

# Complete Leader's Guide



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and the trees of the field will clap their hands!  
Isaiah 55:12. NLT

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# Welcome!

Get ready to journey into a season of celebration with Soaring Peaks VBS—a faith-filled experience designed for a Harvest Festival or Lunar New Year, where children and families are invited to discover the Peace and Joy of Jesus through worship, story, movement, and hands-on engagement and above all else - the power of prayer. We hope that you will remember to say a short prayer at the start and end of every station rotation.

Inspired by the promise of Isaiah 55:12, Soaring Peaks invites children into a world where all Creation rejoices in God's goodness:

You will go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
The mountains and hills will burst into song,  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

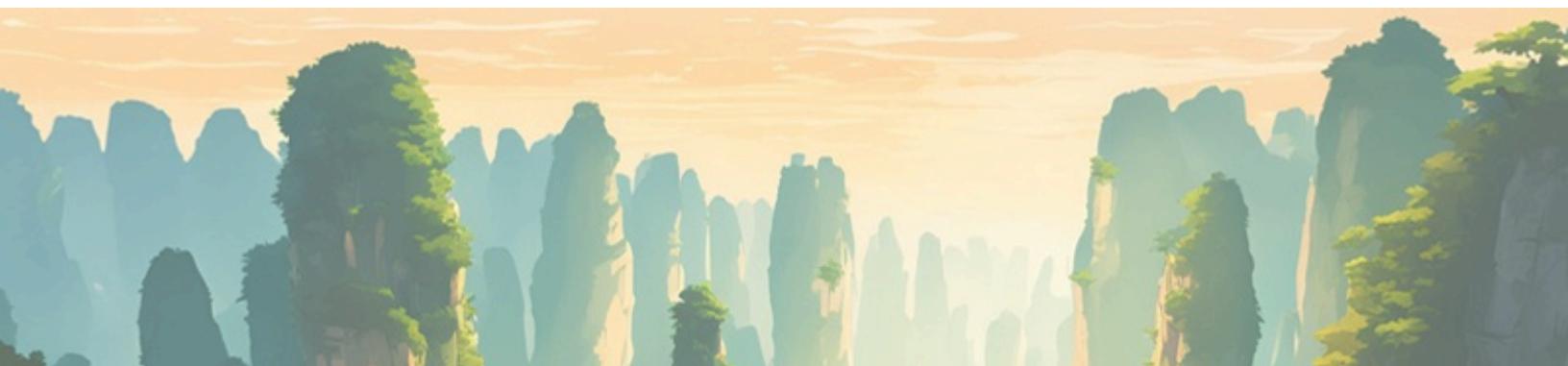
Harvest celebrations and Lunar New Year traditions are rich with meaning—centered on gratitude, renewal, family, and hope. Soaring Peaks intentionally builds on these themes, helping families pause amid the festivities to reflect on what matters most: God's love, God's faithfulness, and the lasting joy found in Jesus. Each day has a Bible story that helps families connect to these truths.

**Day 1: Matthew 13:3-9**

**Day 2: Mark 4:35-41**

**Day 3: Luke 9:28-36**

This action-packed program invites children to explore Scripture through interactive stations, creative expression, and shared celebration. Along the way, they will grow in faith, form meaningful connections, and experience the joy of learning together as a community. Whether used as a festival event, seasonal outreach, or special VBS gathering, Soaring Peaks creates space for unforgettable memories—and for hearts to be rooted in peace and joy that last.



# New Directors

**Thank you for your willingness to serve!**

We deeply appreciate your dedication to helping guide the next generation in faith. The team at Ana-Genesis is truly grateful for every volunteer and minister who steps forward to share God's love with children and families.

As a new VBS Director, you are stepping into a meaningful and joy-filled role. You'll have the opportunity to share God's Word and the love of Jesus with your church, your family, your friends—and, prayerfully, with new families from your wider community.

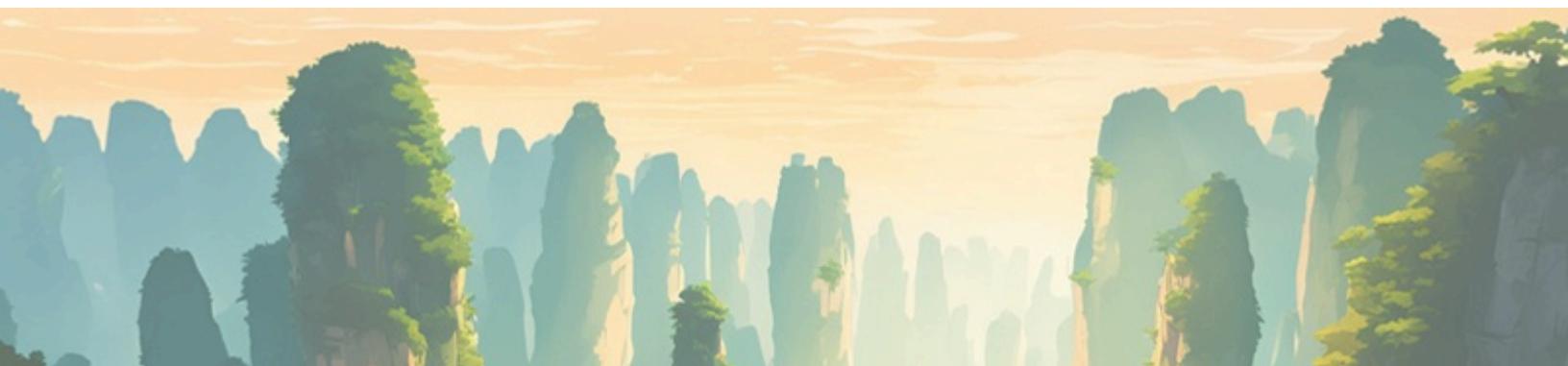
God is with you and for you in this work. In Matthew 28:19–20—often called The Great Commission—Jesus promises to be with us as we go and share the Good News. We encourage you to begin each day in prayer as you prepare to serve. Prayer grounds our work, unites our teams, and invites God to lead every moment.

## Forming Tribes

Divide participants into Tribes made up of mixed-age children. Each Tribe can include up to seven children, with one adult or an older child as the Tribe Leader. Including older children alongside younger ones creates natural opportunities for leadership, encouragement, and teamwork.

Throughout Soaring Peaks, Tribes journey together through a shared adventure inspired by the Hallelujah Mountains of China. Tribe names help bring the experience to life and build group identity. Suggestions include:

- Pandas
- Snow Leopards
- Tigers
- Cranes
- Monkeys
- Red Pandas



# Introducing The Characters



The stories of Soaring Peaks are brought to life through a small group of animal characters inspired by real wildlife found in China's mountainous regions. These characters help children engage the lessons in age-appropriate, imaginative ways while always pointing beyond themselves to Jesus.

## Christ-Centered Focus

Every story, activity, and reflection in Soaring Peaks is designed to point children to Jesus. While creativity and imagination are used to engage young hearts, Jesus Christ remains the center of every lesson, prayer, and experience.

- Pangoleo – A thoughtful pangolin who reminds children that even quiet, overlooked lives matter deeply to God. Pangoleo's stories help children see how Jesus values every person and calls us to trust Him.
- Bulah – A gentle and steady companion who models patience, kindness, and faithfulness. Through Bulah, children learn that following Jesus shapes how we treat others.
- Jia – A joyful panda who discovers that everyday gifts can be used for God's purposes. Jia's journey helps children recognize how Jesus brings joy and meaning to ordinary life.
- Daiyu – A snow leopard cub learning courage during uncertain moments. Daiyu's story encourages children to rely on Jesus when they feel afraid or unsure.

