



Go GLOBAL

DAILY THEME	GAMES	SNACK	MUSIC	STORY	CRAFT
Monday – Joy Colombia How can we let others see our joy for God? (Psalm 95:1–2)	Soccer; Baseball (Stickball or Kickball); Hula Hoop Role Relay	Columbian bread, mango or other fruit	“Dios Es Bueno”; “Give Me Joy in My Heart”; Ribbon Dancing	CEDECOL Women's Network – income-generating projects and microloans help women and families	Tambourines made from 2 paper plates, beans inside, and ribbon tied to edges
Tuesday – Celebrate Congo How can we celebrate God's love in worship? (Deuteronomy 16:15)	Fetching Water while balancing items on head (see <i>Journey to Congo</i>); A Cool-Off Water Games Zone	Fruit and water – children cut fruit with kitchen scissors or butter knives	“We Are Walking” (#442 in <i>Chalice Hymnal</i>); Rhythm Games and Dancing	Disciples in Mbandaka – more than in the United States!	Drums from recycled containers – paint black or white ahead of time, kids add color, foam stickers and string
Wednesday – Welcome India How can we welcome others as God's family? (Mark 3:35)	Yoga, Somersaults, Hopscotch, One-Legged Tag, Amoeba Tag, Andar/Bajar (inside/outside of circle)	Indian Chai Tea with Perugu and/or Chapatis	“Namaste Song”; Yoga while listening to Music	Welcome to the Indian Family Village Farm	Create a Journal with a chalk rangoli cover (use chalk, sequins and ribbon), use spray to hold chalk, add pages, tie together with yarn (see <i>Journey to Congo</i>)
Thursday – Discover Argentina How can we discover God's love in new places? (1 Corinthians 16:13–14)	Soccer; Chair Game, Call out numbers to see who can get to center to grab the ball first	Media Lunas with Dulce de Leche, serve with tea or chocolate milk	“Somos una Familia”; “Santo, Santo, Santo”; “Soy Yo Señor” (“It's Me Lord”)	Disciples celebrate more than 100 years in Argentina	Spinning Tops made with discarded CDs and glue bottle tops, spray-paint white ahead of time
Friday – Share Our Community How can we share God's love and be a missionary here? (Romans 15:7)	Plant flowers and/or pick up trash outside and yard games; 4th and 5th graders go on Mission Crew Field Trip	Enjoy a snack with parents and other invited guests; every traveler brings something to share or make S'mores	Camp sing-a-long and practice for singing at picnic and worship	How can I be a missionary where I live? Learn about resources in your community and giving an offering	Make a craft to share with someone else – Cards for homebound folks or Bookmarks for church hymnals, hot glue ribbon to a cardboard strip and add beads to the opposite end of ribbon



WORLD TOUR

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Monday – Peace Israel/Palestine How can we share peace with others right now? (John 14:27)	Working Together Games – keep the ball up, team crosses “ocean” using 3 placemats, all of team stands on one placemat	Charoseth; Fresh Fruit; Hummus with Pitas and Cucumbers	“Shalom Chaverim” (#438 in <i>Chalice Hymnal</i>)	Balance Between Ideas; God pulls us together; Plant peace (decorate soup cans and plant seeds or small plants)	Passports with cardboard covers for children to stamp inside each day of VBS, decorate cover and put blank pages inside
Tuesday – Love Kenya How do we show God’s love to others? (Exodus 22:21)	Fetching water while balancing items on head; Mini Marathon; Soccer, A Cool-Off PVC Zone (dealwisemommy.net)	Jelly on quarter-dollar-sized Pancakes	“Jambo” by Kenyan musician T. Kalanda Harrison; “We Are Walking” (#442 in <i>Chalice Hymnal</i>)	Spread God’s Love (color t-shirts with permanent markers and spray on alcohol); Kenya is on equator – sun sets at same time!	Watercolor Scene with African animals stamped in black ink; See <i>Build a Better World: Africa</i> for more ideas at CWSGlobal.org
Wednesday – Friendship Japan How can we be friends to everyone we meet? (Ruth 1:16)	Chopstick Game (carry items between 2 pool noodles); Baseball (with pool noodles); Fly Kites	Use Chopsticks to pick up Gummy Worm (easy way to learn to use them); Miso Soup; Ramen Noodles; Edamame	“Be Kind and Compassionate”; Dance to music	Speak Nicely to Others (soap repels toothpicks and sugar draws them in); Zen Garden in shoe box lid with farm sand (sift pebbles out)	Paper fans with water color on coffee filters and chopsticks for handles; Frame for watercolor made from chopsticks; Origami adapted for small children
Thursday – Hope Haiti How can we have hope in times of trouble? (Psalm 95:1–2)	Soccer; A Cool-Off Construction Zone (dealwisemommy.net)	Mango Pudding; Fried Plantains	Caribbean music; French or Creole song, if available	Resources Game – divide 100 pennies: 80 for USA, Japan, England, Canada, 15 for South Africa, Brazil, Russia, 5 for Iraq, Tanzania, Haiti; Homemade Bread	Cloth Grocery Bags with paint handprints (helping hands), iron-on logo, spray fabric dye over stencil, or use fabric markers
Friday – Faith Our Community How can we share our faith with others where we live? (Hebrews 11:1)	Rodeo Games; Horse Race; Horseshoes; Yard Games; Service – pick up trash, water flowers; 4 th and 5 th grade Mission Crew Field Trip to retirement home	Apples (notice they are different colors on the outside, but the same color in the middle); Milkshakes; Watermelon	Camp sing-a-long and practice for singing at picnic and worship	Invisible Ink – don’t keep your faith a secret; Search for God in nature/friends and end in glow in the dark decorated room	Cross Necklaces from wire or beads; Bookmarks for church hymnals, hot glue ribbon and add beads to the opposite end of ribbon; Thank You Cards for VBS speakers and volunteers



