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TURN AROUND Primer SMIT BOOK

WHERE THE PATH LEADS TO JESUS

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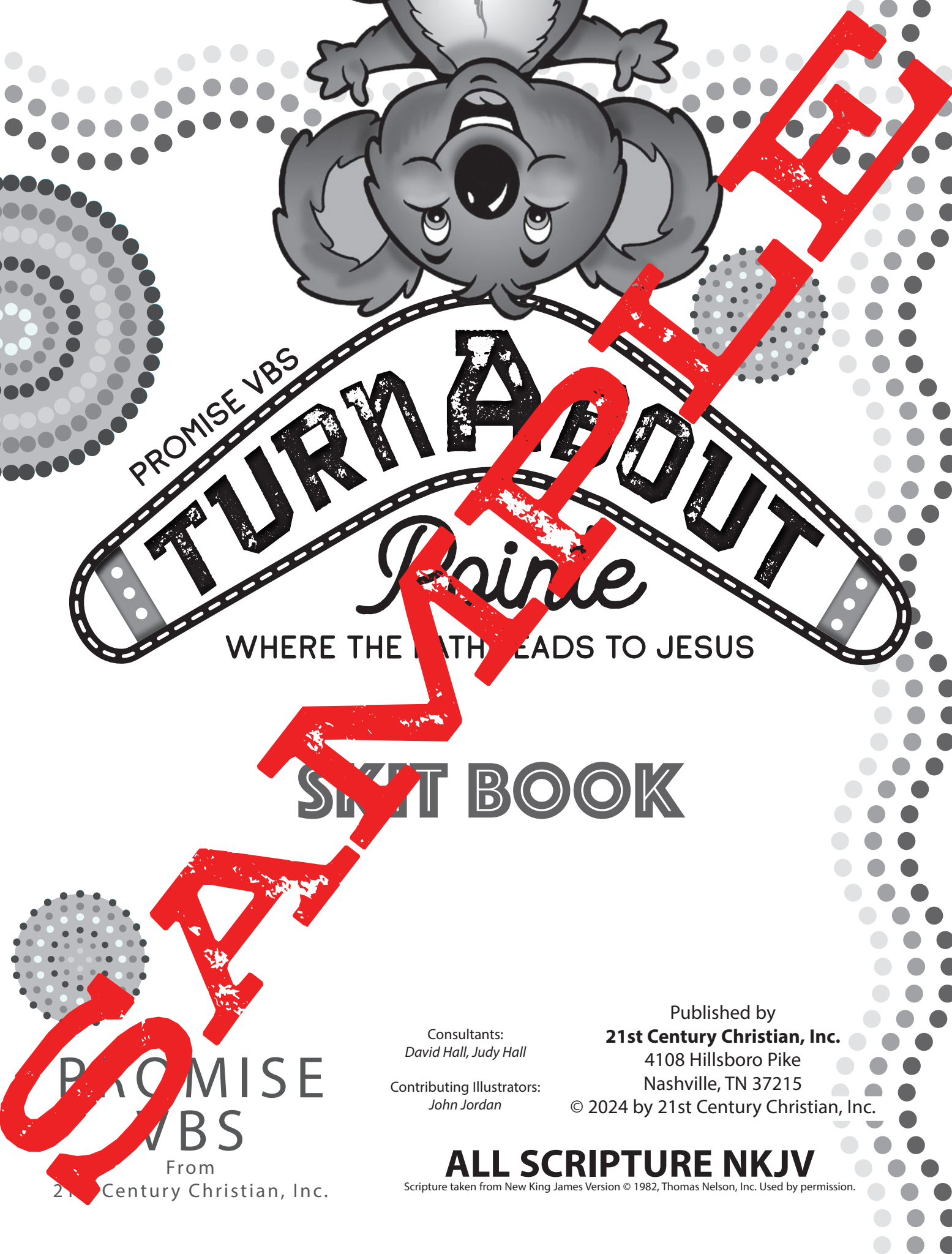
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TURNABOUT SKIT BOOK OVERVIEW

G'day, mates! Welcome to Turnabout Pointe! During this VBS series, your students will have a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Second Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." Jesus meets us where we are and, if we let Him, He can transform us into a new creation.

The Turnabout Pointe skits are set at a tiny outpost on the edge of the Outback named Turnabout Pointe. This is a small, sparsely populated settlement located on the edge of the Outback.