Each character's story connects directly to Scripture. It helps children understand how Jesus invites us to live with peace, joy, courage, and love.



# At A Glance

## Story

## Scripture

## Bible Story

## Cooking

Session 1

We will live in Joy:  
Jia Finds Joy

Matthew 13:3-9

The Sower and  
The Seed



Panda  
Cupcakes

Session 2

We will live in  
Peace: Daiyu's  
Path to Peace

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Brings  
Peace in a  
Storm



LET US have Peace  
Rice Balls

Session 3

The trees clap  
their hands:  
Pangoleo & Yúzé's  
Bamboo Clappers

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus on the  
Mountain



Bamboo Shoot  
Dumplings (Mandu)

# Key Verse: Isaiah 55:12

'You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands!

## Game

Session 1

Joyful Journey  
Obstacle  
Relay Race

## Science

Milk Jug Garden



## Younger Arts & Crafts



## Older Arts & Crafts



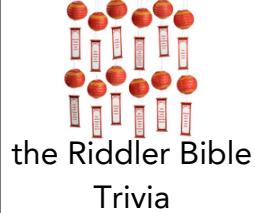
Session 2

Jesus Said  
(like Simon  
Says)  
Wave Game

## Storm Basin

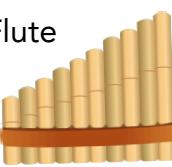


Session 3



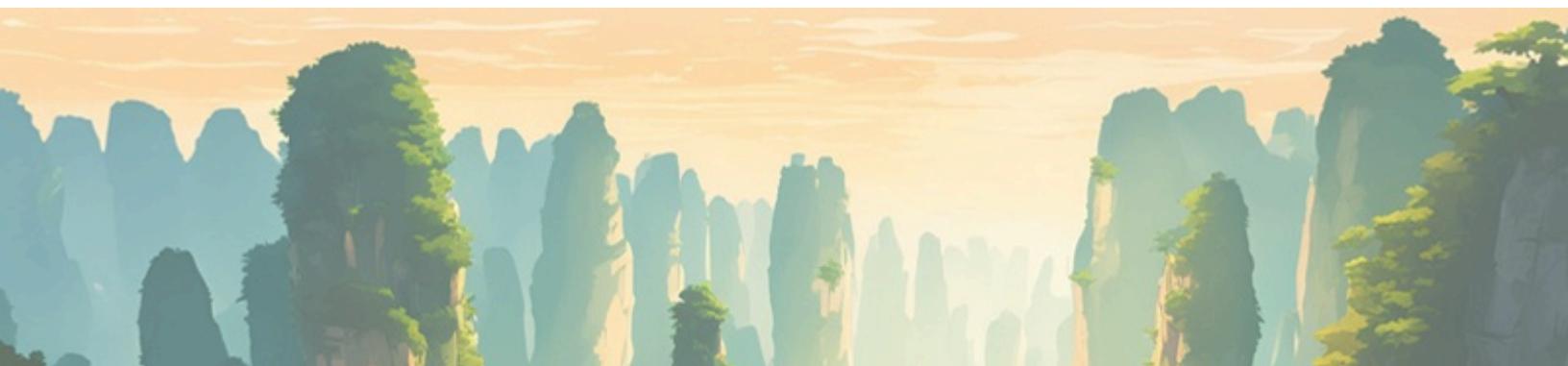
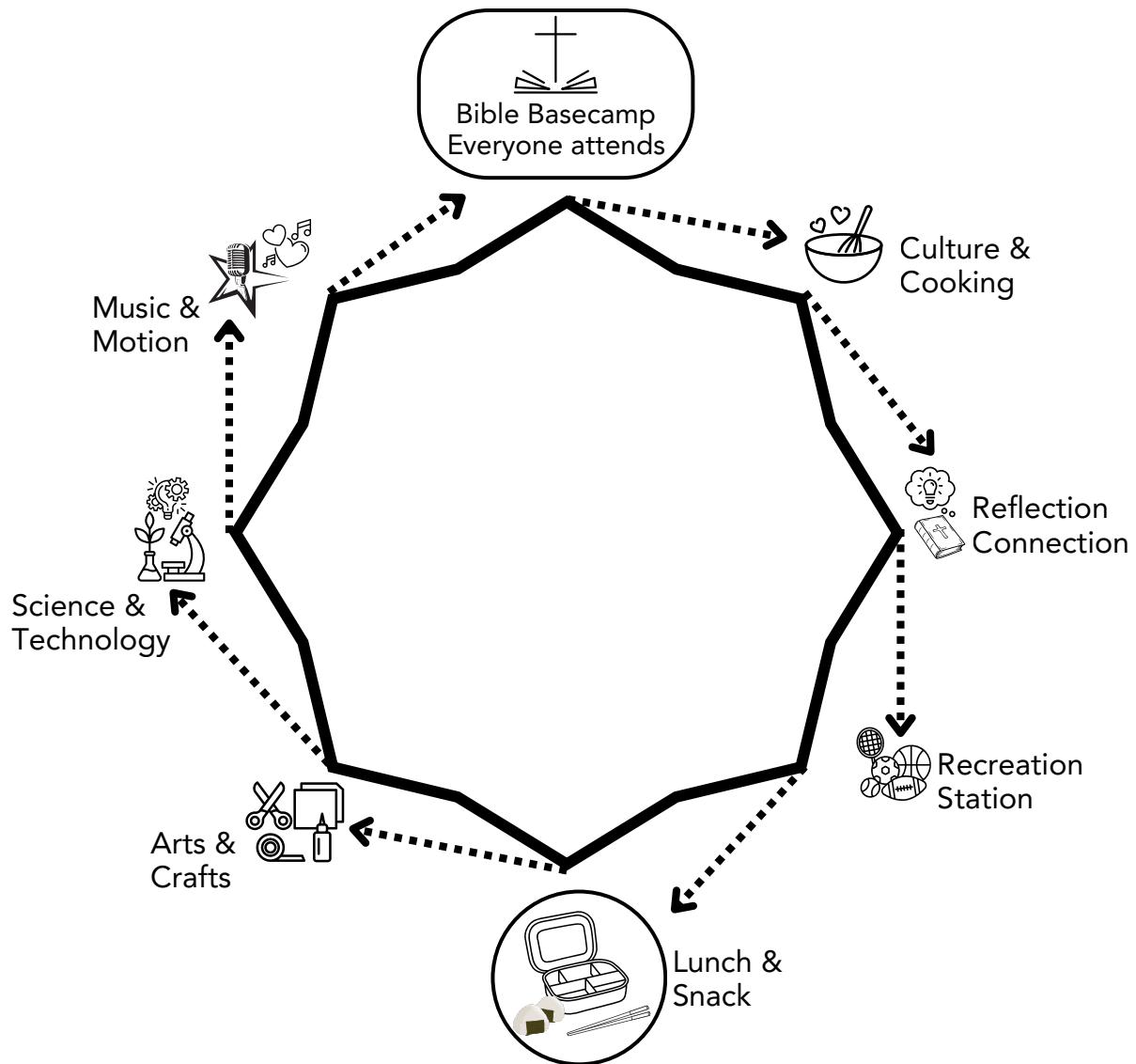
the Riddler Bible  
Trivia

