



Virtual VBS Parent Packet

June 2020

Virtual VBS with be streaming live on the Hopekids' Facebook page and on Hope's YouTube page starting at 6:00pm, June 8-12. On Wednesday, June 10, the typical VBS format will be replaced with worship live-streamed at the same time. VBS videos will be made available to view after the livestream.

- [facebook.com/hopekidsfargo](https://www.facebook.com/hopekidsfargo)
- [youtube.com/fargohope](https://www.youtube.com/fargohope)

Virtual VBS Run Down

Each night the livestream will start at 6:00pm. Your family can follow along with the VBS teachers. They will give direction for each activity and allow time for your family to complete it. See the schedule on the following page.

Viewing Tip

You can rewind the live stream if you need to hear directions again and then click live to catch back up, follow the approximate timeline on the following page to help make sure you don't miss the start of the next section. Or you can continue to watch-allowing video to run a few minutes delayed from the live stream.

What is in this parent packet?

In this packet you will find a page for each day of VBS: a list of suggested supplies needed, a preview of the craft and discussion questions.

Kids' VBS Packets

There are two versions of the kids' packets. One is geared toward older elementary kids and the other is for younger kids. You can use both packets or if you prefer to have everyone using the same packet, look each and pick which level best suits your family.

Supplies

Feel free to substitute supplies for snack or activities to best fit your family. We have a suggested list of supplies. Please, take a look at the supply needs and buy or gather all supplies you choose to use before the start of VBS each night. This will help your kids stay on task and have a smoother transition between segments. Please, feel free to change up the activities based on your family's needs!

What to do if you have extra time?

- Talk about the discussion questions you have not had a chance to discuss
- Find additional activities in the kids' packet
- Check out Fritz's Facebook page

Watch the Hopekids Facebook page for additional fun ways to interact during VBS!

Suggested Supply List

Every day have a Bible, the Kids' VBS Packet and something to write with.

Snack Supply List -

Each day a VBS teacher will guide you through a themed snack to support our Bible lesson. Feel free to pick your own snack.

Craft/Activity Supply List

Monday - Day 1

- Mini Marshmallows
- Chocolate Chips
- Goldfish Crackers or Swedish Fish
- Animal Crackers or Teddy Grahams
- Stick pretzels
- Sour Patch Kids
- Sprinkles

- Paper Sunglasses Template*
or PDF available at fargohope.org/children/
scroll down to Upcoming Events
- Markers
- Crayons
- Tape - clear
- Scissors

Tuesday - Day 2

- Graham Crackers
- Frosting for graham cracker house
- Sprinkles
- Decorative materials for graham cracker house
(pretzel sticks, candy, licorice, etc.)
- Ziplock bags for piping frosting or bowls
- Plastic knife to spread frosting
- Plate to build graham cracker house on

- Rock to decorate
- Acrylic Paint (optional)
- Paint Markers (optional)
- Mod Podge - glue (optional)
- Tissue paper - cut into squares (optional)
- Blindfold

Thursday - Day 3

- Popcorn - 1 bag already popped
- 8 oz of marshmallows (half a bag)
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- Sprinkles

- 2 Tin cans or 2 cups (may want to punch hole in
bottom center of cans using a nail or a
screwdriver and a hammer before VBS)
- String *
- Sidewalk Chalk *

Friday - Day 4

- Heart shape cookie cutter *
- Sugar cookie dough (homemade or store
bought)
- Frosting/Icing for sugar cookies
- Sprinkles

- Sticks/Twigs 2-8 per child in similar size
- Twine *
- Paint (can be the paint from day 2)
- Card stock cut out heart *

* provided in Focus Bags - if you picked one up

Schedule (Approximate)

- 6:00** Welcome and Opening Worship
- 6:15** Bible Story
- 6:35** Snack
- 7:00** Craft
- 7:22** Activity
- 7:40** Closing

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Monday, June 8

Bible Story: Seeing God in Creation, Romans 1:20

Bottom Line: FOCUS on what you can see.

Snack: Creation Mix

Craft: Paper Sunglasses

Activity: Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, June 9

Bible Story: The Wise and the Foolish Builders, Matthew 7:24-27

Bottom Line: You can HEAR from God.

Snack: Graham Cracker House

Craft: Rock Decorating

Activity: "I can..." "Hear God" (Marco Polo)

Wednesday, June 10

Watch for your VBS friends during family worship at 6:00pm and check out our Facebook page for extra fun throughout the day!

Thursday, June 11

Bible Story: Peter Says that Jesus is the Messiah, Matthew 16:13-20

Bottom Line: You can TALK with others about what you believe.

