ingredients:

- 4 – 8-inch flour tortillas
- 1 – 14-ounce jar Pizza Sauce or Marinara Sauce
- 1 – 8-ounce package shredded Mozzarella cheese
- Small package mini Pepperoni

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees
2. Lightly spray mini muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray
3. Lay tortilla on a flat surface. Using cookie cutter or empty can, cut 3-4 circles, pressing firmly enough in a rocking motion to cut through the tortilla.

4. Press one tortilla circle in each mini-muffin cup.
5. Scoop 1 tablespoon pizza or marinara sauce into each mini-muffin cup.
6. Top with mini pepperoni and shredded mozzarella cheese.
7. Place in the oven and bake for 10-12 minutes or until cheese melts.

Serve with apples and oranges and apple juice for a wonderful Day 5 end to our VBS Snack Shack fun! *For life and health and all good things we give you thanks, O Lord! Amen!*

Games:

Today's game is called **Air Traffic Control**. The Israelites needed to trust that God is always guiding them and God is with them everywhere they go! This game will help us see how **God Guides Us, so...Trust God!**

You will need a laundry basket from your home and the balloons from your Day 5 Supply Bag. Blow up the balloons. Create an open space with no obstacles. Set the balloons on one side of the space and the laundry basket on the other side of the space. Have a helper or parent launch one balloon into the air. The player or players will try to guide the balloon by tapping it up/down/sideways until they reach the laundry basket. Try to see how many balloons you can guide into the basket in one minute.

Family Mission Project:

Our Bible Point is "**God Guides Us, so...Trust God!**" For this project we'd like you to think about people in your life that might need a little encouragement. This might be a family member or friend who is particularly high-risk during this pandemic and could use some cheer. It could be an elderly loved-one in your life who you haven't talked to in a while, or someone you know who might be having a hard time. Please take the "Thinking of You" note card provided in your Day 5 Supply Bag and write or draw a note of encouragement. Once you are done with your note, be sure to mail or drop the note to that person. If you'd like to make more notes, we have several people at Living Water that are homebound and would be so thankful to receive a note from you. Please just drop-off or mail your note to Living Water Lutheran Church and we will deliver it for you! Let's share as much love as possible! God guides us to love our neighbors! Thank you for being beacons of God's love. We love you!!

Closing Celebration:

Songs – “God Will Guide Us,” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” “Let God Arise,” “I Am,” “Holy is the Lord” and “This is How We Overcome.”

Appendix 1: Song Lyrics

"God Will Guide Us"

So many years. So many trials
God has been with us through them all
He gives us strength through his power.
He will never let us down.
And we sing, Oh, oh, oh, oh,
God will guide us. Oh, oh, oh, oh
He will provide for us
Through the wilderness
He will deliver us
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, Hey!

He's done it before
He'll do it again
He is faithful
He is faithful
(repeat)

"God Will Guide Us" (Theme Song) by Jay Stocker.
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"Let God Arise"

Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what He has done for us
Tell the world of His great love
Our God is a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves

Let God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever

Our God is a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves

Let God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever

Let God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever...

"This is How We Overcome"

Your light broke through my night
Restored exceeding joy
Your grace fell like the rain
And made this desert live
You have turned my mourning into dancing
You have turned my sorrow into joy
Your hand lifted me up
I stand on higher ground
Your praise rose in my heart
And made this valley sing
You have turned my mourning into dancing
You have turned my sorrow into joy
(repeat)

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"Guide Me, O Thou, Great Jehovah"

Guide me, Guide me.
Won't you guide me.
Guide me, Guide me. All the way
(repeat)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more
(repeat all)

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" by William Williams.
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"Holy is the Lord"

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing
Everyone sing

chorus:

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory
(repeat all)

It's a rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, everyone sing.
(chorus)

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"I Am"

There were times we were so afraid
So many years we had lost our way
But we would hold on to your promise.
Your mighty hand would deliver us
A guiding light through the wilderness
And we would hold on to your promise.

chorus:

You said, "I Am the rock you stand on
I Am your light and salvation
I will never ever let you go
I Am the God who redeemed you
I Am the One who never leaves you
The Lord of all, Beginning and the End
I Am."