## Bamboo Staw Pan Flute



# Rotation Stations

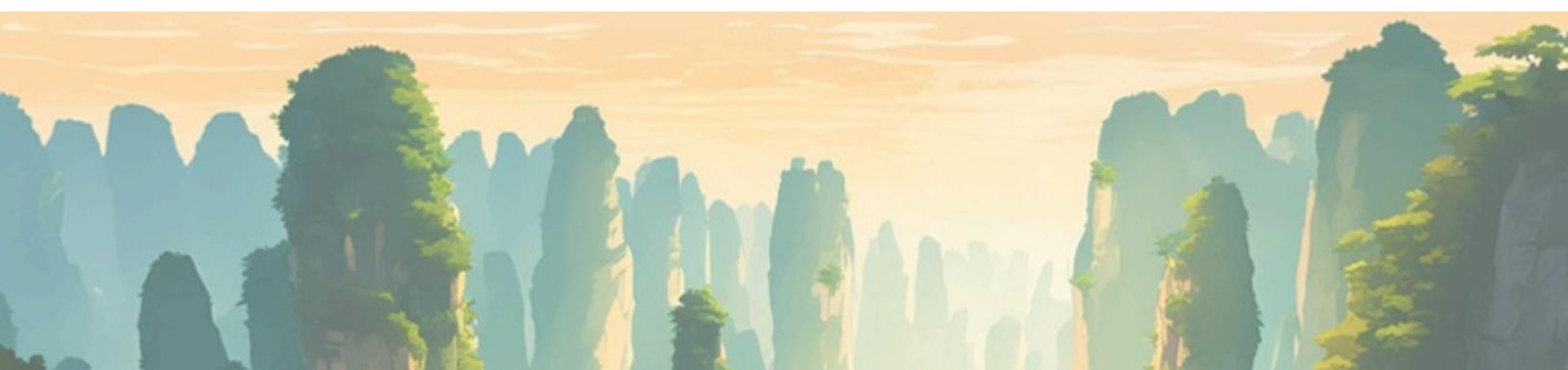
After Bible Basecamp, Tribes rotate through stations together - enjoy delving into God's Word at the Reflection Connection Station, and, of course, crafts and games for everyone! Set-up as many or as few stations as you need for your group! Lunch and Snack breaks are flexible based on the needs of your group - enjoy fellowship in Tribes or as a whole group. Groups rotate through the stations.



# 2-Day Station Schedule

This is a suggested Station Schedule for a weekend VBS. Sessions 1 and 2 run on Saturday. Session 3 runs on Sunday after church and follows the same schedule as Session 2. In this format, Music & Motion happens at Bible BaseCamp for a super start to the day!

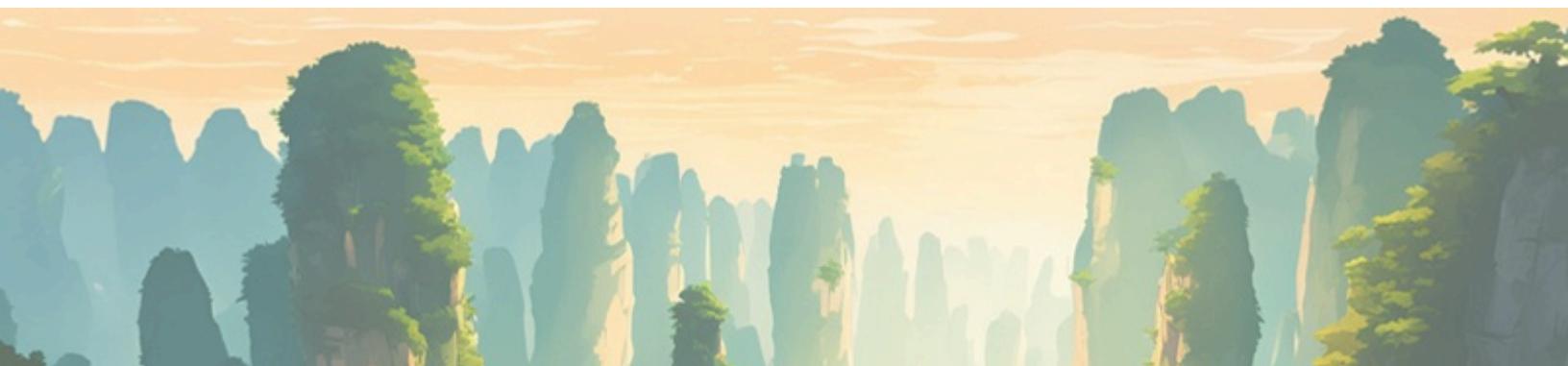
TIME	<b>Soaring Peaks VBS Schedule 2025</b>			
9:00-9:30	Arrival and Registration			
9:30-9:55	<b>Bible BaseCamp</b>			
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Pandas</b>	<b>Snow Leopards</b>	<b>Monkeys</b>	<b>Pangolins</b>
10:00-10:30	Craft	Cooking	Recreation	Reflection
10:30-11:00	Science	Craft	Cooking	Recreation
11:00-11:15	MORNING SNACK (15 Minutes)			
11:15-11:45	Reflection	Science	Craft	Cooking
11:45-12:15	Recreation	Reflection	Science	Craft
12:15-12:45	Cooking	Recreation	Reflection	Science
12:45-1:30	Bible BaseCamp and LUNCH ( <b>Session 2 follows</b> )			
1:30-2:00	Craft	Cooking	Recreation	Reflection
2:00-2:30	Science	Craft	Cooking	Recreation
2:30-3:00	Reflection	Science	Craft	Cooking
3:00-3:30	Recreation	Reflection	Science	Craft
3:30-4:00	Cooking	Recreation	Reflection	Science
4:00-4:30	Bible BaseCamp Closing Reflections and Prayers			
4:30-5:00	<b>Camp Closes for the day. Volunteer Meeting.</b>			



# 3-Day Station Schedule

This is a suggested Station Schedule for a 3-day long VBS. There are 6 stations and Tribe Members visit each Station once. To extend the length of your VBS just increase the amount of time at each station by 10-15 minutes. This allows Tribes to work at their own pace and enjoy some of the optional activities we have included!

TIME	<b>3-Day Soaring Peaks VBS Schedule 2025</b>			
9:30-10:00	Arrival and Registration			
10:00-10:30	<b>Bible BaseCamp</b>			
	<b>Pandas</b>	<b>Snow Leopards</b>	<b>Monkeys</b>	<b>Pangolins</b>
10:30-11:00	Craft	Music	Recreation	Reflection
11:00-11:30	Science	Craft	Cooking	Recreation
11:30-11:45	<b>MORNING SNACK (15 Minutes)</b>			
11:45-12:15	Reflection	Science	Craft	Cooking
11:45-12:15	Recreation	Reflection	Science	Craft
12:15-1:00	<b>Bible BaseCamp and LUNCH (45 Minutes)</b>			
1:00-1:30	Cooking	Recreation	Music	Science
1:30-2:00	Music	Cooking	Reflection	Music
2:00-2:30	<b>Bible BaseCamp Closing Reflections and Prayers</b>			
2:30-3:00	<b>Camp Closes for the day. Volunteer Meeting.</b>			



# Flexible Formats

## One-Room or Backyard VBS

Stations are easy to create with folding tables or mats/blankets on the floor/grass. Even if there are only a few kids, it is still highly recommended to have at least 1 extra person on hand in addition to the Tribe Leaders to help with setting up each station between visits. Rotate as a group from one experience to the next, spending as much or little time at each activity as your group needs.