Snack: Popcorn Balls

Craft: Tin Can Telephone

Activity: Decorate Neighbor's Sidewalks

Friday, June 12

Bible Story: The Greatest Commandment, Matthew 22: 36-40; 1 Corinthians 13

Bottom Line: You can LIVE for God by loving others.

Snack: Heart Sugar Cookies

Craft: Stick Cross

Activity: Jesus loves, Jesus loves...You! (Duck Duck Goose or Grey Duck)
Jesus loves and pursues each of you - Find the Heart!



Bible Story

Seeing God in Creation
Romans 1:20

Memory Verse

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”
Hebrews 11:1

Life App

Faith - Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Bottom Line

FOCUS on what you can see.

Key Question

What's your favorite thing God created?

Bible Story

Find and Read Romans 1:20

Discussion Questions:

1. Imagine if all of creation could speak. What might the following tell us about God? What are some characteristics of God we can see when we look at the things He's made?
 - *Examples to talk about: mountains, ants, wind, waves, sand, planets and stars, molecules, Jesus, you*
2. What would be a good name for a detective agency that looks for God? What evidence would be in their files?
3. How does creation help us figure out that God is real?
4. If someone said, "I don't know if there is a God," what would you say to help them take a closer look?

Challenge kids to keep looking, searching, and taking a closer look at the things they CAN see that help them trust in God for what they CAN'T see.

Snack

Creation Snack Mix

What you need:

- Marshmallows - (Light)
- Chocolate Chips - (Dark)
- Goldfish crackers or Swedish fish - (sea animals)
- Animal Crackers or Teddy Grahams - (land animals)
- Stick pretzels - (trees and nature)
- Sour Patch Kids - (People)
- Blue sprinkles

Feel free to substitute if your family does not like one of these ingredients or for allergies.

Craft

Focus Glasses

What you need:

- Paper Sunglasses Template
- Markers or Crayons
- Tape - clear
- Scissors



Activity

Scavenger Hunt

Family Prayer

“God, it's so good to know that we can always trust You. Sometimes things happen that we don't expect, and that can make us feel discouraged, confused, or disappointed. In those times, please help us to put our FOCUS on You. Help us to look at the amazing world You've created and remember how great You are. Help us to remember how much You care about each one of us. Help us to point other people to You as we choose to trust You. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”



Bible Story

The Wise and Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24-27

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Bottom Line

You can HEAR from God.

Key Question

How do you know what God wants you to do?

Bible Story

Find and read Matthew 7:24-27

Discussion Questions

1. How do you know what God wants you to do?
2. Do you think God communicates with everyone the same way? Why or why not?
3. How can you know for sure when God is speaking to you?
4. What should you do if you're not sure about something you think God is telling you to do or not do?
5. If God would speak one sentence out loud to you, what do you think He would say?

Snack

Graham Cracker House

What you need:

- Graham Crackers
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Decorating materials such as pretzel sticks, candy, licorice, etc.
- Ziplock bags for piping frosting or bowls
- Plastic knife to spread frosting
- Plate

Craft

Rock Decorating

What you need:

- Rock
- Decorating medium such as...
 - Acrylic Paint
 - Paint Markers
 - Mod Podge and tissue paper - cut into squares



Activity

"I can..." "Hear God" (Marco Polo)

What you need

- Blindfold

Family Prayer

"Dear God, we don't hear Your voice in the same way that we hear our friends or family speaking to us, but we know that You talk to us through the wisdom, stories, promises, and commands in the Bible. Help us take a closer look at the way we pay attention to the things You have told us. Teach us how to be wise and to build our life on Jesus, the solid rock. Amen."



Worship

Watch worship online as a family.

Pastor Kristian - "Be at Peace with Each Other"

Getting along is not easy. Life would be so much easier if everyone could just see it my way! As Christians, when we disagree, we are not supposed to separate and split but work hard to restore a bond of peace.

Bible Story

Be at Peace with Each Other

Mark 9:50

Find and read Mark 9:50

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think Jesus means when He is referring to salt?
2. Salt is good. It adds flavor it is used as a preservative. How can we be the "salt" that Jesus is talking about to others?

Memory Verse

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- S**erve others - Jesus remind us to serve others not to be served
- A**ppreciate other - Share with others that you are thankful for what they do and who they are
- L**ove other - Love others because God loves us
- T**reasure other - Let others know that they matter to us because everyone matters to God

3. What are some areas that you need to ask Jesus to help you so that you can be the "salt"? (Example: **self control** when I am angry, **patience** when I have to wait, **generous** when I don't want to share...)
4. Describe situations in your house that disrupt the peace. (Example: someone is having a bad day, someone is tired, someone does not want to help with chores...) What are ways that each of you could be the "salt" at that time?