You were there through the darkest times
In every victory and every trial
And we would hold on to your promise
You gave us light when we had no hope
You gave us signs so we would know
That we could hold on to your promise
(repeat chorus)

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Appendix 2: Grocery List

If you have joined us for in-person VBS in the past, you know how much fun our Kitchen Team has making a special snack every day. We hope you will be able to find the ingredients necessary to help re-create the magic at home.

Menu:

Day 1: Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Sticks, Ranch dressing, Oreo Cookies, Juice
Day 2: Walking Tacos, Apple Slices, Rice Krispies Treat, Juice
Day 3: Tater Tot Hot Dog Bites, Orange Slices, Oreo Cookie, Juice
Day 4: Snickerdoodle dip with Apples and Strawberries, Cheese Stick, Crackers, Juice
Day 5: Mini Pizza Bites, Pudding, Left-over fruit from Day 3 and Day 4.

Grocery List:

- 11 – hot dogs (use 8 hot dogs for Day 1, use 3 hot dogs for Day 3)
- 1 – package American cheese (8 slices for Day 1, 3 slices for Day 3)
- 1 – (10 ounce) package refrigerated biscuit dough (Day 1)
- 1 – small bottle Ranch dressing (Day 1)
- 1 – small package baby carrots (Day 1)
- 1 – package Oreo Cookies (Day 1, Day 3)
- 1/2 pound ground beef (Day 2)
- 1 – packet taco seasoning (Day 2)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion (Day 2)
- 1 – 8.3 ounce can of beans, any kind you like (Day 2)
- 1 – 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese (Day 2)
- 5 – 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ or 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce sized bags of Doritos or Fritos, (Day 2)
- Apples (Day 2, Day 4, Day 5)
- Rice Krispies Treats (Day 2)
- 1 – bag of frozen Tater Tots - need 48 Tater Tots (Day 3)
- Oranges (Day 3, Day 5)
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar (Day 4)
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar (Day 4)
- 2 Tablespoons butter, softened (Day 4)
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened (Day 4)
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt (Day 4)
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon (Day 4)
- 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract (Day 4)
- Strawberries (Day 4)
- 8-inch flour tortillas (need 4 tortillas for Day 5)
- 1 – Small (14 oz) jar pizza sauce or marinara sauce (Day 5)
- 1 – 8-ounce package shredded Mozzarella cheese (Day 5)

- Small package mini pepperoni (Day 5)
- Pre-made pudding cups (Day 5)
- Apple juice (or favorite drink – for all days)
- Lemon for Day 4 game



"GOD ANSWERED.

"I WILL BE WITH YOU."

~EXODUS 3:12

Appendix 3: Craft Samples

Day 1: Fish and Turtle suncatchers



Day 2: Sand Clay Jewelry



Day 3: Pasta Cross



Day 4: God's Eye

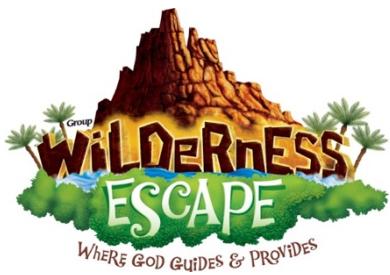


Day 5: Rain Stick

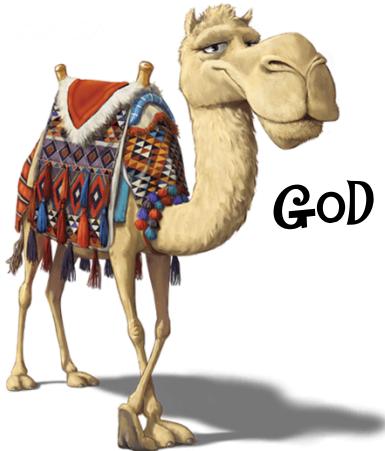


"**FOR I WILL BLESS THE LORD WHO GUIDES YOU!**"

~PSALM 16:7



GOD IS WITH US, SO... TRUST GOD!



GOD GIVES US WHAT WE NEED, SO... TRUST GOD!

GOD GIVES US STRENGTH, SO... TRUST GOD!



GOD SAVES US, SO... TRUST GOD!



GOD GUIDES US, SO... TRUST GOD!