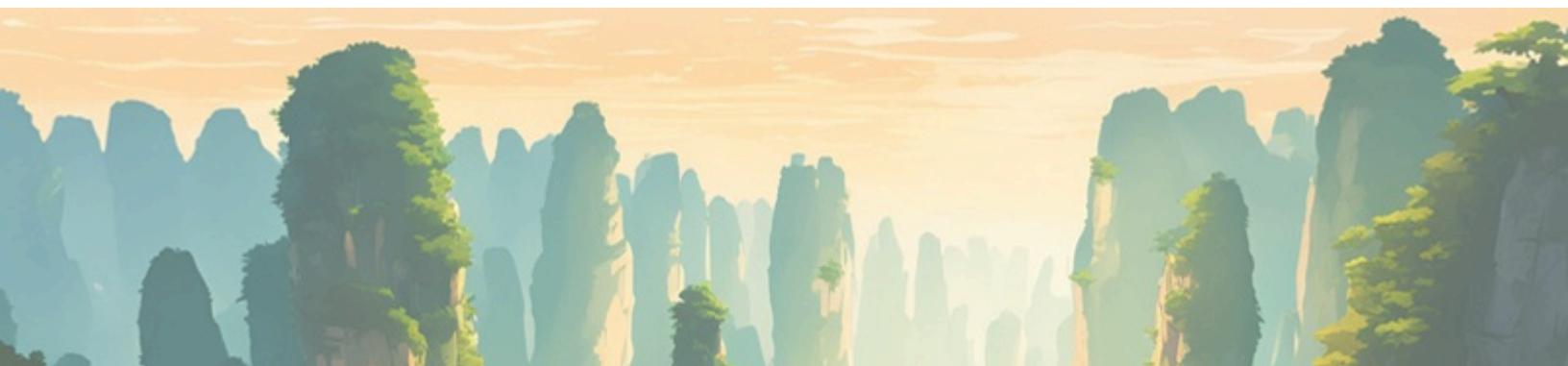
## Small Churches

We've got you! This VBS was written for a group of 20-40 students attending. **FUN FACT:** the first VBS that Ana-Genesis created was for 9 kids in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. The students are going to have a blast as they explore the world of the Hallelujah Mountains of China with the KínMín. Here are some tips to help you have a great VBS:

- Keep It Simple Saints! Work within the resources God has given. Set up as many or as few stations as you need for your group.
- Consider hosting your VBS:
  - on a weekend or consecutive Saturdays
  - after church on Sunday. This allows families to participate as a group and helpers are often more readily available on weekends.
  - It's totally possible to use this VBS as Curriculum for Student Ministry on Sundays! Simply adjust the number of stations for the length of time you have. For example, if your Student Ministry runs for 1 hour, choose 2 stations plus the Bible Basecamp (each station takes about 20 minutes)

## Larger Groups

Groups of up to 80 kids or more can host a KínMín VBS program! Just duplicate the stations as needed. It's a good idea to allow no more than 2 Tribes at each station (14 kids plus Leaders to help) at a time.





# BaseCamp 1

Say a short prayer at the beginning and end of each session

## 1.1 Bible BaseCamp: Matthew 13:3-9 The Sower and the Seed

Once upon a time, in a sunny little village in China, there was a kind farmer named Uncle Li. Uncle Li loved planting seeds and watching them grow. But he wasn't just any farmer—he also loved teaching the village children about God's love through the lessons he learned in the fields.

One bright morning, Uncle Li gathered the children around him. "Today," he said, "I'm going to plant seeds in my field. But as I work, I want you to watch and see what happens to the seeds. Each seed has a special lesson to teach us about growing in God's love."

The children nodded eagerly and followed Uncle Li as he began his work.

Uncle Li reached into his bag and scattered some seeds on the path near the field. The children saw birds swoop down almost immediately. "Chirp, chirp!" they sang as they gobbled up the seeds.

"Why did the seeds disappear so quickly?" asked a little boy named Xiaobo.

Uncle Li smiled. "These seeds remind us of people who hear about God's love but don't let it into their hearts. Just like the birds took the seeds, distractions or troubles can take away the chance to grow closer to God."

Next, Uncle Li tossed seeds onto some rocky ground. The children watched as tiny sprouts popped up almost overnight. But when the sun grew hotter, the little plants withered away.

"They couldn't survive!" said a girl named Mei Ling, frowning.

"That's right," said Uncle Li. "These seeds remind us of people who get excited about God's love but don't let it grow deep roots. Their faith struggles to stay strong when hard times come, just like these plants couldn't handle the sun."

Then Uncle Li scattered seeds into a patch of thorny weeds. The children gasped as they saw the sharp thorns grow bigger and choke the little plants.

"Oh no!" cried Lin Yue. "The plants didn't have a chance!"

Uncle Li nodded. "These seeds remind us of people who want to grow in God's love but let worries or wanting too many things get in the way. The thorns are like distractions that choke their faith."

Finally, Uncle Li walked to a soft, rich soil patch and scattered his seeds there. The children waited and watched. Day by day, little sprouts grew taller and stronger until they became golden stalks of grain.

The plants were healthy and full of seeds.

"Wow!" said Xiaobo. "These seeds did the best of all!"

"That's right," Uncle Li said. "These seeds remind us of people who hear about God's love, take it into their hearts, and live it out daily. Their faith strengthens and helps others, just like these plants will feed our village."

Uncle Li knelt down to look at the children. "Now, my friends, think about what soil you want to be. Will you let God's love grow deep roots in your heart? Will you clear away distractions and trust Him when life gets hard? If you do, you'll grow strong in His love and help others, too."

The children smiled and nodded. They wanted to be like the seeds in the good soil.

From that day on, whenever they saw a seed, they remembered to be the good soil on which God's love could grow.



# BaseCamp 2

Say a short prayer at the beginning and end of each session



## 2.1 Mark 4: 35:41 Jesus Calms the Storm

One sunny day, Jesus and His disciples stood by the shores of a big, beautiful lake. Jesus had spent all day teaching the people about God's love, and now it was time to rest.

"Let's cross to the other side of the lake," Jesus said, stepping into a small, sturdy fishing boat that belonged to Zebedee, James and John's dad.

The disciples nodded. "A great idea, Teacher!" they agreed. Everyone climbed aboard, ready for a peaceful ride across the water.

As the boat drifted away from the shore, the gentle waves splashed against its sides. Jesus, feeling very tired, found a cozy spot at the back of the boat, rested His head on a cushion, and soon fell asleep.

The disciples smiled. "He's worked so hard today," whispered Peter.

But as they sailed, the sky began to change. Dark clouds rolled in, and the wind started to howl.

"Uh-oh," said John, holding onto the boat.

The waves grew taller and taller, crashing against the sides of the boat and spilling water inside. The boat rocked wildly, tipping this way and that.

"We're going to sink!" cried Andrew, scooping water out with his hands.

The disciples were scared. The storm was so strong that they thought they might drown. But as they panicked, they saw something amazing.

In the middle of the storm, Jesus was still fast asleep!

"Teacher!" shouted Peter, shaking Him gently. "Wake up! Don't you care that we're about to sink?"

Jesus opened His eyes. He looked at the stormy sky, the wild waves, and His frightened friends. Then He stood up, stretched out His arms, and said, "Quiet! Be still!"

