



Splash In God's Living Water!

Stories of Water and the Spirit

Program Overview

Theme

God's living water gives us new life!

Background

Water is life. The world is overwhelmingly water, and without water, nothing can live.

God's living water is life. Far more than simply quenching physical thirst, it fills us with the Holy Spirit. By God's grace, we are washed daily in this living water, made children of God, and called to action in the world.

Through living water God calls us and claims us, equips us and sends us out.

God's living water might sound like a tough concept for kids (and for grown-ups!), but it isn't some mystical thing. Well it *is*, but it's also concrete. Real. Right here in our lives, filling us and changing us. So get ready to get drenched in the mystery of God's living water with all your awesome VBS kiddos this summer.

Stories and Daily Themes

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| 1. Moses Strikes the Rock (Exodus 17:1-7) | <i>God Cares for Us</i> |
| 2. The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3: 1-17) | <i>God Claims Us</i> |
| 3. The Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42) | <i>God Speaks to Us</i> |
| 4. Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17) | <i>God Teaches Us</i> |
| 5. Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39) | <i>God Sends Us</i> |



Basic Structure

1. Large Group Opening –20 minutes minimum
 - a. Build community through worship and music
 - b. Introduce each day's story and theme
 - c. Teach songs
 - d. Provide continuity and reinforcement of over-arching theme

2. Small Group – 30 minutes minimum (with options to expand)
 - a. Dive into the Word!
 - b. Build community through Intergenerational Participation and Story Sharing
 - c. Group discussion, paper and pencil activities, alternative and supplemental activities

3. Activity Rotations (Pick and Choose) – 30 minutes/rotation minimum
 - a. Opportunities to “touch” the stories in multiple ways, engaging multiple senses
 - b. Rotation Options:
 - i. Crafts
 - ii. Snack (10 min) & Games (20 min)
 - iii. Drama
 - iv. Community Connections: Build community by inviting community organizations to share their work, and help the kids make real-world connections to the over-arching theme

4. Large Group Closing – 10 minutes minimum
 - a. Build community through worship and music
 - b. Provide continuity and reinforcement of theme



Deliverables

All deliverables are digital and printable unless indicated.

1. Director's Guide & General Admin Materials

- a. Overview of theme and materials including Bible background and theological implications.
- b. List of all available materials and their use
- c. Schedule for implementation

2. Logo and Font

- a. Logo in various formats
- b. CMYK and RGB color palettes
- c. Public domain fonts for use in materials

3. Promotional Materials

- a. Postcards
- b. Letters
- c. Posters and flyers
- d. Newsletter adxs

4. Large Group Materials

- a. Leader Guide
- b. Structure of Opening and Closing
- c. Order of Worship and suggested prayers, etc.
- d. Daily Bible Memory Verses
- e. Skits

5. Music

- a. Leader Guide
- b. Sheet music
- c. Lyric booklets for kids
- d. *Video*
- e. *Audio* (both of songs being sung, and accompaniment)



6. Small Group Materials

- a. Pre-K (ages 3 and 4)
 - i. Leader Guide
 - ii. Story Cards
- b. Option One: Grade-leveled materials for kids going into Grades K-1, Grades 2-3, and Grades 4-5
 - i. Leader Guide
 - ii. Learner Leaflets
 - iii. Leader Leaflets
- c. Option Two: Materials for mixed-grade small groups
 - i. Leader Guide
 - ii. Learner Leaflets
 - iii. Leader Leaflets

7. Rotation Guides: Leader Guide for each rotation

- a. Drama
- b. Snacks
- c. Games
- d. Crafts
- e. Community Connections

8. Family Program (Performance)

- a. Organizer Guide
- b. Kids' readings
- c. Bulletin template

9. Signs and Décor

- a. Decoration Guide (included in Director's Guide)
- b. Printable signage for classrooms and common areas

10. Newsletters

- a. Templates for daily newsletters to send home with kids with option to use as written and/or insert original information
- b. PDF samples of completed newsletters