



# FIRE FIGHTERS

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### Welcome to Fire Fighters!

Welcome to Fire Fighters! As the director of your church's VBS program, you have many responsibilities. This VBS kit is designed to make your job as easy as possible for you and your volunteers. But, before you dive into the logistics of planning your VBS, here's a quick look at the nuts and bolts of Fire Fighters.

### Basic Information

#### The Theme

All firefighters, report for duty! In the Fire Fighters VBS theme, kids are rookie (probie) firefighters in Firehouse 316, where they will be trained to fight the eternal fires caused by sin and to help rescue those who are in danger of that eternal fire. Along the way, they'll meet Jake, the firehouse captain who will train the "probie" firefighters how fires get started, how to extinguish them, and how to do whatever it takes to rescue victims from the fire through evangelism. Kids will also meet Ember, a seasoned firefighter who has lost her spark of enthusiasm for Jesus, and Bernie, a clumsy probie who will help to re-ignite Ember's passion for Christ.

#### The Objective

Jude 23 tells us to "snatch from the fire" those people who are in danger of dying apart from Christ. This is the main objective of the Fire Fighters VBS. Early in the program, children will be presented with the gospel in clear and powerful terms, explaining that we cannot even pass the test to become firefighters for Jesus unless Jesus takes away our sin and then fulfills God's standard for us. Additionally, the gospel is presented on every day of the program in the closing drama skits.

Beyond that, children will be encouraged to keep fit spiritually, even as firefighters must keep fit physically. By practicing, drilling, and exercising spiritually, children are taught to be ready and on call at a moment's notice to spring into action with the gospel. And like firefighters, children will be taught to do whatever it takes to reach people for Christ, just as firefighters must break down doors, cut through walls, and scale ladders to reach fire victims. The overall goal of the Fire Fighters VBS program is to equip kids to fight the eternal fire by reaching its would-be victims with the gospel.

#### Teaching Perspectives

Each day of the Fire Fighters VBS features two different and complimentary teaching times to ensure that children understand both the Biblical truths we should live by and how those truths apply to them today. Both of these lesson times are powerful and effective, and both are provided at four teaching levels for each day of VBS. These lesson times are as follows:

#### Fire Academy Training Lessons

The Fire Academy Lesson Kit, included with this program, contains innovative object lessons with interwoven Bible character stories to show children the "book learning" of Fire Fighters. Most of these lessons take time to focus on a particular Bible character, showing how that character either passed or failed the test of an eternal firefighter. This approach will help children to see how the same principles that applied to characters in the Bible also apply to them today.

#### Firefighter Drill Lessons

Additionally, Fire Fighters includes a full set of hands on "field drill" lessons, wherein children will see the Biblical principles of this VBS put into action in an interactive way. These lessons will essentially allow children to practice what they have learned.

#### The Gospel

One of the prime objectives of Fire Fighters is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with children and their families. Through the use of Bible lessons, gospel tracts, and discipleship materials which can all be printed from the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink, you can share the gospel with all the children in your VBS program.

Additionally, the Fire Fighters drama skits share the gospel with children every day of VBS. During the five days of VBS, "Jake," our main drama character, will constantly share the gospel with a sense of urgency, and of course, with a great deal of fun. The Fire Fighters drama skits allow you to share the gospel on EVERY DAY OF VBS, making Fire Fighters a very evangelical program.

#### Six Bible Versions Included

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### Five Days, Two and One-Half Hours per Day

Although you may alter the time frame in which this VBS program operates in your church, it is designed to run for five days, running for 2½ hours or more each day. This allows VBS to be done either in the daytime or in the evening. Extending the daily running time is possible, although we do not recommend reducing the running time to less than 2½ hours per day, as the children will not be able to participate in all the VBS activities in less than 2½ hours per day.

**See the VBS Scheduling Tools provided later in this Guidebook to easily establish your daily VBS schedule.**

### How This VBS Program Operates Each Day

#### Session 1: Opening Assembly (20 minutes)

After children have arrived each day and checked in with their Age Group Leaders, all the children will assemble as one large group in a large room such as a church sanctuary. The opening assembly consists of the following:



#### Opening Song

The worship leader or drama leader will lead the children in singing the VBS Theme Song to start off on the right foot.

#### Opening Skit

A fun drama skit is performed for all the children which introduces the lesson focus for that day of VBS.