Right away, the wind stopped howling, the waves calmed down, the boat stopped rocking, and the lake became smooth as glass.

The disciples couldn't believe their eyes.

Jesus turned to His friends and asked gently, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you trust Me?"

The disciples were quiet for a moment. Then they whispered to each other, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

They realized Jesus wasn't just an ordinary teacher—He was someone very special. Jesus had power over the storm!

As the boat glided peacefully to the other side of the lake, the disciples felt overwhelmed with awe and wonder. They learned that no matter how big or scary a storm might be, Jesus is always with them.

And that's something we can remember too! Whether we're scared, worried, or feeling alone, Jesus is always there to calm the storm in our hearts and remind us to trust Him.



# BaseCamp 3

Say a short prayer at the beginning and end of each session

## Session 3: Luke 9:39-45 Jesus on the Mountain

Luke 9:28-36 – The Transfiguration (Expanded for Children)

One day, Jesus told three of His disciples—Peter, James, and John—to come with Him up a high mountain. They didn't know why Jesus wanted to climb the mountain, but they followed Him. It was a long and tiring walk, and by the time they reached the top, they were feeling very sleepy. But while they were up there, something amazing happened!

As Jesus was praying, His face suddenly changed. It became bright, shining like the sun. Even His clothes turned dazzling white, glowing as bright as a flash of lightning. The disciples had never seen anything like this before!

Then, something even more surprising happened—two men appeared and started talking with Jesus. These were not just any men. They were Moses and Elijah—two of the greatest leaders from long ago!

- Moses was the man God had used to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and had given them the Ten Commandments.
- Elijah was a powerful prophet who had done many miracles and helped people follow God.

Now, here they were, standing with Jesus, talking to Him about what was going to happen soon in Jerusalem—His death on the cross and His resurrection.

Peter, James, and John were still very sleepy, but when they saw Jesus shining in glory and talking with Moses and Elijah, they were wide awake! They didn't know what to say or do, but Peter felt like he had to say something. So, he blurted out, "Master, this is wonderful! Let's build three shelters—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter wanted to stay in that special moment forever. He didn't understand that Jesus couldn't stay on the mountain—He had to go back down to finish His mission.

Just then, a bright cloud came and covered them. The disciples were terrified! Then, from inside the cloud, they heard a voice—a deep, powerful, yet loving voice.

It was God's voice, and He said:

"This is My Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to Him."

The disciples had already believed in Jesus, but now, God Himself was telling them who Jesus really was—not just a great teacher or prophet, but God's own Son.

Then, as suddenly as it had started, it was over. The cloud disappeared, Moses and Elijah were gone, and only Jesus was standing there.

Peter, James, and John were left standing in silence. They were amazed and overwhelmed by what they had just seen and heard. They didn't talk about it right away, but deep in their hearts, they knew that Jesus was more than just a leader—He was the Son of God, full of glory and power.

As they walked back down the mountain, they didn't fully understand everything they had seen, but later, after Jesus died and rose again, they remembered this moment. It was a reminder that Jesus is truly the Light of the World, and we should always listen to Him.



# Reflection Connection 1

After reading the story use your Reflection Connection Activity books to engage with students about the Bible story today

## 1.2 Reflection Connection: Jia Finds Joy (Matthew 13:3-9)

Deep in the lush, green forest of China, a panda named Jia munched on her favorite food—bamboo. She munched and crunched from sunrise to sunset. But lately, Jia had been feeling unhappy. "Is this all I ever do?" she sighed one day, staring at a lush stalk of bamboo. "Eat and eat and eat. I don't have any other skills besides eating and climbing trees. I don't feel very special." As Jia plopped down in the shade, her big panda belly full, a friendly voice called out from the nearby stream. "Why the long face, Jia?" Jia turned to see Lu-Kai, the wise Giant Chinese Salamander, peering at her from the other side of the stream. His gentle eyes sparkled as he climbed onto a rock. "Oh, Lu-Kai," Jia said, resting her chin on her paw. "All I ever do is eat. Other animals run fast, fly high, or build amazing things. But me? I just munch bamboo all day. What good is that?" Lu-Kai chuckled. "Oh, Jia, don't you know? What you do is very important!" Jia tilted her head. "It is?" "Yes!" Lu-Kai exclaimed. "Let me tell you something wonderful. Do you see all the trees and plants around us?" Jia nodded, her black-and-white ears twitching. "Well, your droppings—yes, your poop—are full of seeds from the bamboo you eat. When you roll on the forest floor, your fur picks up seeds too! As you walk and climb from place to place the seeds fall off your fur or are deposited by droppings. Those seeds help grow new plants and keep the forest alive and healthy!" Jia's eyes widened. "Really? My poop does all that?" "Absolutely," Lu-Kai chuckled. "And that's not all. If you didn't munch on bamboo, it would take over the forest. Your eating helps keep everything in balance. Think of all the animal friends we have - clouded Leopards, Red Pandas, Takins, Golden Snub-nosed Monkeys and Flying Squirrels. They all need the forest as a place to live."

BaiXin, the Jiangtun Freshwater Porpoise and I, need clean water to swim in - the bamboo stops the soil from washing away and helps keep the rivers and streams clean." Jia's tail swished as she thought about this.

"But how can something so ordinary—like eating, rolling, and pooping—be so important?" she asked.

Lu-Kai smiled kindly. "Let me share something from the Bible," he said. "In John 15:9-11, Jesus reminds us that when we live in His love and do what we're made to do, our joy will be full. You see, Jia, you're doing exactly what God created you to do. And that makes you special!"

Jia felt her heart lift. She thought about the forest, the trees, the animals that called it home, and how she played a part in it all.

You mean... I'm helping the forest grow just by being me?" she asked.

"Exactly," Lu-Kai said. "Never doubt that your role is important, no matter how simple it seems. You bring joy to the forest, Jia, and that's something to celebrate. You see, happiness isn't the same as joy. Happiness depends on external things, joy is a spiritual gift that comes from the inside. I understand that you weren't feeling happy this morning, but it's important to hold on to the Joy that Jesus gives no matter what. Jesus loves you and made you just the way you are Jia."

Jia smiled, her furry black and white face brimming with joy. She stood up, ready to munch on bamboo with fresh excitement.

"Thank you, Lu-Kai," she said. "I guess eating, rolling, climbing and pooping really are my best talents!"

Lu-Kai laughed as he slid back into the stream. "And the forest wouldn't have it any other way!"

From that day on, Jia munched bamboo happily and rolled in the leaves with a big smile on her furry face, knowing her simple actions made a big difference. And deep in her heart, she carried the JOY of being exactly who God made her to be.



