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DCM VBS



Bring drama to your VBS! Dramatic Christian Ministries & Vacation Bible School - Now Booking for 2005 - DCM can script your program to fit your needs and curriculum. Drama from the Bible lends itself to all VBS programs and will greatly enhance the experience of your children and your volunteers.

We highly recommend the critically acclaimed 8 original Marketplace 29 A.D. Bible Times Experience curriculums from B.J. Goetz Publishing. These 8 wonderful and unique VBS curriculums are very adaptable and present many opportunities for Bible Demonstration. If you want a deeper and more meaningful VBS that will teach children about the Jewish roots of their faith and bring the Bible alive, these VBS curriculums will fulfill that purpose. This is an exciting experience for all involved, both children and workers.

DCM has purchased the entire set of Bible-Times VBS's from B.J. Goetz and we can make our own program material available to whoever does VBS with DCM.

- **The shofar sounds** and the marketplace opens.
- **Dressed in Biblical costumes**, children, teens and adults "live" in Biblical Jewish "families" learning many of the Jewish Biblical customs.
- **Dramas right from the Bible** happen in the marketplace demonstrating Biblical stories. Bible-Times characters stroll through the marketplace and interact with the children in the first person.
- **Children become apprentices** in occupational shops of their choice.
- **Shopkeepers** share the special events of the day with the children.
- A Synagogue School is in session.
- **Songs and Jewish dances are heard and seen** and experienced throughout the VBS.
- **Seamlessly blends Christian teaching with Jewish roots of Christianity**



Marketplace 29 A.D. 1st century marketplace experience - Early ministry of Jesus, Jewish families, culture and trades - *Four Gospels*

Antioch A.D. 49 - Paul's Missionary Journeys - Early journeys of Paul - apprentices learn Greek and Roman trades and culture - *Book of Acts*

B.C. 1440 - Build A Holy Place - Build the first tabernacle and furnish it as God directed Moses and the children of Israel - *Exodus 25*

Christ's Chosen A.D. 27-28 - Jesus chooses His disciples and commissions all to be "fishers of men". Learn the Lord's prayer and experience the Sermon on the Mount - *Four Gospels*

Advent Journey - The Birth of Yeshua Ha Machiah! - Bethlehem and the marketplace during Messiah's birth. Family groups travel through eight experiences which lead to a grotto in Bethlehem. Candlelight service finale. - *Luke*

His Last Week - A.D. 30 - Biblical experiences leading to the crucifixion; culminating in the Resurrection! - *Four Gospels*

First Century Nazareth Village - The hometown of Jesus. The Parables of Jesus around family clans, home shops and Jewish customs. - *Four Gospels*

Plaza de Mercado 29 A.D. - Spanish version of Marketplace 29 A.D. - *Four Gospels*

FAQ's



- **Does everyone need to be in costume?** Staff should be required to wear costumes in order to create the Bible Times experience. Costumes will create authenticity for the kids. Staff should try to make their costumes as authentic as possible keeping comfort and durability in mind. For the kids, we suggest that you make simple tunics out of inexpensive material and then let the kids decorate them with belts color-coded to their tribe or class. Headbands are also nice. Hand these tunics out on the first day and use the iron on transfers to decorate the tunics. Let the kids make the belts and headbands for their first day crafts. Kids should leave the tunics with their leaders and then take them home on the last day. Costuming is a fun part of Bible Times because it helps your staff in Bible Demonstration.
- **What kinds of crafts should I make?** The programs come with suggestions for crafts and instructions on how to make them. Your staff can also come up with ideas based on their own knowledge. We suggest that you make things like scrolls, mezzuzahs, menorahs, rope, bread, candles, pottery, leather things, Keep it simple and authentic to the time period.
- **What kinds of sets should we use?** Creating a Bible-times village doesn't have to be a lot of work. Canopies, blankets, and a well are the basic "sets" you'll use. Gather sheets, baskets and pots to create shops and see your VBS come alive. A large tub makes a great well or Pool of Siloam. Our experience has shown us that Marketplace works indoor or outdoors.
- **Can I use the curriculum for mixed ages?** Yes. Simply form combined-age elementary Tribes including one or two kids from each age level along with an adult or teenage leader and assistant leader. Mixed-age Tribes will still maintain a family feel. If you want to include preschoolers, create smaller Tribes of five children to one Tribe Leader.
- **Can our VBS be shorter than 5 days?** Yes! If time constraints only allow you to do a 4-day try condensing 2 of the days into one day.
- **Does the curriculum work with smaller churches?** Yes it does! This program is versatile enough for small churches. You can be as creative with few as with many. We recommend that if your church is small that you combine your VBS with other small churches in your area. This will make it more exciting and give your volunteers an opportunity to work with other churches.
- **Can these VBS's be done at night?** Absolutely! There is no difference between night and day as long as your area is well lighted or you can do the VBS in your all purpose room or your sanctuary. We have done both day and night VBS's with equal success.