LATIN AMERICAN ADVENTURE

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Monday – Peace Nicaragua How can we share God's peace with the world? (Romans 12:18)	Crab Soccer; Water Balloons and other Water Games	Beans and Rice, Bananas, Fruit Drink	“Peace Like a River”; “Soy Yo Señor” (“It’s Me Lord”)	Fruit Leather (homemade dried fruit); Clay Bricks; Composting; Fruit Smoothies	Journals/Passports; Masks with paper plates, yarn and markers; Face Painting
Tuesday – Wholeness Brazil How does God make us whole? (Revelation 21:10)	Soccer; Obstacle Course	Limeade and Cheese Bread; Pão de Queijo (or use fruit made yesterday in science)	“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”; Listen to song in Portuguese	Homemade Yeast Bread; Rainforest Study	T-shirt Painting with commonly found items such as toy cars, textured balls, and kitchen equipment
Wednesday – Light Costa Rica How can we be God's light to the world? (Matthew 5:14–16)	PVC Waterpark Games using light	Banana Bread with chocolate chips, Fruit Drinks	“This Little Light of Mine”; “I Am the Light of the World”	Mentos in Soda Pop (volcano); Lesson on Light; Sloth Poop; Geothermal Energy	Toys from Recycled Materials – Pet Lizards using foam and donated wire hangers
Thursday – Justice Guatemala What does it mean to act justly with others? (Micah 6:8)	Spoon Relay; Soccer Games using Spanish words or numbers	Apple Smiles using apple wedges, peanut butter (cream cheese if allergies present) and marshmallow teeth	“Micah 6:8 Song”	Dental Hygiene – sugar in drinks display, egg shell experiment, tooth safety, invite a dentist or dental hygienist to speak	Worry Dolls using clothespins
Friday – Community Our Community What does it mean to live in community? (Romans 12:1–2)	Yard Games; Relay Races; Service – pick up trash; 4 th and 5 th grade Mission Crew Field Trip to Community Garden	S'mores; Popcorn; Trail Mix; Popsicles, Goldfish Crackers; Fruit; Chips and Salsa	Camp sing-a-long and practice for singing at picnic and worship	Study Sound – fill glasses with different amounts of water; Study Liquid – measure different liquids, mixing water/oil/syrup/milk/paint	Thank You Cards for guest speakers and VBS helpers



TRAVELS WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL

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Monday – Forgiveness Syria (Damascus) What does it mean to forgive and to be forgiven? (Acts 9)	Blindfold Games and Obstacle Course	Fruit dipped in yogurt	“Spirit of the Living God”	Invisible Ink; Holding and letting go of weights or tension	Mosaic Art
Tuesday – Grace Turkey (Ephesus) What is grace and what does it mean to be children of the light? (Ephesians 6:8–10)	Water Games	Date Pinwheel Cookies	“As the Deer”	Explore Light and Mirrors	Turkish Fabric Painting (can be done on paper or fabric such as shirts, handkerchiefs, cloth bags)
Wednesday – Unity Greece (Corinth) What does it mean to be the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12–27)	Relay Race using different body parts (kick, throw, read directions, tell)	Hummus with Pita Bread	“We Are One in the Spirit”	Explore the Senses	Clay Crafts
Thursday – Faith Italy (Rome) Nothing can separate us from the love of God. (Romans 8:38–39)	Roman Chariot Games (kids form wheelbarrow); Amoeba Tag	Pizza Bites or Italian Ice	“When the Saints Go Marching In”	Magnets; Mixing paint colors	Stained Glass made with tissue paper and glue
Friday – Witness Our Community Tell others what God has done for you! (Colossians 4)	Yard Games; Service – pick up trash or water plants; 4th and 5th grade Mission Crew Field Trip	Popsicles; Popcorn; Goldfish Crackers; Trail Mix; Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches	“Pass It On”; Camp sing-a-long and practice for singing at picnic and worship	Make telephones with cans and strings; Learn to sign “Jesus Loves You”	Make centerpieces for tables at church; Color bulletin covers; Make thank you cards for guest speaker and VBS helpers