## Reflection Connection 2

After reading the story use your Reflection Connection Activity books to engage with students about the Bible story today

### 2.2 Reflection Connection Story: Daiyu's Peace in the Storm

Young Daiyu, the clouded leopard cub, loved to explore his home in the Hallelujah Mountains of China. His soft, spotted fur blended with the misty rocks as he chased after butterflies, imagining himself as the bravest hunter in the peaks. But one day, the weather took a turn he wasn't prepared for. The sky darkened quickly, and the winds howled as dark clouds gathered overhead. "I should go back to the den," Daiyu thought, but as the rain began to fall in torrents, every path turned into rushing streams. The once-trustworthy paths now swirled with powerful water. "I need to get home!" Daiyu called out, but the water swept him off his feet, pulling him downstream toward the mighty Yangtze River. The roaring water thundered like a great beast, and Daiyu was afraid. "I can't swim against it," he thought, his paws flailing. "I'll be lost forever." His heart raced, and he thought, Just like the storm, I feel helpless... But just as he was about to give up, a flash of golden fur appeared ahead. It was a small Golden Snub-nosed monkey perched on a bamboo branch, watching him with wide eyes. "Grab my hand!" called the monkey. With a final desperate push, Daiyu stretched out and grabbed LiHua's tiny hand. With a swift tug, LiHua pulled him safely onto the muddy bank. "Thank you, LiHua!" Daiyu gasped, feeling the trembling fear in his chest. "You're safe now," LiHua said, smiling. "But we still need to find your way home. The river's flood is too dangerous, and the storm is still raging. We'll have to go through the bamboo forest." Daiyu followed LiHua into the forest, feeling uncertain and anxious. The bamboo stalks swayed and creaked as the wind blew fiercely through them. The storm was still loud in his ears, and for a moment, Daiyu felt like the world was crashing around him. "I don't know if I can make it," he whispered, his fear rising again.

LiHua stopped and looked at him with gentle eyes. "Daiyu, remember, the storm may feel big and scary, but you don't face it alone. Trust that we can make it through together. Even in the darkest, wildest storms, there is always a way through."

"But the water..." Daiyu began.

"Like the disciples on the boat with Jesus," LiHua said softly, "they feared the storm, but Jesus calmed the winds. In the same way, we can trust that we are never alone, even when the storm feels overwhelming." Daiyu thought about that, remembering the stories he had heard of Jesus calming the storm. He took a deep breath and nodded. "Okay. I trust you."

With newfound courage, Daiyu followed LiHua as she skillfully leaped from bamboo to bamboo, scouting ahead. "Stay close," LiHua said, "and remember, the storm will not last forever."

As the storm began to subside, the bamboo forest glistened with rain. The path ahead grew clearer, and soon, they reached the top of a hill. From the distance, Daiyu heard his family's comforting growls and purrs.

"Daiyu!" his mother cried out, rushing toward him. His siblings bounded over, purring and nuzzling him, thrilled to see him safe. Daiyu turned to thank LiHua, but the little monkey was already climbing a bamboo stalk. "You're home now," LiHua said with a wink, "and you've learned that no storm lasts forever. Even when things feel too big or scary, trust you'll be okay."

"Thank you, LiHua," Daiyu said softly. "I'll remember that, even in the biggest storms, I don't face them alone. God is always with us."

And so, with his family around him, Daiyu walked safely home, no longer afraid of the storm that had once seemed so overwhelming.



## Reflection Connection 3

This is "Yúzé" (玉泽). Generally, his name translates to "goodness, kindness," and denotes wisdom. It is pronounced "YOO-ZUH"

After reading the story use your Reflection Connection Activity books to engage with students about the Bible story today

### Reflection Connection: Pangoleo & Yúzé's Mountain Song

In the heart of the mystical Hallelujah Mountains, where the columns rose into the air in a breathtaking display of God's handiwork, two best friends, Pangoleo the pangolin and Bulah, the hyrax, were climbing their favorite trail. The mountains were known for their beauty, but on that cool wintery morning a blanket of clouded covered the striking landscape just in time for Lunar New Year. Everything looked fresh and renewed. There was a feeling in the air that something special would happen today. As Pangoleo scrambled over the rocks, and Bulah hopped nimbly up the path, strange sound floated through the air.

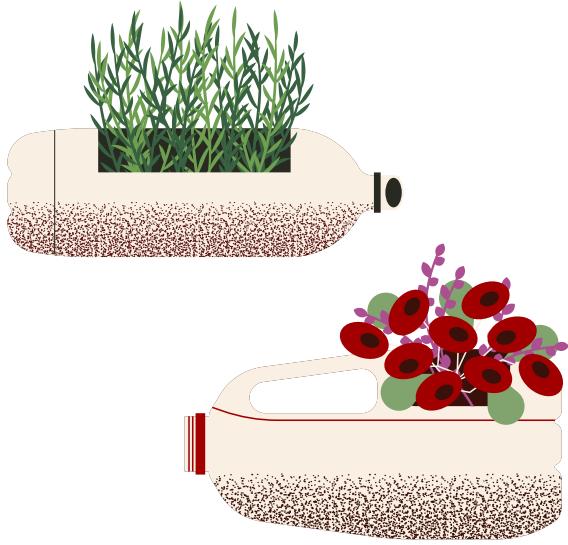
Tap-tap-clack! Tap-tap-clack! "What is that?" Pangoleo asked, his scales shimmering in the sunlight. "I don't know, but it sounds like... music!" Bulah exclaimed, his little ears twitching. The two friends looked at each other, their eyes wide with excitement. They hurried up the mountain, following the sound that seemed to grow louder with each step. When they reached a large clearing, they saw something amazing.

At the top of a grassy hill, Yúzé, the white-crested gibbon, was sitting on a rock, clapping rhythmically with bamboo pieces in his hands. His long arms moved gracefully as he made the bamboo pieces click together, creating a beautiful, melodic beat. Beside him stood LiHua, a Golden Snub-nosed Monkey, blowing into bamboo tubes that sounded like a sweet flute. Pangoleo and Bulah were so amazed that they couldn't help but smile. "Wow! You guys are making music!" Pangoleo said, his tail swishing with excitement.

Yúzé grinned and clapped even harder. "It's the music of the mountains! Come join us!" he called. As the rhythm echoed through the mountains, something magical began to happen. The sounds spread far and wide, reaching the ears of their friends below. Daiyu, the clouded leopard, leapt up behind a rock, her silvery fur catching the sunlight. Jia, the giant panda, waddled over with a joyful grin, and Lu-Kai, the Chinese Giant Salamander, crawled up the mountain and stood on his hind legs with a curious look in his eyes. Together, they all joined in the music, clapping their hands, tapping their paws, and stomping their feet to the rhythm of the bamboo. The sound of their worship filled the air like a joyful song, rising high into the skies. As the group played, the mountains seemed to come alive. The hills below began to break forth in birdsong, and the bamboo trees swayed gently in the breeze, making a soft clapping sound as though they were praising too. From the village below, the villagers heard the incredible music. It was like the whole mountain was singing praises to the Lord. Pangoleo looked around at his friends, his heart swelling with happiness. He knew this was a moment to remember—when the mountains, the hills, and even the bamboo joined together to praise the Lord. Just like Isaiah 55:12 says, "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

And so, as the sun set behind the soaring peaks of the Hallelujah Mountains, the friends continued their song, lifting their voices to the heavens, celebrating the New Year and the goodness of their Creator.

# Milk Jug Garden



EARTH SCIENCE      PHYSICS      ENGINEERING

**PREP: 15 MINUTES;**  
**TEACH: 15-20 Minutes**

## Materials For The Experiment

- 1/2 Gallon Milk Jug or similar plastic bottle
- Potting soil or dirt
- 2 cups of water
- grass, leaves and twigs
- an empty pan to catch the water
- Seeds for catnip, small herbs or small flowers

### Steps

1. Cut openings in each bottle and fill them with soil or dirt. Remove the lid.
2. In one bottle add a layer of tiny broken twigs, small leaves and dry grass.
3. Place the jug in the pan and tilt it with the opening lower than the back. SLOWLY pour 1/2 cup of water in each
4. Observe the difference. Did the twigs, leaves and grass block the hole and prevent soil from leaving?
5. Repeat STEP 3 but pour the water FAST. What is the difference?

