



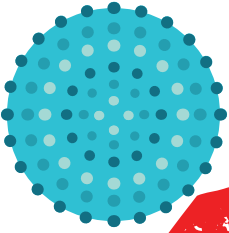
PROMISE VBS



WHERE THE PATH LEADS TO JESUS

DIRECTOR MANUAL

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HOP ON OVER TO VBS!

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DECORATING YOUR BUILDING

ARE YOU READY FOR AN AMAZING TIME AT VBS?

First of all, don't panic! Decorating a building for VBS is a chore that leaves many wondering, *Is VBS really worth it?* Yes, VBS is definitely worth all your effort! Decorating your building does not have to be a daunting task. It can be fun, and a little effort can go a long way in turning your building into an instant visual aid. Because of manpower, cost, and conflicts with other uses of facilities, many congregations choose to do little or no decorating. Never fear! You can still implement a successful VBS without doing a lot of decorating. Conversely, some congregations even go all out in turning their building into an eye-popping attraction. Go simple or over-the-top as you turn your building into an Australian hiking outpost. The choice is yours!



Welcome your bushwalkers with a hearty G'Day, Mates. Be sure to hang the *G'Day, Mates!* poster from the **Aussie Theme Posters** where they will see it first when they enter your facility. If you have a large area where your students can meet together at the beginning of each VBS session, we suggest that you turn it into the **Turnabout Pointe Outpost**. The directional signs from the **Turnabout Pointe Sign Assortment** will point the way to *Turnabout Pointe Outpost* (auditorium) and *Turnabout Pointe* (classrooms).



• **The Turnabout Pointe Skit Book** is always, if it is convenient for you, we suggest that you bring your students together at the beginning of the VBS session. This provides a wonderful opportunity to sing songs, make announcements, and ease the younger children into the VBS environment.

If you have chosen to perform the **Turnabout Pointe Skit Book**, more detailed information is included on how the skits should be decorated. During the skits, your students will be introduced to the hiking guide and owner of Turnabout Pointe Outpost, Oliver Forrest, as well as a young, carefree thru-hiker wannabe, Jasper Newman, who is visiting Australia for the first time. Students will spend a few days at the Outpost training for the trek that awaits them in the Land Down Under. They will learn the importance of building a relationship with Jesus, preparing themselves for the life-changing encounter that only He can provide.

Setting the stage is an important part of the Turnabout Pointe skits. In reality, the entire room is part of the stage since the students are preparing each other for an Outback trek that begins at the Outpost. The front stage area is where the major action takes place; however, it should be made to look as if it is a hiking outpost or outdoor supply store. You could use the **Outback Backdrop** and the **3D Campfire Standup** to make it feel as if they are in the bush. Hang the **Down Under Caution Signs** to remind your bushwalkers to be careful of the local wildlife, and the **Boomerang Cutouts** will lend a decorative touch to your outpost. As always, you may choose to decorate as simply or elaborately as you wish.



How elaborate you choose to decorate the rest of the room is up to you. For those who want to go all out, use the *Sandy Tarp* instructions from the **Aussie CD** to simulate the look of a path through the bush. You can make fake boulders out of cardboard boxes and paper mache. If you're blessed with a strong creative team of volunteers, they could use brown paper and green tissue paper to create a grove of gum or eucalyptus trees where you can display the individual images of the Aussie animals from **Turnabout Pointe** (found in the **Aussie Theme Posters** Packet). Even if you don't wish to transform your building, the skits can still be performed effectively with little decoration.