While at Turnabout Pointe, students will meet Oliver Forest, their trekking guide and the owner of Turnabout Pointe Outpost. The outpost is a one-stop shop for all the gear and provisions needed to hike through the territories of Australia. Born and raised in Turnabout Pointe, Oliver is a friendly, capable guide who specializes not only in preparing bushwalkers for their hike but also in preparing them for spiritual growth.

As bushwalkers, your students will spend a few days at Turnabout Pointe gearing up for the adventure that awaits them in the Outback. While there, they will also learn the importance of building a relationship with Jesus and preparing themselves for the life-changing encounter that only He can provide. The students, as newbie bushwalkers, are part of the skits. The characters on stage frequently will talk to the students, and a student will be asked to join the characters on the stage during one of the skits.





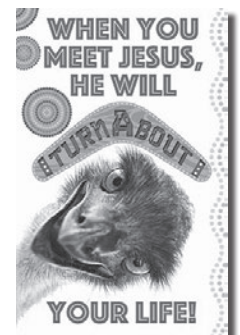
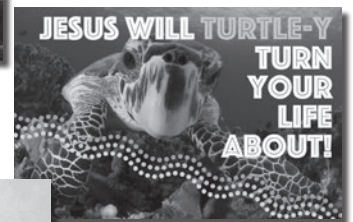
The **Turnabout Pointe Skit Book** contains five skits that will begin each lesson with a prepping session at the Turnabout Pointe Outpost. You can use the same basic set design and change the look for each skit using a few different props.

The best presentation of any skit occurs when each person who has a role has memorized his lines. However, in this busy world, most people do not have the time to do so. That is okay. There are several ways you can help the characters present their lines without forcing them to memorize them. You could make cue cards on poster board and assign someone the duty of sitting on the floor in front of the set and holding the cue cards. Another idea is to hide scripts in props the characters are using (examples: a clipboard with a check list for a Bible, a backpack, a piece of luggage, etc.). Each person playing a part should at least become familiar with the script so that he is able to give the best presentation possible.

Feel free to make duplicate copies of the skits for VBS events within your own congregation or school. If any of the duplicated are marked at the bottom of the pages, however, copying the contents of this book for any other purpose is prohibited.

The skits are designed to be performed at the beginning of each VBS session. Each skit is approximately 10 minutes in length. The more fun the skits will be on your students will far surpass the amount of work that must be done to implement them.

How fun will presenting the skits! Although each skit is designed to present a lesson, each one is also designed to be fun. The more fun your actors have, the more enjoyable the skits will be for those who are watching. What are you waiting for? It's time to have a bonzer (Australian for awesome) VBS!





**TURN AROUND
SKITS**

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LESSON ONE

HIKE: HELPLESS TO HOPEFUL

Props: backpacks, luggage, and gear for Jasper; *Billabong Mini Backdrop*; small wading pool; yoga mat or blanket

You will want to set up the Bible Scene in another area of the stage. You could use the *Billabong Mini Backdrop* or a small wading pool to create the pool of Bethesda. There should also be a mat or blanket for the man to lie upon. The Bible Scene should be hidden by a curtain or prop or simply set up on one side of the stage from the Turnabout Pointe Outpost.

Oliver enters the stage area and walks up to the Turnabout Pointe Outpost. He begins to talk or working as if he is opening a business. As he walks and works, he is happy and smiling to himself. After a few moments, he looks up and notices the audience.

Oliver: You gave me a fright! I didn't see you there. Welcome to Turnabout Pointe.

Oliver walks to center stage.

Oliver: I heard we had some newbies arriving today. You're spot on time! I can see you're a wiry bunch. G'Day! I'm Oliver Forster, but most folks just call me Ollie. I'm the owner and sole employee of this outpost at Turnabout Pointe. We are your one-stop shop for everything you need for a proper trek through the bush, that's the plains and rugged

areas of Australia, otherwise known as the Outback. I'm also your trekking guide, the minister at the local church, the captain of the volunteer fire department, and the mayor of Turnabout Pointe. Turnabout Pointe is a wonderful place, but it isn't chock-o-block with folks. That means it isn't full of people. No worries! We do just fine, and we always have good folks like you who visit us before they begin their trek through the Outback. I know you'll enjoy your time on holiday with us. That's enough about me. Let's hear about you. Who's ready to take a bushwalk through the Outback?

Oliver waits for response.

Oliver: What's a bushwalk? It's a walk through the bush, obvo. The bush is what we call a wild area of land, and there's no land more wild than the Outback. You're defo in the right place.

Raise your hand to indicate a show of hands.

Oliver: Have any of you ever been to Australia before?

Peers out at audience.

