

## 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.