OVERVIEW OF



During this VBS, your students will be studying five encounters that Jesus had with people during His ministry. Each encounter ends with someone's life altered simply because they met Jesus. The five lessons focus on:

Lesson One:

Hike: Helpless to Hopeful

Bible Text: John 5:1-9

Jesus Meets a Man by a Pool

Lesson Three:

Soar: Selfish to Selfless

Bible Text: Luke 10

Jesus Meets Zacchaeus at a Tree

Lesson Two:

Trek: Terrified to Trusting

Bible Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus Meets Peter on the Water

Lesson Four:

Climb: Cringing to Confident

Bible Text: John 11:17

Jesus Meets Peter on the Seashore

Lesson Five:

Rise: Rebellious to Reconciled

Bible Text: Acts 9

Jesus Meets Saul on the Road to Damascus

Lessons are designed to give the teacher all the necessary material, illustrations, Scriptures, and activities without stifling creativity or teaching ability. In the younger age levels, provisions have been made for appropriate language and skill abilities. The lesson plans for these ages have been prepared with the purpose of conveying age-appropriate language. This will enable even the most inexperienced teacher to effectively teach the lessons.

Each lesson for all age groups is broken down into "blocks." The purpose of the block system of teaching is to ensure versatility in lesson planning. Each learning block has been created for a specific purpose. Some learning blocks contain instruction, while others contain application and reinforcement techniques as well as activity-based learning. The block system allows teachers to comfortably plan their lessons.

Turnabout Point defines a relevant message with a creative presentation. It is instructional, fun, and easy-to-use. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful, effective, and exciting time of year. With this lesson series, your students will leave with a newfound purpose for their lives and will leave with a call for action to live their lives to glorify God. So pull on your hiking boots, load up your backpack, and ascend new heights with an amazing VBS adventure!

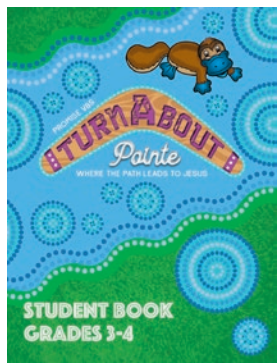
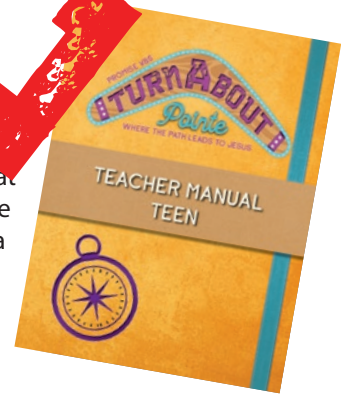
Each lesson is written to provide information in an age-appropriate manner, and the topic of discussion becomes more complex as it progresses through the age levels. An overview of each lesson follows.



Many items are available in this series to help you implement a successful Vacation Bible School. Each item has been carefully planned and designed to enhance the VBS experience. However, this series has been structured so that you can choose which items are best for your congregation. Consider your congregation's needs as you choose from the available items below.

TEACHER MANUALS

The **Teacher Manuals** are designed to give teachers of all levels of skill and experience the opportunity to present a dynamic lesson with minimal preparation time. The manuals are written in such a way that any teacher can present a proper and memorable lesson without stifling their creativity. They can also be adapted to fit any teaching style. There is enough material within the **Teacher Manuals** to present a lesson that can last an hour or more, depending on the teacher and his or her style. The lessons can also easily be shortened to fit each teacher's individual needs. A quick look at the manuals will prove that they can provide both teacher and student with an enjoyable learning experience.



STUDENT BOOKS/TRAVEL LOG

Each student should be supplied with a **Student Book**, also known as a **Travel Log**. Filled with study thoughts, exercises, puzzles, and activities, the **Travel Logs** are designed to enhance each student's VBS experience as they jump into the fun and learning. The colorful books are filled with word searches, illustrations, an account of each Bible story, question and answer sections, and activities that will become a part of the learning process. **Student Books** for pre-school age students are full of relevant age-appropriate activities, including add-on figures and crafting pages.

VISUAL AIDS

Visual Aids are available for each grade level class. The **Teacher Manuals** contain instructions on how to use each **Visual Aid** provided. In most instances, the **Visual Aids** play an important role in the reinforcement activities of the class. For the younger classes, the **Visual Aid** packet contains a **Story Time Bible Book**. The **Story Time Bible Book** is a picture book that contains illustrations that coincide with the scriptures of the stories in the **Teacher Manuals**.