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Oliver: Right, then. It's a first for most of you. You're in for a right treat. Straya, that's short for Australia, is a wonderful, beautiful place. Some call this the Land Down Under because we are the only civilized continent located on what you would call the upside-down part of the earth. Most Aussies live in cities around the edges of Australia, near the ocean. Where we are now is on the edge of the Outback. The Outback is chock-o-block, that means full of, loads of fascinating animals. A lot of them only live in Australia!

Raise your hand.

Oliver: Can anyone name an animal that's native to Australia?

Students may shout answers or raise hands. If no one answers, call on a student or two to name an animal that's indigenous to Australia: kangaroos, koalas, dingoes, wombats, emus, echidnas, kookaburras, etc.

Oliver: Good on ya, mates! You're a smart bunch, aren't you?! We have heaps of kangaroos, crocodiles, and loads of strange creatures here. Most of the animals found here aren't found anywhere else in the world. Oh, well, there I go again talking about myself and my home. I love Straya. I hope you'll love it, too. So... are you ready to do some bushwalking?

Wait for response.

Oliver: Come on, mates. You can do better than that. Are you ready to do some bushwalking?

Wait for response.

Oliver: Spot on, mates! That's more like it. The first thing you need to do is gear up. That's where the Turnabout Pointe Outpost comes in handy. We have everything a bushwalker needs.

Turns to walk back into the outpost to get supplies to the audience.

Oliver: We have the best tucker in town. Tucker? That means food. We have canteens, hiking boots, and rolls, flaps, and...

Jasper Newman comes running in from the back of the room and calls to Oliver. He is loaded down with backpacks, luggage, and other gear. As he runs, he continually drops things, stopping to pick them up.

Jasper: Hold up, bro! Don't leave without me. Hang loose; I'm coming!

Jasper continues yelling until he reaches the stage. Oliver returns to the front of the stage where he is joined by Jasper. Once Jasper reaches the stage, he breathes a deep sigh of relief and drops all his luggage and other items to the ground.

Jasper: Dude, that was mental! I totally thought you were going to take off without me.

Oliver: G'day, mate! Welcome to the Land Down Under.

Jasper: *(giggles)* Rad, man! That was funny! What did you say?

Oliver: Uh, g'day, mate?

Jasper: *(giggles again)* That's hi-larious. That's totally what I thought you said. Who talks like that?

Oliver: What do you mean, "Who talks like that?"

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Jasper: You know, like *(doing his best Oliver imitation)* G'day, mate. Land Down Unda. That's mental!

Oliver: You have no room to talk. And you are in Australia, mate. We all talk like that. My name is Oliver Forrest.

Oliver holds out his hand to shake Jasper's hand. Instead of shaking Oliver's hand, Jasper fist bumps him and then attempts his signature hand motions. Oliver just looks blankly at him, a bit confused.

Jasper: My name's Jasper Newman. But my friends call me Jazzy. 'Cause I like wearing Jazzy threads. *(tugs as his bright shirt)*

Oliver: Nice to meet ya, Jazzy. What can we do for you?

Jasper: So, like I was over on Bondi, and it was totally macking, like huge waves, right? Then, pfft! Nothing! Mushburger!

Oliver: I take it that's bad.

Jasper: *(nods sadly)* Total bummer, man.

Oliver: I'm sorry to hear that. What were you doing here?

Jasper: Well, I was hanging in one of those board shops, and *(looks up and spreads his hands while smiling like seeing a revelation.)* I saw a sign for the Great Beyond!

Oliver: *(confused)* You saw a sign? Like a sign from the Great Beyond?

Jasper: No, I saw a sign from the Great Beyond! It's this rad dude board shop down in Bondi. Anyway the sign said, get this, "Welcome to the Outback." So, I packed up all my stuff and *(spreads arms)* here I am!

Oliver: *(pointing to Jasper's luggage)* I take it that this is all yours?

Jasper: Yup! These are totes all my totes!

Oliver: Well, Jasper, you certainly have a lot of gear. If you don't mind me saying so, it, you have enough gear for all of us. *(Oliver looks at audience.)*

Jasper: Always be prepared. That's my motto.

Oliver: Always be prepared. Let me guess. Were you a Boy Scout?

Jasper: So, I was a Boy Scout — for about three hours. That was a great day until the "incident." *(makes air quotes)*

Oliver: The incident? *(makes air quotes)*

Jasper: Yep. It was gnarly. One minute you're wearing your little khaki shirt and blue shorts, dreaming about getting your first merit badge and what your Eagle Scout project will be one day. Next thing you know, you're being shipped off to the military academy.