Life App

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Read Galatians 5: 22-23

Fruit of the Spirit

How are the Fruits of the Spirit and the "Salt" Jesus was talking about the same?

Bottom Line

You can CHOOSE to be at peace with others.

Activity

Check out these two great Bible resources for kids! Both have fun games and activities.

Key Question

What can you do to be the "salt" Jesus was talking about?

bibleappforkids.com



adventurebible.com



Family Prayer

Dear God, it is hard to always be at peace with those around us, especially those who we are closest to, like our parents and our siblings. Help us to be the "salt" and to choose to be at peace with those around us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



Bible Story

Peter Says that Jesus is the Messiah

Matthew 16:13-20

Memory Verse

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Bottom Line

You can TALK with others about what you believe.

Key Question

What is God doing in your life right now?

Bible Story

Find and read Matthew 16:13-20

Discussion Questions

1. What is God doing in your life right now? Is it something you could talk to others about?
2. Is it easy or hard for you to talk to others about your faith? Explain.
3. Why is it important to talk about Jesus and what we believe with others who know and love God?
4. What things do you talk about most? How can you bring Jesus and your faith into those conversations?
5. What are some things that keep us from asking questions or talking with others about the things we believe?

Snack

Popcorn Balls

What you need:

- Popcorn - 1 bag already popped
- 8 oz of marshmallows (half a bag)
- 3 tablespoons of butter

Melt butter then add marshmallows and melt. Dump popcorn (remove kernels) into a bowl then pour marshmallow mix over popcorn, add sprinkles. Let rest for 5 minutes then shape into balls and enjoy a sweet and salty treat.

Craft

Tin Can Telephone

What you need:

- 2 Tin Cans or 2 Cups
- String



Activity

Decorate Neighbor's Sidewalks

What you need:

- Sidewalk Chalk
- *If it is raining: write letters, make cards, or call a friend!

Family Prayer

"God, thank You so much for this story about Jesus. Jesus encouraged Peter to talk about what he believed, and You want us to talk about You, too. We know when we talk with others, we can get a closer look and discover who You are and all that Jesus did for us. We know, like Peter, we are not perfect. There are times we don't do what You want and we don't listen to You. We are so thankful You sent us Jesus to be our rescuer. And when we believe in Jesus, we can be with You now and forever! Thank You for loving us so much You want to be with us. Amen!"



Bible Story

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:36-40;
1 Corinthians 13

Memory Verse

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
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Bottom Line

You can LIVE for God by loving others.

Key Question

How can you focus on others?

Bible Story

Find and read Matthew 22:36-40 and 1 Corinthians 13

Discussion Questions

1. How can you focus on others?
2. Finish this sentence: "When I think of love, the first thing that comes to mind is ..."
3. How can you tell when someone genuinely loves you?
4. How might the world be different if everyone loved God first and showed unselfish love to others?
5. When is it easiest for you to love others? When is it hard?
6. How can you show love to people when it's difficult?
7. When we love others, we're reflecting or imitating God's love. Why is love for others so important?
8. After reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, define love in your own words.

Challenge kids to pick one of the descriptions of love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 that they can focus on today and lead them to think of ways to live it out.

Snack

Heart Sugar Cookies

What you need:

- Heart shape cookie cutter*
- Sugar cookie dough (premade or store bought)
- Frosting/Icing
- Sprinkles

Craft

Stick Cross

What you need:

- Sticks/Twigs 2-8 per child in similar size
- Twine
- Paint (can be the paint from day 2)



Activity

Jesus loves, Jesus loves...You! (Duck, Duck, Goose)

Jesus loves and pursues each of you - Find the Heart!

What you need:

- Cardstock cut out heart

Family Prayer

"God, You love us so much! Every one of us is important to You! Help us to see ways we can love others. Open our eyes to ways we can show people they matter to us and—more importantly—that they matter to You. Amen!



Hopekids 2020-2021 Registration is Now Open!

Register online at fargohope.org/children

Hopekids is a Christian education program for kids 3 years old (as of August 1, 2020 and toilet-trained) through 5th grade. Your child will connect with adult leaders who are committed to sharing their faith in Jesus Christ and hear God's truth through interactive Bible teaching, creative dramas and high-energy music that is age appropriate and reinforces learning.

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