#### Sessions 2-5: VBS Lesson and Activities

After the opening assembly, the children are divided into their respective age groups (described later in this packet) and sent off to participate in five VBS activity sessions. During any given time session, each VBS age group will be involved in a different activity than the other groups. At the end of each time session, each group will ROTATE to a different activity until all of your age groups have participated in all of the activity sessions (meaning that each group will go to the VBS activities in a different order). You will need a room or area for each of these activity sessions, which are as follows:



#### Fire Academy Lesson Time (20 minutes)

During this important teaching time, Scripture-based object lessons and Bible character focuses may be used for teaching children the primary learning concepts of each day of VBS.



#### Firefighter Drill Lesson Time (20 minutes)

This equally important teaching time provides children with a Scripture-filled hands-on object lesson that shows how to put the day's learning into practical use on a daily basis. In other words, this is where the learning is put into practice.



#### Game Time (20 minutes)

For a break, the children get to run off some energy by participating in a fun game which either helps them to apply the day's lesson or just to have fun.



#### Crafts & Snack Time (20 minutes)

Here, the children get to create a simple but fun craft project to remind them of their day at VBS. As they do this, they are served a yummy and fun VBS snack.

#### Session 6: Closing Assembly (25 minutes)

At the end of each day, the children re-convene into one large group for the closing assembly, which takes place in the same room where your opening assembly took place. The closing assembly includes:



#### Praise & Worship Music

At the start of the closing assembly, the worship leader or drama leader leads all the children in singing worship songs such as those which have been provided on the VBS Music CD.



#### Closing Skit

Next, the second half of the drama skit for the day is performed for the children, reviewing what has been learned and concluding the story for that day of VBS.

#### Gospel Presentation & Prayer

Each day's VBS skit includes an option to present the gospel to the children during the closing VBS skit, along with a closing prayer.



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### Bringing the Firefighters Theme to Life

The firefighters theme of this VBS includes a few special details for you to consider. The information on this page is meant to help you to get the most out of VBS.

#### Staff Name Tags

All of your VBS staff who will be working directly with children should have name tags to identify them. These name tags are all included with the materials you will give to each volunteer. For example, the Crafts Kit includes a name tag for a Crafts Leader, and the Bible Lesson Kits include name tags for teachers. However, you can also print extra staff name tags (as well as name tags for children) from the "Helpful Aids" section of the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink.

#### Fire Station Flags

Each of the VBS Age Groups is identified as a "Fire Station," and each station has its own flag. These station flags can be printed from the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink. We suggest printing a flag for each age group and fastening it to a dowel rod. These station flags can be carried by children as they travel from one VBS activity to the next.

#### Check-In Locations

For faster VBS check-in, we suggest designating a specific area for each Age Group to meet and check in with their Age Group Leaders each day. Since the first VBS activity each day is an opening assembly, a good location for check-in areas is to rope off a seating area in your assembly room where each age group is to gather each day. For instance, the first couple of seating rows could be a check-in area for the Preschool group, and the two rows behind that would be for the Kindergartners, and so on. We suggest posting additional copies of the age group station flags in each check-in area so that children will recognize which area they should go to.

#### Boys vs. Girls Competition

To motivate children to listen closely and participate in VBS, the lesson times utilize a "boys vs. girls" competition. Certain questions during lesson time are worth points, and boys and girls race to correctly answer the most questions. When a question is asked, any child who thinks they know the answer is to STAND UP. The first child to stand is called on for their answer. If they are correct, they score a point for their team, which is recorded on a Scoreboard sheet (included in the Lesson kits). At the end of each day of VBS, all of the Scoreboard sheets from each group are turned in and tallied. If the boys answered the most questions, then Ember, the girl drama character, will be sprayed with a fire extinguisher (silly string) in the closing assembly. If the girls win, then Bernie, the boy character, will be sprayed. This simple competition will motivate children to listen closely, therefore helping them to learn more.

#### Basic Decorating Ideas

While more complete decorating ideas are found in the Fire Fighters Decorations Kit (from the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink), we've listed a few basic ideas here to give you an idea how to bring the firefighter theme to life.

#### Firefighter Gear

If you can get your hands on firefighter helmets, turnout gear, boots, scuba gear, hoses, axes, or other tools that you can temporarily display in your facility, it will add authenticity to your decorating. Sometimes items of this type can be found used online.

