



# FIRE FIGHTERS

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# VBS FastFacts

**Theme:**

A firehouse where kids, as probationary firefighters (probies), train to become full firefighters under the guidance of "Jake," the firehouse captain. Children will also meet Ember, a seasoned firefighter and Bernie, a clumsy probie.

**Objective:**

To show kids how to pass the qualification test by making Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior, and to build spiritual fitness and readiness so that children can perform search and rescue, sharing the gospel with those who need Christ.

<b>Bible Versions Included:</b>	NIV, KJV, NKJV, NLT, ESV, and HCSB. Materials are included in each of these Bible translations.
<b>Length of the Program:</b>	Five days, with a daily running time of 2½ hours.
<b>For Ages:</b>	Can accommodate age 3 thru 6th grade and teens. Also includes workshops for adults.
<b>Scale of the Program:</b>	Adjustable scale can fit the needs of very small churches, medium-sized churches, and large churches.
<b>Age Group Divisions:</b>	Small churches: Two (Preschool thru grade 1 / grade 2 thru grade 6) plus optional teen and adult levels Medium churches: Four (3s & 4s / K-1st / 2nd & 3rd / 4th thru 6th) plus optional teen and adult levels Large churches: Eight (3s / 4s / K5 / 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th & 6th) plus optional teen and adult levels
<b>Classrooms Needed:</b>	Minimum of four. In large churches, up to eight rooms or more may be needed.
<b>Volunteers Needed:</b>	One adult for every ten children, plus five (minimum requirements). One adult for every eight children, plus ten (ideal number of staff).
<b>Gospel Presented:</b>	Every day, in drama skits at closing assemblies.
<b>Format:</b>	Print your own materials from WebLink instant access system or from mailed Disc
<b>Reproducible?</b>	Yes, in unlimited quantities for use in your ministry. Re-selling and re-distribution is prohibited.

<b>Components Included in this VBS Kit</b> (delivered digitally as printable PDF files via WebLink download or CD)	<b>Description and Contents</b> (reproducible in any quantity needed for use within your local ministry)
<b>Director's Guidebook</b>	Overview of VBS, tips and directions for planning and organizing VBS, and recruiting and supplies flyers
<b>Drama Kit with Daily Gospel</b>	Skits and gospel presentations for five days and directions and tips for planning and performing drama
<b>Teaching Director's Guide</b>	VBS lessons and directions for organizing all VBS teaching activities
<b>Academy Lesson Kit</b>	Bible application teaching featuring object lessons with Scripture and Bible character references at four teaching levels
<b>Firefighter Drill Lesson Kit</b>	Firefighter drill-style lessons to illustrate the practical exercise of each day's Biblical concept at four teaching levels
<b>Send-Home Materials Kit</b>	Take-home worksheets at four levels for kids, and take-home Bible studies for parents, covering the five days of VBS
<b>Adult &amp; Teen Lesson Kit</b>	VBS lessons for adults and teens covering five days
<b>Music Kit</b>	Song lyrics, hand motions, and chord charts for each VBS song
<b>Music Audio</b>	Audio music delivered via download (through our WebLink system) or delivered via audio CD (additional cost)
<b>Crafts Kit</b>	Complete directions, supply lists and templates for five VBS craft projects
<b>Snacks Kit</b>	Complete directions, supply lists and recipes for five VBS snacks
<b>Games Kit</b>	Complete directions, supply lists and diagrams for five VBS games
<b>Age Group Leader Guides</b>	Directions for all VBS Age Group Leaders
<b>Missions Kit</b>	Suggestions for VBS missions projects, fund-raising ideas, and progress tracking poster
<b>Registration &amp; Scoring Kit</b>	Complete directions, name tags, score sheets, information cards and flyers for VBS registration and scorekeeping
<b>Decorations Kit</b>	Ideas, suggestions and clip art to be used for decorating your facility for VBS
<b>Advertising Kit</b>	Directions, suggestions, flyers, posters, banner artwork, a promotional skit, and a radio script for promoting your VBS
<b>Discipleship Booklet: "Growing Up In Christ"</b>	Thirteen lessons and activities, along with extensive Scriptural references designed for parents and children to go through TOGETHER. Delivered in printable PDF format.
<b>Gospel Tract: "All About Jesus"</b>	A one-page explanation of the problem of sin and how Jesus' death and resurrection can save us
<b>Gospel Tract: "Something's Wrong"</b>	A one-page discussion of how sin curses our world and how Christ is the only solution
<b>Gospel Tract: "The Bible in 30 Seconds"</b>	A two-page rhyming summary of the Bible, showing how sin threatens us and how Jesus can save us
<b>Clip Art Library</b>	A large selection of decorating and advertising artwork, signs and large posters on Disc or WebLink
<b>T-Shirt Artwork</b>	Artwork for VBS T-Shirts which you can have printed at a t-shirt shop or iron on to your own shirts
<b>Flyers</b>	Recruiting, registration and advertising flyers on Disc or WebLink



