



~~Director
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Wild About God's Divine Plan
PROMISE VBS

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Decorating Your Building



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 goes a long way in turning your building into an instant visual. Because of manpower, cost, and conflict with other uses of facilities, many congregations choose to do little or no decorating. Never fear! You can still implement a successful VBS without a lot of decorating. Conversely, some congregations go all out in turning their facilities into an eye-popping jungle. So simply go over-the-top as you turn your building into your jungle to explore. The choice is yours.



Be sure to welcome your explorers by hanging the *Welcome to the Jungle* poster from the **Jungle Theme Posters** where they will see it first thing when they enter your facility. If you have a large area where all your students can meet together at the beginning of each VBS session, we suggest that you turn this area into the Rainforest Refuge. The directional signs from the **Untangled Sign Assortment** will point the way to Rainforest Refuge (auditorium) and Tanglewood Tents (dormitory).



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

If you have chosen to purchase the **Untangled Skit Book**, more detailed information is included on how the set for the skits should be decorated. In the skits, your students will be introduced to the newest addition to the DiVINE Jungle Expedition Company. Unfortunately, this former insurance provider doesn't have much experience in the jungle game—but—never fear!—here comes Baron Phil O'Dendron, star of the jungle expedition. He's a little too unseasoned. He may have been in the jungle a little too long, and he may be a little too young for tooth, his trusty companion, Joe picks up the slack...and when he's in a really big tree, he may even, he may trumpet like an elephant now and then, but he's saved by...what's under the table, right? Okay, we may need a little help. Fortunately, the skit book will teach your students that God provides everything we need to get safely through this jungle of life.

Setting the stage is an important part of the Untangled Skit Book. Every scene takes place in the middle of a jungle, so the stage, especially if you have a stage, the more authentic your setting will be. Since every scene will be a part of the jungle expedition, the entire room is a part of the stage. Show the girls and boys out of the stage and into the rest of the room. The front stage is where they will be acting while the place; or it could use tents and hammocks to make it look like it is base-camp for the DiVINE Jungle Expedition Company. You could use the **Flannel Floor Backdrop** or **DiVINE Jungle Treetop Greenery** to make it feel as if they are in the middle of the jungle. **Rainforest Elements** will lend a decorative touch to your jungle. As always, you can decorate as simply or elaborately as you wish. Don't forget to display the individual items from the jungle from Untangled (found in the **Jungle Theme Posters** Packet).



How elaborate you choose to decorate the rest of the room is up to you.

If you want to go all out, use the **Sandy Tarp** instructions from the **Mountain of Sand** to simulate a pit of quicksand. Make fake boulders out of cardboard boxes and paper mache. Twist craft paper into sturdy looking vines and drape green crepe paper from every available surface. Even if you don't wish to transform your building, the skits can still be performed effectively with little decoration.



Overview of

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Wild About God's Big Plan

During this VBS, your students will be learning about the nature of God, Who He is and the wonderful plan He has for us. We will journey back to the beginning to discover how God's plan was set in motion to save us before we even had a need to be saved. The five lessons are as follows:

Lesson One:

God, Our Creator

Bible Text: Genesis 1:1—2:3

The Story of Creation

Lesson Three:

God, Our Provider

Bible Text: Genesis 12:1-14

Abraham and the Call

Lesson Two:

God, Our Father

Bible Text: Genesis 2:7—3:24

The Garden of Eden

Lesson Four:

God, Our Savior

Bible Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus Tempted in the Desert

Lesson Five:

Jesus Preparing Us

Bible Text: Mark 13:23—24

Jesus Preparation for the Cross

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

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

Untangled combines a relevant message with a creative presentation. It is instructional, fun, and easy-to-use. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful, exciting time of year. With this lesson series, your students will leave with a newfound purpose in their lives. They will leave with a deeper relationship with God and a stronger knowledge of His plan for them. Welcome to the jungle! Put on your pith helmets, load up your Packsack, and join us on 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.



Packing List for a Successful VBS

Many items are available in this series to help you implement a successful Vacation Bible School. Each item is 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 tools they need 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 much 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 students. The lessons can also easily be shortened to fit each teacher's individual needs. Take a quick look at the samples below. You will prove that they can provide both teacher and student with a fun learning experience.



STUDENT BOOK/JUNGLE JOURNALS

Each student should be supplied with a **Student Book**, also known as a **Jungle Journal**. Filled with fun, thought-provoking activities, puzzles and games, the **Jungle Journals** are designed to enhance the student's learning experience and have them jumping into the fun and learning. The colorful books are filled with colorful 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 preschool and kindergarten are full of relevant, age-appropriate activities, including add-on figures and accessories.

VISUAL AIDS

Visual Aids are available for each age level class. The **Teacher Manuals** contain instructions on how to use each **Visual Aid**. In almost instances, the **Visual Aids** play an important role in the reinforcement activities of the class. In 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 scripted Bible stories in the **Teacher Manuals**.