#### Fire Station Engine Bays

You can simulate the appearance of a fire engine bay, where fire engines would be parked. Ideas for this could include having firefighter gear hung on the wall as if ready to be used, displaying fire fighting tools like axes and hoses, and a brick wall background with a fire station logo hung on the wall. Lights, alarms, fire poles, and a cardboard fire engine would complete the look.

#### Fire Station Bunks or Locker Room

Other parts of your facility could be made to look like the bunks or locker rooms used by firefighters. You could display some simple beds or cots, place cardboard rectangles on your walls painted to look like locker doors, and display firefighter helmets or turnout gear.

#### Fire Engines and Rescue Vehicles

Consider building a large fire engine prop to display in a main traffic area in your facility. You could paint it red, white, yellow, or whatever color your local fire department uses. For fun, you could add flashing strobe lights to the top of your cardboard engine.

#### A Real Fire Engine!

Consider visiting your local fire station and introducing yourself. Let the crew there know what you're doing for VBS and ask about the possibility of having them park their fire engine in your parking lot for one day of VBS. You may find that the firefighters you talk with may be more than willing to do this as a public relations move, and you may be able to arrange for a brief fire safety demonstration at your church during VBS. Imagine the excitement your kids would have upon seeing a real fire engine and real firefighters!

#### Costuming

To add to the fun, your workers can dress in costumes, such as real or simulated turnout gear for firefighters on a fire scene. Workers can also dress in station uniforms, which are often comprised of navy blue pants and a navy blue t-shirt. For officer firefighters, the t-shirt can be replaced by a white button-up collared shirt with lieutenant or captain rank insignias.

#### Fire Fighters Signs

Official-looking signs like "Fire Station 316," "Engine Bay," "Captain's Office" and others can add further authenticity if posted strategically around your facility. A variety of signs and other decorative artwork is available on the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink. We suggest borrowing or printing a copy of the Decorations Kit from the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink for more ideas.



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### The VBS Departments

The Fire Fighters VBS kit is divided into what we call "Resource Kits." Each kit is designed for a particular area, or "department" of VBS. This allows the VBS Director to recruit heads for each VBS department, providing them with the appropriate kits and materials for their assigned departments from the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink. In this way, all of the VBS "Department Directors" will be equipped with all the VBS materials they need for operating their department of VBS.

### Summary of VBS Departments

Now it's time to take a brief look at what the VBS Department Directors will be doing and how each department will work. Being aware of what your volunteers are doing will be very important for keeping everyone organized and enabling you to answer questions from your workers.

We recommend that you take a quick look at the VBS Resource Kits which pertain to each department for a full understanding of the needs and responsibilities of each department. However, for your reference, we've included an overview of what each department and director will be doing. This overview is as follows:

### Drama Department

The Drama Staff for VBS will be overseeing the dramatic portions of the VBS program, including the opening and closing skits for each day of VBS. The drama skits feature three fun characters (shown in the next column). Jake is the firehouse captain for the VBS week. Jake's lieutenant, "Ember," is a veteran firefighter who believes in Jesus, but who has lost her spark of enthusiasm. Bernie, a clumsy rookie, does not initially believe in Christ.

Each day's skit sets the stage for the Bible lessons to be taught that day. On each day of VBS, the first part of the drama skits will be performed, and then paused at a crucial point. Then, the children will be sent off to their other VBS activities while thinking about the unresolved issues of the skit. At the end of each day in the closing assemblies, after a time of praise & worship, each day's skit will then be concluded, showing the children how each issue is resolved. The drama skits will be great fun for children to watch, all while teaching important concepts.

### Needs of the Drama Department

The Drama Department will need a stage area on which to perform and where all of your VBS children can watch the drama skits. Depending on the size of your facility, they may also need a sound system and some minor technical equipment. You'll need an adult actor to play "Jake" and actors to play the parts of Ember and Bernie (teens with dramatic talent are good choices). The Drama Kit contains all of the VBS skits and includes many of the props and instructions needed. The Fire Fighters Disc and WebLink also contains teleprompter versions of each skit, along with instructions for setting up a simple teleprompter.

