



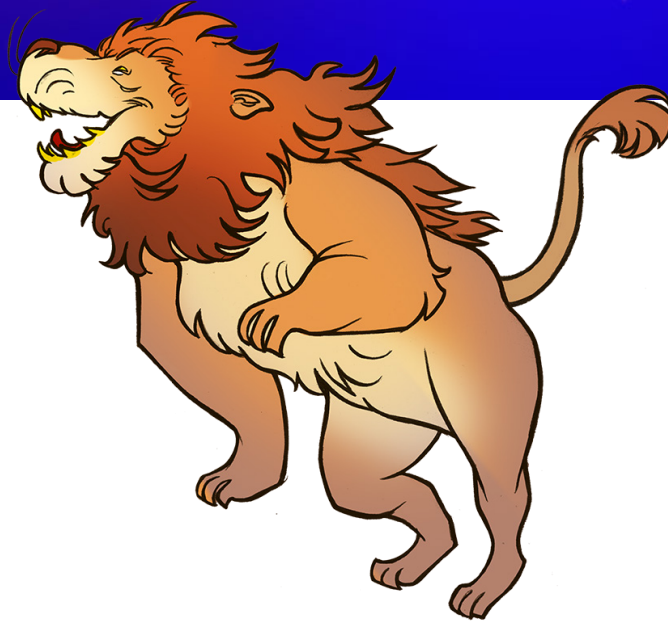
Courageous

FAITH



VBS CHECKLIST

OVERVIEW



Courageous Faith is an epic 5-day Vacation Bible School adventure in which kids explore the exciting story of Daniel and discover how to live a life of courageous faith along the way. This all-in-one VBS is presented in three easy steps and includes resources that are out-of-this world. The Courageous Faith VBS is volunteer-friendly, kid-focused, and Gospel-centered.

This checklist makes getting ready for Vacation Bible School as easy as 1 - 2 - 3 - or in this case, **Recruit, Promote, and Deliver.**

Let's get started!



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RECRUIT

STEP 1 – RECRUIT: To provide your children with the best possible VBS experience, we recommend filling the following positions for your volunteer team.

Host/MC: This role will be filled by someone with a warm, outgoing personality. This person will handle opening/closing announcements, facilitate Q&A discussions, and communicate transitions.

Worship Leader: Each day will open with a time of worship led by the Worship Leader. A list of suggested Seeds Family Worship songs is also provided. Essentials members can download lyrics videos, hand-motion videos, and more. The worship leader will also teach about the heart of worship.

Teachers: People who volunteer for this role lead the two teaching times scheduled each day of the Courageous Faith VBS. This is another role ideally suited for those who are outgoing and love sharing God's Word.

Game Leaders: Each day includes two all-group games. The Game Leaders are responsible for running each game and making any necessary modifications based on your VBS location.

Skit Leader: All groups will participate in a daily skit. The Skit Leader's job is to provide each skit overview, give creative examples, and oversee the final skit presentation.

Small-Group Leaders: These volunteers will lead a small group of children during teachings, small-group discussions, games, and activities.

Media Director: The Courageous Faith VBS is packed with digital Bible videos and quizzes, lesson slideshows, and announcement slides. The Media Director ensures that all digital content is displayed/presented as needed. This is a great behind-the-scenes role for the tech-savvy.



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PROMOTE

STEP 2 – PROMOTE: If you want a successful VBS, then you'll need to get the word out! The Courageous Faith VBS comes jam-packed with promotional resources.

Bulletin Inserts: Customizable printouts inform your congregation about what the Courageous Faith VBS is all about, when it's happening, and how they can sign up. These eye-catching designs are sure to make it home rather than into the trash.

Promotional Posters: Hang these beautifully designed promotional posters around your church to create a buzz. These posters will help make sure volunteers sign up and families put VBS on their calendars.

Announcement Slides: Use these vibrant announcement slides to help your church family catch the VBS vision, share key information, and recruit volunteers. This amazing package of graphics are sure to take your VBS announcements to the next level!

Social Media: If you share it, they will come! This graphic pack is designed to get the word out on Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, and Twitter.