Add seeds to the moistened soil and place both jugs in a sunny place. Once the seeds have sprouted, water each mini garden according to the directions on the seed packet. This makes a great take-home item for students.

### Teaching Point:

Ask the audience: If I fill this jug with water what will happen to the soil?

### During the Experiment:

Soil erosion occurs when the topmost layer of earth is exposed to the wind and rain. As water and wind connect with the bare soil, the richest part is washed or blown away. Trees, shrubs and grass play a vital role in preventing soil erosion and maintaining high levels of precious nutrients so that everything in the ecosystem can flourish. In our story today Jia, the little Panda, thought that she wasn't very important but biodiversity, that means all the unique things in an ecosystem, was created by God and everything matters.

### Keep Learning!

Can the students keep their gardens alive long enough to produce flowers or edibles? Share the results over the coming weeks.

# Storm Basin



ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE | PHYSICS. | ENGINEERING  
PREP: 15 MINUTES;  
TEACH: 15-20 Minutes

## Materials For The Experiment

- sheets of colored paper
- Large basin filled about 1/3 with water
- Hair Dryer (with different speed settings)

### Steps

1. Hand out sheets of colored paper to students.
2. Have the kids fold the paper into boat shapes. Some might know how to make an origami boat while others might just crumple the paper (as shown). Let them use their own creativity it will produce more interesting results.
3. Place all the boats in the basin of water and see which designs float
4. Using a hair dryer on the lowest setting, gently cause small waves. Which boats still float?
5. Increase the speed of the wind and get closer to the boats. What happens?



### Teaching Point:

Ask the audience: If I blow air on the water, will the boats turn over or will they float?

### During the Experiment:

The fishing boat that Jesus and the apostles were on was in danger of capsizing. The waves and wind were too strong. Using this hair dryer at different speeds we can see that the amount of wind makes a difference. They needed some wind to sail the boat but too much could cause a terrible accident and maybe people would drown. In our story today Jesus showed that he is the Lord of all Creation - even the winds and waves obeyed

### Keep Learning!

Can the students design a paper boat that can withstand a lot of wind. Let them practice making different kinds of boats during free-play time.

# Bamboo Flutes

PHYSICS | ENGINEERING

PREP: 5 MINUTES;

TEACH: 15-20 Minutes

## Materials For The Experiment

- bamboo straws
- brown paper tape & a little water to moisten it
- strong scissors
- Optional\* a bamboo flute, Sheng or other instruments made of bamboo



### Steps

1. Hand out 5-6 bamboo straws per student
2. Have the students carefully cut the straws in different lengths
3. Place the straws on a flat surface organizing them from the longest to the shortest
4. Cut the strong brown paper tape long enough to wrap around all the straws
5. Moisten the tape and stick the straws together firmly. While it is drying, share the teaching points.
6. In a few minutes the flutes are ready to play! Try making different sounds.



### Teaching Point:

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### During the Experiment:

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### Keep Learning!

Have students think about other instruments that can be made from bamboo. Offer them a chance to make designs for instruments and bring them to church to share

# Panda Cupcakes



CULTURE | COOKING

PREP: 5 MINUTES;

TEACH: 15 Minutes

## Ingredients & Materials

- ▶ Oreo Cookies
- ▶ Chocolate Cupcakes with white icing
- ▶ Small Plates
- ▶ Optional \*purchased decorations for younger kids, sprinkles, icing "eyes".

## Steps

1. Hand out a paper plate to each student
2. Let each student choose 2 mini Oreo cookies and some broken pieces
3. Hand out cupcakes and decorations
4. Let the kids have fun decorating their Panda Cupcakes! The best part is they can eat them!



## Teaching Point:

Do you know about Pandas? They are really cute and very important. They are also an endangered species.

## During the Cooking:

Jesus is the Lord of all Creation and we can make a big difference in the world, especially for endangered species. Did you know that the small actions that we take from day to day make a difference? We can choose little things like recycling. Can you share some things that you think can be recycled instead of going into a landfill? What else can we do to help?

# Rice Animals

CULTURE | COOKING

**PREP: 5 MINUTES;  
TEACH: 15 Minutes**

## Ingredients & Materials

- Sticky Rice
- Small Plates and Bowls
- Rice Molds
- Sesame seeds (black and normal), tiny veggie bits such as carrot, red pepper, seaweed for decorations

### Steps

- 1 Prepare small bowls with sesame seeds, seaweed pieces, and tiny vegetable pieces
2. Hand out a paper plate to each student
3. Let each student choose a mold to use or shape the rice with their hands (remember to wash first!)
4. Let the kids have fun making and decorating their rice animals. The most fun might be eating them!



### Teaching Point:

Today we learned about Jesus calming a storm at sea. The people were very scared but Jesus was there to rescue them. He cares deeply about all the animals, the fish and people.

### During the Cooking:

Several of the Apostles were fishermen and their fathers had boats. Have you ever been on a boat? What was it like? Have you ever been to a fish market? What are some of your favorite sea creatures? Can you make one from rice?

# Bamboo Mandu



CULTURE | COOKING

PREP: 45 MINUTES;  
TEACH: 15 Minutes

## Ingredients & Materials

- Dumpling/Gyoza/Mandu Wrappers (round)
- Filling: Stir fried bamboo shoots and veggies divided into bowls
- Water and rice starch
- Optional \*purchased dumpling maker

## Steps

- 1 Hand out a paper plate, wrappers and filling to to each student
2. \*Optional: hand out dumpling molds/makers to younger students
3. Teach how to make Mandu/Gyoza/Dumplings using the instructions
4. Enjoy!

## Method



1. Place a small amount of filling in the center of a wrapper.



2. Use a little water to moisten the edges of the wrapper



3. Carefully pleat the wrapper as you close it.

4. Steam, fry or boil and enjoy!

# Crafts Day 1



CULTURE | CRAFTING

PREP: 15 MINUTES;  
TEACH: 20 Minutes

## Materials

- Premade Wooden fans
- Color copies of the Faith Fans in the Appendix
- Clear self-adhesive vinyl. \*Option: glitter, beads etc.
- Glue and Scissors

## Steps

- In advance: cut the vinyl into 7" squares and make copies of the fans.
- Hand out a wooden fan and two 7" pieces of vinyl to each student
- \*Optional: hand out Glitter, beads etc
- Let students choose a paper design
- Cut out the design and glue it on both sides. Once dry, cover both sides with vinyl and trim
- Decorate with beads, glitter stickers, paint etc.



# Crafts Day 2

CULTURE | CRAFTING

PREP: 5 MINUTES;  
TEACH: 20 Minutes



## Materials

- DIY 4" or 6" Paper Lanterns
- Copies of the Bible Trivia Scrolls in the Appendix
- Ribbon or string
- Glue and Scissors, hole punch

## Steps

- In advance: print the Scrolls in the Appendix
- Hand a printout to each student
- Let them think about the Bible stories and come up with questions for others
- Write the answer upside down on the same scroll
- Cut out the design and punch a hole at the top. Tie a string to the scroll
- Assemble the lantern. Tie the scroll to the lantern. Enjoy playing a Trivia Game!

Which kind of bird appeared when Jesus was baptized?