### Volunteers Needed

- An adult to play "Jake." This should be a wise-looking man.
- A male actor to play the part of "Bernie." This can be an adult, but a teenager would be very suitable.
- A female actor to play the part of Ember. This can be an adult, but a teenager is very suitable.
- A technical crew for sound and lights if applicable
- People to help acquire props and prepare sets for your skits

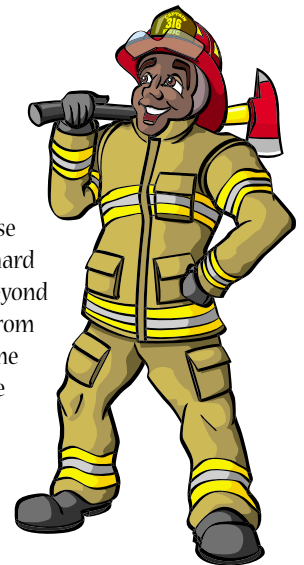
### The Characters

Here's a quick summary of what each character is like:

#### Captain Jake

Jake is the captain of Fire Station 316 and a strong disciple of Jesus Christ. He serves God daily by doing his job for God's glory, but moreover, Jake is on a lifelong mission to find and rescue those who need to be saved by Jesus. He works hard to rescue accident and fire victims, but beyond that, Jake's desire is to rescue people from the eternal fire that threatens to consume anyone who doesn't trust in Jesus. Jake

respects Ember, his station lieutenant, but he is concerned by her lack of commitment to Christ.



#### Lieutenant Ember

Ember is a veteran firefighter who has worked very hard to get where she is. As a believer in Jesus, Ember once understood the importance of giving her all to Jesus, but in her career, Ember has become burned out. Her spark for Christ is gone, and although God has never left her, Ember has become cynical and tends to try doing everything by her own strength. Despite the fact that Ember is still mostly a nice person, she is so unenthusiastic about God that even Captain Jake has all but given up on her.

#### Bernie

Bernie is a rookie "probie" firefighter with lots to learn. Although he is good natured, Bernie is very clumsy, often starting accidental fires in the Fire Station, much to the embarrassment of Station 316. Ember has little patience for Bernie, who seems to clumsily follow her around. Bernie does not start out as a believer in Christ, but he is eager to learn. By the time VBS week is over, Bernie becomes an enthusiastic disciple of Christ and a model firefighter, even succeeding in re-igniting Lieutenant Ember's spark for Jesus.





### Teaching Department

The Teaching Department is the backbone of your VBS, providing the most "face-to-face" in-depth teaching of the VBS program. The Teaching Department includes:

#### Fire Academy Lessons Kit

Innovative Scripture-based object lessons with (in most cases) interwoven Bible character focuses, demonstrating parallels between Biblical principles and fire fighting and how to apply those principles for a strong Christian walk. These lessons are provided at four teaching levels for five days.

#### Firefighter Drill Lesson Kit

Interactive object lessons with Scripture which show how each day's Bible lesson applies to our lives today by putting it into action. These lessons are provided at four teaching levels as well.

#### Send-Home Materials Kit

Age-targeted worksheets relating to each day's VBS lesson to be sent home with the children. Also includes a take-home Bible study sheet designed for parents so they can study the same topics their children learned and continue the teaching process.

#### Teen Lesson Kit

Five lessons that closely follow what the children are learning, but geared for teenagers.

#### Adult Lesson Kit

Five lessons that closely follow what the children are learning, but geared for adults.

#### Gospel Tracts & Discipleship Booklet (NIV or KJV only)

For use in evangelizing children and helping them to mature.

#### Teaching Director's Guide

Summarizes all of the above items and includes directions for setting up his or her department, as well as how the Fire Fighters lesson materials should be used.

### Needs of the Teaching Department

Based upon the size of your VBS, you'll need either one or two rooms for your Fire Academy Lessons and an additional one or two rooms for your Firefighter Drill Lessons. If desired, you will also need classrooms for the Adult teaching and Teen teaching activities. Certain supplies which are needed for teaching the Bible Lessons are listed in the Lesson Kits, though many of these supplies are included with the Lesson Materials.