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DELIVER

STEP 3 – DELIVER: Setting aside time to prepare your VBS is key. Save countless hours of last-minute stress and frustration by completing this VBS checklist in advance.

Environment: With a few simple steps, you can transform any space into an exciting, fun-filled world for VBS.

- **Graphics:** Center your room around a large screen that can display the amazing graphics and videos included in the Courageous Faith VBS bundle.
- **Decoration:** Cover your walls with Courageous Faith VBS posters and wall banners. Then let your imagination run wild, and make the room your own with any other decorations you dream up!

Printouts: Courageous Faith VBS comes with a wealth of printouts for promotional and in-class purposes. Make sure to have these ready to go when you need them.

- **Promotional:** Bulletin inserts, promotional posters, banners, registration packets, volunteer list, and thank you cards.
- **In-Class:** Service outlines, name tags, award badges, skit transcripts, small-group discussion guides, and activity printouts.

Prize Packs: At the conclusion of every day, a drawing will be held to award students who earned award badges for displaying good character. These packs can include Courageous Faith VBS posters, collectible cards, and stickers; they can also be stuffed with candy, dollar-store trinkets, and anything else you'd like. Assemble as many prize packs as you decide to give away.



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Skit Stations: Each day, your groups will put on a short skit based on the day's lesson video. Assemble a collection of costumes and props to help them really get into character.

Games: Your kids will participate in daily games. Review the supply lists for each game, and make sure everything is prepped and ready to go.

Projection/Presentation: The Courageous Faith VBS comes with an amazing assortment of digital videos and slideshows. Review these resources, and customize the presentation.

Volunteer Checklist: Use our volunteer checklist to keep track of those joining your team and which roles you still need so that you can update the congregation during announcements.

Group Assignments: The Courageous Faith VBS is designed to build relationships between students and their leaders. As children sign up, assign them to a group and leaders. Make these groups diverse so that students get to know some new friends!

Snacks: Each day, the Courageous Faith VBS has two 15-minute snack times built in, so plan accordingly. Get a handle on any food allergies or dietary restrictions by sending parents a list of all the snacks you are planning on serving.

Take Home: Each day of your Courageous Faith VBS includes fantastic take-home resources that families can enjoy together.

- **Family Devotional:** These devotionals are interactive and can be accessed easily via the day's coloring pages. Each family devotional includes the day's video, Bible reading, discussion questions, and more.
- **Digital Bible Comic:** The comic allows kids and families to explore the day's lesson at home.

Thank You Cards: Volunteers are the backbone of any vibrant VBS. Fill out these thank you postcards in advance, and hand-deliver them to each leader as your VBS week comes to a close. Also, consider printing out cards for the children to give to their leaders on Day 5 as a way to show their appreciation.



GO TIME!

A FINAL OVERVIEW OF YOUR VBS

Service Outline & Script: Each day of your Courageous Faith VBS comes with an outline of the day's events. This outline is a great resource to see your service at a glance and make sure your team stays on schedule. Additionally, each daily lesson includes a service script that gives you clear instructions on how to present your VBS with excellence.

The Big Picture: Over the 5 days, your kids will embark on an epic adventure in which they discover the story of Daniel and his courageous faith. They'll learn an essential Bible truth that will transform them from the inside out as they get to know the living God. Here's a summary of each day:

- **Day 1:** The Captivity - God is with us wherever we go.
- **Day 2:** Nebuchadnezzar's Dream - God is in control of everything.
- **Day 3:** Furnace of Fire - God wants us to worship only Him.
- **Day 4:** Writing on the Wall - God resists the proud and honors the humble.
- **Day 5:** Den of Lions - God is our salvation.

Modifying Your VBS for Stations: The Courageous Faith VBS is designed for a full group to move through daily events together; however, if you would like to run a station-based VBS, we recommend the following:

1. Keep the opening and closing hours of each day the same. This will ensure a strong beginning and end of each day while providing consistency.
2. Break your room into the following four stations (an overview of each is provided in your daily VBS curriculum) with 30-minute rotation intervals:
 - 1) Skits, 2) Games, 3) Activities, 4) Small-Group Discussions



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