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# VBS Overview

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Overall Focus</b> 	<b>Fire Danger!</b> It takes three factors to start a fire: fuel, heat, and oxygen. Similarly, it takes three factors to get burned by sin; desire, temptation, and opportunity.	<b>Got What It Takes?</b> To be a firefighter, you've got to pass the test! But the standards in THIS test are so high that no one can pass it—unless our Fire Chief Jesus Christ passes it FOR US!	<b>Fit For Duty!</b> Firefighters must keep fit, physically and spiritually. We must constantly practice, review, drill, and improve in order to be effective!	<b>Always Be Prepared!</b> In season and out of season, firefighters must always be on call, with their equipment prepared, ready to respond to the call the instant it comes!	<b>Search and Rescue!</b> The world is full of victims who need to be rescued from the eternal fire. Seek them out and bring them the gospel, whatever it takes!
<b>Memory Verse</b> (NIV Shown here)	<b>James 1:14-15</b> But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.	<b>2 Corinthians 13:5</b> Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?	<b>2 Timothy 2:15</b> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.	<b>2 Timothy 4:2</b> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.	<b>Jude 22-23a</b> Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them.
<b>Drama Skit</b> 	<b>"Fire Triangle"</b> Jake introduces a new probie to his staff and explains what it takes to ignite a fire. <b>Includes Gospel Presentation</b>	<b>"Bernie the Probie"</b> Bernie, the new "probie" realizes what it takes to pass the test to become a firefighter. <b>Includes Gospel Presentation</b>	<b>"Is the Fire Still Burning?"</b> Jake wonders if "Ember," a longtime firefighter, has lost her zeal for God, but Bernie refuses to give up on her. <b>Includes Gospel Presentation</b>	<b>"Ready for Duty!"</b> As clumsy as he is, Bernie demonstrates readiness that begins to inspire Ember. <b>Includes Gospel Presentation</b>	<b>"On Fire Again!"</b> Inspired by Bernie, Ember regains her fire for Christ and is ready for duty. <b>Includes Gospel Presentation</b>
<b>Character Focus</b>	<b>Achan</b> (Joshua 6:16-19 & chapter 7) Achan sins and Israel pays the price.	<b>Jesus</b> The only person to ever meet God's standard also met the standard on our behalf!	<b>David and King Saul</b> Because of his spiritual fitness, David replaced Saul as king.	<b>Nehemiah</b> After devising a good plan, Nehemiah successfully rebuilds the wall despite challenges.	<b>The Fantastic Four</b> (Mark 2:1-12) Four friends do whatever it takes to get their friend to Jesus' healing hands.
<b>Academy Training</b> 	<b>Don't Play with Fire!</b> An object lesson about the fire triangle, showing how fires and sins get started, and how to extinguish those fires.	<b>Passing the Test!</b> Children are asked to pass an impossible challenge, then they are shown how Jesus passed the test for all of us.	<b>Climb the Ladder!</b> Similar to a firefighter drill of ascending a ladder, children are shown how to be spiritually fit, ascending a spiritual ladder in 2 Peter 1:5-7.	<b>Wear Your Armor!</b> Using firefighter gear as an example, children are taught the functions and importance of the Armor of God.	<b>Whatever it Takes!</b> An object lesson demonstrates how we must use the WORD of Life to cut through any barrier necessary to bring the gospel to those who need to be rescued.
<b>Firefighter Drill</b> 	<b>Stop, Drop and Roll!</b> An object lesson about what to do if you're engulfed in the flames of sin or temptation. Stop, drop to your knees in prayer, and roll through the Scriptures!	<b>Fireproof Yourself!</b> Children are shown how they can be burned unless they stand on the fireproof foundation of Christ and are cloaked in a life of Godliness.	<b>Part of the Team!</b> Children are asked to complete a task that can only be done as a team, with each one doing a specific job.	<b>Always Prepared!</b> An object lesson demonstrating the importance of always being equipped and ready to answer the call to share Christ.	<b>Your First Real Call!</b> Children are given the opportunity to practice what they've learned by sharing the gospel with VBS teachers and volunteers.
<b>Songs</b> 	<b>Stop, Drop and Roll!</b> This 60's surf tune reminds kids to stop, pray, and obey!	<b>He's All That!</b> This epic rock song answers the question, "Why worship God?"	<b>Climb the Ladder</b> This pop-country tune puts 2 Peter 1:5-7 to music in a fun way!	<b>The Armor of the Lord</b> This fun techno song puts Ephesians 6:13-17 to music!	<b>Whatever it Takes</b> This power-ballad encourages kids to do whatever it takes!
<b>Snacks</b> 	<b>Stop-Drop Rolls</b> Tasty round biscuits kids can roll in apple butter or other dips.	<b>Match Sticks</b> Pretzel rods tipped with strawberries and cream cheese.	<b>Firefighter Ladder</b> A ladder made of pretzel rods and sticks with cheese.	<b>Firefighter Axe</b> Edible axes made of apples, cream cheese and graham sticks.	<b>Fire Hydrants</b> Tasty smoothies made with citrus punch and fruit.
<b>Scripture Games</b> 	<b>Stop, Drop and Roll!</b> A variation of "Red Light, Green Light," where kids must run, stop, drop, and roll on command.	<b>CPAT!</b> A relay race simulating a firefighters physical fitness test, dragging simulated hoses and doing fireman's crawls.	<b>Hose Hop!</b> A team-building game where kids must move a hose as a team across the game area using a limited number of resources.	<b>Get Up and Go!</b> A relay game where kids must quickly put on simulated firefighter gear and race to the finish line.	<b>Save the Citizen!</b> A relay game where kids must bust through barriers to rescue a "victim."
<b>Craft Projects</b> 	<b>Firefighter Field Manual</b> A decorated book of tips for avoiding fire and temptation.	<b>Firefighter Helmet</b> A fun Fireman's hat made of craft foam.	<b>Firefighter Ladder</b> A ladder with rungs that remind kids of 2 Peter 1:5-7.	<b>Firefighter Axe</b> A harmless axe made of craft foam.	<b>Firehouse Gospel Tracts</b> Fun, three-dimensional gospel tracts.

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