### Bible Teaching Personnel Needed

Based upon the size of your VBS you'll need staff as follows:

#### Small VBS:

- One Fire Academy Lesson Teacher
- One Firefighter Drill Lesson Teacher

#### Medium VBS:

- One Fire Academy Lesson Teacher
  - One Fire Academy Lesson Assistant
  - One Firefighter Drill Lesson Teacher
  - One Firefighter Drill Lesson Assistant
- (recommend having a different teaching crew each day of VBS)

#### Large VBS:

- One Fire Academy Lesson Teacher and Assistant for Junior Program
  - One Fire Academy Lesson Teacher and Assistant for Senior Program
  - One Firefighter Drill Lesson Teacher and Assistant for Junior Program
  - One Firefighter Drill Lesson Teacher and Assistant for Senior Program
- (recommend having a different teaching crew each day of VBS)

### Adult & Teen Lesson Teachers

Finally, if you choose to include adults or teenagers in your VBS, you'll need qualified people to teach them, such as pastors (for adults) or youth pastors (for teenagers) using the lessons in the Adult Lesson Kit and Teen Lesson Kit.



## Age Group Leaders

Age Group Leaders are the adult helpers who will be with the kids throughout the VBS program, taking them from area to area, administering discipline, and most importantly, befriending the kids. At the start of each day's VBS session, Age Group Leaders will need to "check-in" the children for the age groups they're assigned to. Check-in involves greeting children, issuing them name tags, listening to them reciting memory verses, and keeping score for them on included score sheets.

### Needs of Age Group Leaders

We suggest equipping each Age Group Leader with a name tag and a clipboard on which they can keep notes or score sheets.

### Age Group Leader T-Shirt Artwork is Provided

The Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink includes t-shirt artwork for the leaders of each age group which you can print and iron on to white t-shirts. This will help children to quickly identify the leaders of their groups.

### Volunteers Needed

We suggest one adult for every ten children.

## Crafts Department

The Crafts Department will handle the Craft Time sessions of each day of your VBS program. Special craft projects are included in the Crafts Kit, including supply lists, templates, diagrams, directions and photos of finished crafts. All of the craft projects relate in some way to the theme of the lessons of VBS, and all of the projects are simple and easy. The Fire Fighters craft projects are shown on the VBS Overview chart earlier in this publication.

### Special Note about Crafts Time

For scheduling reasons, the VBS operating schedule built into Fire Fighters calls for Crafts time and Snacks time to be combined into a single 20-minute session. This means that the Crafts and Snacks staff will share a single room, and children will eat their snacks as they assemble their crafts.

### Needs of the Crafts Department

You will need an area in which to host Craft Time for each day of VBS. We suggest a non-carpeted area if one is available. Otherwise, we suggest protecting floors with painting tarps and protecting craft tables with newspapers. Supplies needed for craft projects are listed in the Crafts Kit and on the "Supplies Needed" flyer from this kit.

### Volunteers Needed

- Craft Teachers who can demonstrate crafts and assist children
- Preparation workers who can prepare the supplies needed for each craft project, as well as preparing (mess-proofing) the area in your facility where the crafts will be taught.
- Clean-up personnel to assist in cleaning up after craft time.

## Snacks Department

The Snacks Department will be responsible for preparing and handling the daily Snack Time of your VBS program. The Snacks Kit includes

recipes for five simple but fun VBS snacks, as well as suggestions for preparation, cleanliness, and more. The five Fire Fighters snacks are found on the VBS Overview chart earlier in this publication.

### Special Note about Snacks Time

Snack time and Crafts time will take place together in a single 20-minute session. Crafts and Snacks staff will share a single room, and children will eat their snacks as they assemble their crafts.

### Needs of the Snacks Department

You will need an area in which to serve the snacks to the children. In some cases, children are asked to assemble their snacks before eating them, meaning that you will need to have tables for the children to be served at. We also suggest a non-carpeted area for Snack Time. A list of the items needed for Snack Time is included in the Snacks Kit.

### Volunteers Needed

- Preparation volunteers who will make necessary preparations
- Snack supervisors who will serve the children
- Clean-up volunteers

## Games Department

The Games Department will prepare and administer each day's VBS games. The games are a good way for children to release extra energy and to let loose for a while at VBS. All of the VBS games are loosely related to the theme and the VBS lessons. The Games Kit includes detailed directions, diagrams and props for use with the VBS games. The Fire Fighters games are briefly described on the VBS Overview chart earlier in this publication.

### Needs of the Games Department

We suggest an outdoor grassy area or an indoor area with soft flooring or carpeting. A first aid kit is always a good idea, and we suggest making water available for thirsty kids. Other supplies needed for games are listed or provided in the Games Kit.