Oliver: *(mouths "Military Academy?")* Well, the "incident" *(makes air quotes)* aside, Jasper. You can't take all this with you. We're going to teach you how to fit everything you need into one backpack.

Jasper: One backpack? Harsh, dude! I need ALL this stuff. These things help me take care of myself.

Oliver: Well...if you really think you need all this stuff, we have a lot of eager bushwalkers out here *(points to audience)*. Maybe we could help you carry it.

Jasper: Cool, man, cool, but no thanks. I don't need any help. I've been on my own for a long time.

Oliver: No worries, Jasper. Everyone needs help from time to time. Even you.

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Jasper: Nope! Not me! No one helps me. Sometimes, I think no one even sees me. That's why I wear these bright shirts. I want to make sure people don't walk right into me because they don't see me.

Oliver: You are defo hard to miss!

Jasper: Right? So, you see, it's always just been me, myself, and I. All alone. *(starts singing)* All by myself!

Oliver: Let me just stop you right there. I have to tell you you're dead wrong. You haven't been on your own all this time. There has always been One certain Someone who has always been there to help you.

Jasper: *(disbelievingly)* Nah! *(Oliver nods.)* Really? *(Oliver nods again. Jasper looks around him, turning in a circle.)* Really? Who?

Oliver: That would be Jesus. We all feel alone sometimes, but we are *never* alone. Jesus is always there. He sees us. He cares about us, and we know that story about Jesus healing the man by the pool of Bethesda?

Jasper: Beth-who-now?

Oliver: Bethesda. It's in Jerusalem. You can read about it in the Bible.

Jasper: What does the Bible have to do with me?

Oliver: The Bible has everything to do with you. For one thing, it teaches you how much Jesus loves you. In the story, there was a man who had been unable to walk for 38 years. He had no friends, and he sat by a pool of water every day, just waiting for someone to help him. Like you, he probably thought that no

one ever saw him or even noticed him.

Reveal or direct attention to the Bible Story.

Sick Man: Help me... could someone please help me? I can't walk. My legs don't work. Someone, anyone, please help me. What's the use? No one cares about me. No one even sees me. It's hopeless.

Oliver: Every day, the man likely sat by the pool, waiting to be helped, and no one helped him. One day, Jesus passed by the pool. He must have had many important things to do, but Jesus saw the man, and He stopped to help him. Jesus told the man to stand up, pick up his bed, and walk. That's exactly what the man did. Can you imagine how that man who couldn't walk for so long must have felt?

Sick Man: *(now standing, jumping, and hopping about)* I'm healed! I can walk! Can you believe it? My legs work! Yay!!! Look at me! What am I going to do first? Ha! I can do anything I want. I can work. I can play. I can take a long walk, and it's all because of Jesus. He gave me hope.

Oliver: You see, Jesus did more than just heal the man's legs. He gave him hope for a better life. Jesus was there for him, and Jasper, He's there for you, too.

Jasper: Well, that's a fine story, but I can walk pretty well! Unless I'm trying to chew gum at the same time. But that was the other "incident." *(finger quotes)*

Oliver: *(gives Jasper an odd look)* Right. Well, we all struggle with something. You struggle with walking and chewing gum at the same time. Some of us struggle with our grades in school. Some of us struggle with making friends. Some of us struggle with fitting in. Some of us struggle with overcoming a certain sin in our lives.

Lesson One

The point is... we all struggle; but we don't struggle alone. Whatever we're battling, there is hope because Jesus is there.

Jasper: Tubular! But...*(stage whispers and looks around)* it kind of gives me the shivers to think that Jesus is always with me. If Jesus can always see me, I probably need to change a little.

Oliver: Jasper, we *all* need to change a little, but that's the great part. Jesus is all about change. Not only does He want us to change, He helps us to change.

Jasper: Radical! I'm up for it, and now that I've thought about it, maybe I could use some help carrying my things.

Oliver: Good on ya! *(turns to address audience)* Mates, that should be a lesson for all of us. Whether we're taking a bushwalk through the Outback or walking down the streets of our own neighborhood, Jesus is with you. If you let Him, He can turnabout your whole life. And that's the point! Why don't you head to Training? I'll help Jasper carry his stuff. Hooroo! *(waves to audience)*

Dismiss to class. Talks as students leave.

Jasper: Woo hoo? Are you that excited about helping me carry my stuff?

Oliver: Hoo... it's nice to see you later.

Jasper: You sure talk funny, Ollie.

Oliver: You're one to talk, Jasper.