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

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Monday We See God through Acts of Service (Matthew 25:35–40)	Serving Others Relay, help others in some way (put on extra clothes, lead someone blindfolded or walking on one foot, etc.)	Ants on a Log (use cream cheese instead of peanut butter if allergies present)	“When the Saints Go Marching In”	Sprout Buddies – plant seeds in sports drinks containers with the top cut off, write the scripture on the bottle	Coupon Booklets made of cardboard or craft foam – pages have coupons such as “I will set the table”
Tuesday We See God in Unexpected Places (Luke 24:13–21 and 28–33)	Relay Races; Action Games	Chocolate Lava Cakes; Trail Mix	“I’ve Got that Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy! (down in my heart)”	Homemade Ice Cream made in zip lock baggies, use socks for hand covers since it is very cold, label and serve for snack tomorrow	Craft Foam Feet with scripture and other decorations
Wednesday We See God in Others (John 9:1–7)	Obstacle Course with eyes closed	Ice Cream from science (if available), add toppings	“Alleluia, Praise Ye the Lord”	Study of Vision – 3-D art, optical illusions, using other senses to discover, guess what item is without looking	Pop-up Cards to give to family or friends
Thursday We See God in Creation (Leviticus 19:9–10)	Water Games using PVC Pipe	Bread and Jam	“Peace like a River”; “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”	Homemade Play Dough (non-cook is best unless you have a stove nearby)	Cross Collages – glue items found in nature or collected by staff and kids to cardboard crosses
Friday We See God in Ourselves (Psalm 139:14)	Charades; 4 th and 5 th grade Mission Crew Field Trip	Gingerbread; Cookies and Milk	“Sanctuary”; Camp sing-a-long and practice for singing at picnic and worship	Study of the Body – use stethoscopes and similar health tools	Craft Dough Creations



OUR COMMUNITY

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Monday – Love Somalia What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind? (Luke 10:25–27)	Obstacle Course or Relay using “Love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind”; Walking Tag	African Bread; Bean Dip, and/or Bananas	“Peace Like a River”; “The Gospel in a Word Is Love”	Explore stethoscopes and similar medical equipment; Learn to count a pulse; Guess weight of item	Finger Piano – use cardboard, bobby pins (hair pins), and duct tape; decorate with markers
Tuesday – Neighbor Burma Who is our neighbor? (Luke 10:28–37)	Band Aid Tag or Relay, kids can say Jesus loves you when they apply the bandage	Take a snack to share; someone has to share with them (no talking to start)	“Praise Ye the Lord, Alleluia”; “Shake a Neighbor's Hand”	Aloe Plants – take one plant out of bunch and plant in a recycled coffee mug; Extra Time – pick up trash	Handkerchief Prayer Flags – apply glue (or bleach) in a design, spray with fabric dye
Wednesday – Home Mexico What does it feel like to be away from home? (Acts 28:1–2)	Soccer or Crab Soccer, call out numbers in Spanish to crab walk to center to kick ball first	Tortillas/Quesadillas; Chips and Salsa; Watermelon (colors of Mexican flag)	“Jesus Loves the Little Children”; “Lord of the Dance”	Archeology Adventure – sift sand to discover "hidden" items such as sea shells, sea glass, shark teeth, rocks, and pottery	Maracas; God's Eye; Mexican Mirrors – round designs with aluminum foil centers
Thursday – Light Cuba How can we reflect God's love to the world? (Matthew 5:14)	Mirror Game (partner does what other is doing); Group stands up together without using hands	Fried Plantains, Beans and Rice; Fruit Juice	“Give Me Oil In My Lamp”	Climate Change Study (Jesus expects us to offer help even if it isn't our fault)	Sand Candles – layer colored sand into baby food jars, add melted candle wax and a wick to the top
Friday – Welcome Our Community How do we welcome others? (Matthew 25:35)	Handshake Game – if you shake Jesus' hand, count to 10 and kneel down, others guess who is Jesus	Homemade Bread with Peanut Butter and Jelly; Ants on a Log; Trail Mix, Watermelon, Popcorn	Camp sing-a-long and practice for singing at picnic and worship	Study pioneer/frontier artifacts and clothing	Centerpieces for picnic tables using paper handprints and photos (work as groups)