### Volunteers Needed

We suggest having a few adult helpers to play with the children, to keep order, and to keep the games safe.

## Music Department

The Music Department will handle the Praise & Worship segment of your VBS program, learning, teaching and performing the songs for VBS. Your Music Director may perform the VBS songs from the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink, as well as other children's songs favored by the children in your church.

### Needs of the Music Department

Your music leaders will need the Fire Fighters Audio Music (either from a music disc or from the WebLink) and printable Music Kit to work from. They may also need some sound equipment so they can lead the children in worship.

### Volunteers Needed

We suggest having a few teens or children assist the worship leader in leading the VBS children in Praise & Worship.

### Missions Department

This department will oversee the VBS Missions project, promoting the project each day at VBS and getting the VBS children involved in the process. This department will determine what the missions project will be and how high to set the fund raising goal.

#### Needs of the Missions Department

You will need an area where you can display the fund-raising progress for your missions project so that your VBS children can see it. Artwork for a "tracking board" is provided in the Missions Kit. One person should be adequate for this department.

### Advertising Department

The Advertising Department is responsible for advertising and promoting your VBS program before VBS begins. Using flyers, posters and artwork provided in the Advertising Kit and on the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink, the department will create interest and excitement both within your church and around your community for your VBS program.

#### Needs of the Advertising Department

Your Advertising Director will need access to the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink so that all of the flyers, posters and artwork needed can be printed and used. Otherwise, it is up to your church to determine an advertising budget.

### Registration & Scoring Dept.

The Registration and Scoring Department will oversee the registration process for your VBS, making sure that you have all of the important information needed for each child in your VBS program. This department will also be keeping score as the children accumulate points for their participation in VBS. They will also determine what kinds of awards or prizes to give to the kids. This department will promote early registration within your church and "day-of-event" registration during the five days of your VBS program. The Registration Department will make name tags for each child in your VBS program and ensure that Age Group Leaders have important information for each child. Additionally, this department will tally up scores for all children throughout VBS as directed in the Registration & Scoring Kit.

#### Needs of the Registration & Scoring Dept.

You will need a table where registration will take place. Your volunteers will need to use this table throughout VBS, both for registration and for scoring. Name Tags, Registration & Scorekeeping Cards, and other tools are provided in the Registration Kit. You will also need a calculator and a supply of 3" X 4" Avery Top-Loading Clip-Style Name Tags.

#### Volunteers Needed

We suggest recruiting 3-4 people to assist with the registration and scoring process. Workers from other VBS departments may be able to assist when they are not engaged with their own duties.

### Decorations Department

This department will be transforming your facility to look like a fire station, fire engine, or fire or rescue scene. This can be accomplished through the use of used fire equipment, painted cardboard props, posters, and more. Some of these things can be found at your local thrift store or online. More decorating ideas are found in the Decorations Kit. Additionally, the Decorations Kit includes a directory of clip-art and signs which can be used for making your facility look like a fire station.

#### Needs of the Decorations Department

The Decorations Department will need a number of supplies for decorating your facility, many of which are included in the Decorations Kit and on the Fire Fighters Disc or WebLink. The Decorations Director will need access to the Disc / WebLink so that he or she can freely locate and print whatever is needed from the clip art library. You will also need to set a VBS decorating budget.

#### Volunteers Needed

- Carpenters may be needed to build any special props you might want for your VBS
- Artists to paint scenes or signs
- Thrift store or garage sale shoppers to acquire decorating items
- Craft hobbyists to assist in producing props and scenes



### There You Have It!

In a nutshell, that's a brief summary of the Fire Fighters VBS program. If you have any questions about this VBS kit, please feel free to contact us as shown below.

We'd also like to tell you about our weekly Truthopolis Sunday School and Children's Church curriculum, designed for ages 3-11. Our Truthopolis program is very much like this VBS program, including drama skits, Bible/object lessons, take-home worksheets, family study sheets, gospel and discipleship materials, clip art, and much more. Truthopolis also involves many fun characters for drama skits, including puppets. Bring the fun and effective Bible teaching of VBS to your church EVERY WEEK through the TruthQuest® Truthopolis Program! Visit our web site and check it out!

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4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus become children of God.
7. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.
8. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head.
9. That only those who are, thus, members of the true Church (above) shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
10. That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.
11. In the personal premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
12. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.