Answer: A dove

# Crafts Day 3



CULTURE | CRAFTING

**PREP: 5 MINUTES;  
TEACH: 20 Minutes**

## Materials

- One Corn PLA cup with lid per student
- Copies of the Hallelujah Plum Trees in the Appendix
- Reclaimed paper “snow” from hole punch or purchased
- Glue and Scissors

## Steps

- In advance: print the Scrolls in the Appendix
- Hand a printout to each student
- Let them think about the Bible stories and come up with questions for others
- Write the answer upside down on the same scroll
- Cut out the design and punch a hole at the top. Tie a string to the scroll
- Assemble the lantern. Tie the scroll to the lantern. Enjoy playing a Trivia Game!

# Recreation 1

## Day 1: Joyful Journey Obstacle Course Relay Race

**Set up time:** 10 minutes

**Materials:** chairs, pylons, skipping ropes, bean bags, 2 hula hoops

**Prep:** set up chairs and pylons far enough apart for kids to safely run around. At the start of each course set up a skipping rope. At the end, set up a hula hoop. Place bean bags on the last chair

### Game Play

Divide students into 2 teams. Small teams are great because the game goes faster and there is less standing around for the students.

**Start:** Jump rope 4 times then run around the pylons/chairs. At the last chair toss the bean bags (placed there in set up) into the the hoop. Gather the bean bags and place them back on the chair and run back. (Keep track of the count incase if a tie) Tag the next person.

The team that finishes first wins. Give them a chance to win 3 out of 5 turns. If there is a tie when the time is up, use the bean bag count to determine a winner.



# Recreation 2

## Day 2: Jesus Said - A Wave Game

**Set up time: 1-2 minutes**

**Choose a few actions that are in the**

### **Game Play**

This is a version of Simon Says. Choose a few actions from the story to use for the game. Keep it simple, Examples are: Peace Be Still, Waves, Sleep, Rocking the Boat, Row the boat, etc. Demonstrate these actions a few times. Add some simple movements to the list. Teach the kids the instructions:

1. The Station Leader is "Simon"
2. Simon stands in front of the group and gives instructions
3. Players follow the instructions if they start with "Jesus Said"
4. Players who do not follow instructions are out until the next round



# Recreation 3

## Day 3: Bible Trivia Lantern Riddles

**Set up time:** 15 minutes

**Materials:** You will need the small lanterns from the previous crafts and a few extras. Also some tape or coat hangers

**Prep:** Hang the lanterns on the wall or on hangers from the frame of an open door.

### Game Play

This is a version of the centuries-old traditional Lantern Riddles game traditionally found in streets of Asia during Lunar New Year.

1. Let the kids take turns guessing the answers to the questions. The person with the most correct answers wins.
2. Optional: Have some small prize available for winners and consolation prizes. Play a few times to give students a chance to play



# Music & Motion

Music is such an important and uplifting way for kids to express their love for Jesus, get moving, and celebrate their faith in a joyful community! "Soaring Peaks: Rejoice in Jesus" features four brand new, Christ-centered songs crafted just for this exciting program:

- **Joy and Peace** is an upbeat, K-Pop-inspired celebration of the joy and peace that come from knowing Jesus.
- **Made By You** serves as a warm reminder that each child is fearfully and wonderfully created by God, with a special purpose.
- **Imago Dei** is an empowering anthem that highlights how every child is made in God's image, shining with His love and beauty.
- **Safe In You** draws inspiration from Mark 4:35-41, guiding kids to see Jesus as their ultimate source of safety and the one who calms life's storms.

You can find all four songs on the Ana-Genesis website at [www.ana-genesis.org/soaring\\_peaks\\_vbs](http://www.ana-genesis.org/soaring_peaks_vbs).

They're designed to be engaging and easy for kids to join in—no professional musicians required! With simple motions and joyful repetition, kids can dive into worship, expressing their hearts and voices as they celebrate Jesus together.

We encourage churches to make Music & Motion personal! Feel free to swap out songs or add in some beloved worship tunes from your own congregation, creating a setting that feels just right for your group. Whether you choose to stick with the Ana-Genesis songs or mix in some familiar favorites, the goal is the same: to inspire kids to praise Jesus with joy, confidence, and unwavering trust. Let's embark on this musical journey together and watch as hearts are lifted in worship!



# Final Thoughts

As your team brings Soaring Peaks to a close, take a moment to reflect on the key Scripture passages that have illuminated the journey together:

Matthew 13:3-9

Mark 4:35-41

Luke 9:28-36

Each verse was purposefully selected to help our children discover that true joy, peace, courage, and purpose are found in Jesus. Encourage them to think back on what they've learned, what inspired them, and how they felt Jesus' presence throughout the week.

Remember, Vacation Bible School is just the beginning of a beautiful adventure in discipleship! One of the greatest gifts we can offer our children is the opportunity to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

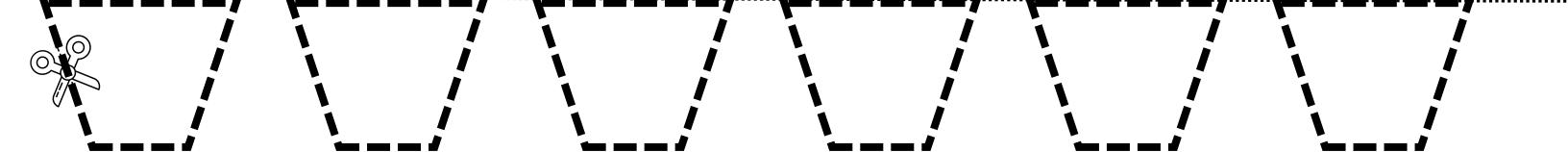
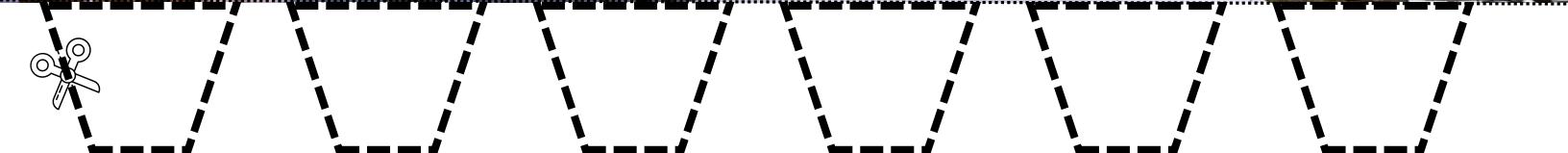
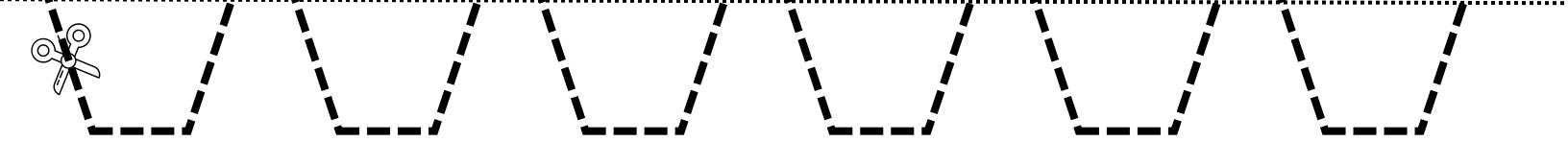
This nurturing happens through simple yet powerful practices: praying together, reading Scripture, worshiping as a family, inviting questions, and showing what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. Children learn best when they see faith lived out in beautiful, consistent, and loving ways.

The team at Ana-Genesis is truly grateful for your service to the Kingdom of God and helping the Lord family grow.



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