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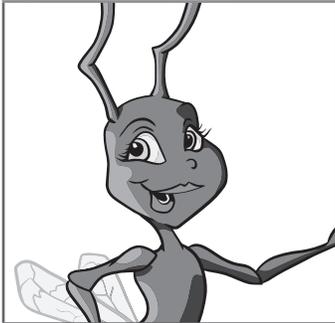
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SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

ANIMAL PAL

JEZREEL VALLEY
OPENING AND CLOSING

PROPHET'S PEAK
BIBLE STORY



POWER POINT:
My God is real. That's rock solid!

BIBLE STORY
Facing Challenges
with God

KEY VERSE:
"I am with you, so do not be afraid"



POWER POINT:
My God provides. That's rock solid!

BIBLE STORY
Experiencing God's
Providing in Zarephath

KEY VERSE:
"I am with you, so do not be afraid.
I am your God, so do not be upset."



POWER POINT:
My God is powerful. That's rock solid!

BIBLE STORY
Battles of the Gods

KEY VERSE:
"I am with you, so do not be afraid. I am your God,
so do not be upset. I will make you strong..."



POWER POINT:
My God knows me. That's rock solid!

BIBLE STORY
Elijah Runs Away
from Everyone

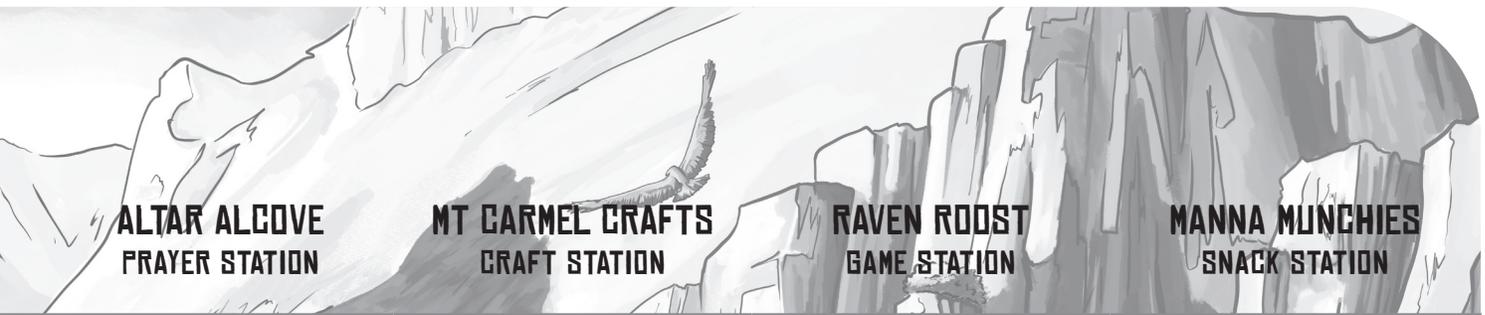
KEY VERSE:
"I am with you, so do not be afraid.
I am your God, so do not be upset.
I will make you strong and I will help you."



POWER POINT:
My God is preparing a place for me. That's rock solid!

BIBLE STORY
Elijah and Elisha
cross the Jordan
River Together

POWER POINT:
"I am with you, so do not be afraid. I am your God,
so do not be upset. I will make you strong and I will
help you. My powerful right hand will keep you safe."
Isaiah 41:30 (EasyEnglish Bible)



ALTAR ALCOVE
PRAYER STATION

MT CARMEL CRAFTS
CRAFT STATION

RAVEN ROOST
GAME STATION

MANNA MUNCHIES
SNACK STATION

AWE
TRAILBLAZING ACTIVITY
Wow, God!

ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY
I am thankful, God

MAIN CRAFT
Hiking Lantern

GRAB + GO
Stained Glass
Window Craft Kit

PRE-GAME
Stop & Listen

MAIN GAME
Over Under Mountain
Hike

DEBRIEF



LISTENING
TRAILBLAZING ACTIVITY
I hear you, God!

ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY
I can listen &
talk to God

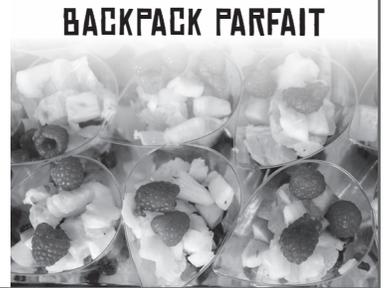
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Butterfly
Suncatcher

GRAB + GO
Scratch Butterfly
Ornaments

PRE-GAME
Mountain Express

MAIN GAME
Rippling Water Relay

DEBRIEF



TRUSTING
TRAILBLAZING ACTIVITY
You've got this, God!

ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY
I can trust God to
handle my burdens

MAIN CRAFT
Mountain
Spinner

PRE-GAME
Gather Up

MAIN GAME
Jezreet Tree Relay

DEBRIEF



AFFIRMING
TRAILBLAZING ACTIVITY
You know me, God!

ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY
I am unique

MAIN CRAFT
Clothespin
Paper Puppets

PRE-GAME
Whistle Freeze

MAIN GAME
Beach Ball
Relay Race

DEBRIEF



REMEMBRANCE
TRAILBLAZING ACTIVITY
We remember God!

ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY
I will remember
how much God
cares for me

MAIN CRAFT
Pompom
Celebration Popper

GRAB + GO
Picture Frame
Magnets

PRE-GAME
Whistle Scramble

MAIN GAME
Mountain Top
Obstacle Course

DEBRIEF



OVERVIEW



Welcome to Jezreel Valley! This is where kids will gather in their crews at the beginning and end of the VBS program each day. During this VBS program the kids will be known as “hikers” because they are hiking mountains and valleys like Elijah did throughout his story. The station leader is a tour guide in the Jezreel Valley who remembers a time when there was no rain to make the crops grow. The tour guide is also the town historian. She/he has been around a long time and makes friends with all the hikers that come to the town. She or he leads groups or individuals on outdoor excursions in and around the mountains and valleys of Mt. Carmel and Mt. Sinai. She/he reminds the hikers that God is the only One who can give us what we need on our journey just as Elijah and the Israelites learned. The tour guide will welcome the hikers to the VBS each night, the Cave Singers will lead the hikers in fun and exciting songs, and there will be a funny raven mascot named Rainy who will appear strategically in the program each day to help introduce the Bible Pal and the Power Point.

DECORATING + SET UP

The setting for the opening/closing program is a wellspring located somewhere between Mt. Carmel and Mt. Sinai. Springs and wells were landmarks in the landscape of Israel. They were like a map guiding travelers from one place to another with the added benefit of fresh water and rest from a long hot and dusty journey.

To create the wellspring, you will need to construct an altar that will sit to the right of the center stage. Use paper grocery bags stuffed with newspaper taped closed with masking tape to make the stones. Stage the stones in a circle three or four layers high. You can use yellow, orange, and red crepe paper to look like flames on top of the altar. To the right of the stage from the back far right winding diagonally forward, make a winding stream out of light blue tulle or plastic tablecloth with small artificial trees and brown paper bag rocks and real stones. Place small stuffed animals like squirrels and frogs on or around the rocks. On the left side of the stage create a small cave out of brown butcher paper. Place a large basket with wheat sheaves inside and put it center stage near the cave. Add a rake and/or hoe propped up next to the basket. For added color place

Middle Eastern or camping blankets around the room for the hikers to sit on in their crew.

MISSION PROJECT + DONATION BASKET

This year we are going to collect money to help kids learn that God’s love is rock solid and that we can trust God to provide us with what we need. Each day during the closing session the kids will watch a video where they will hear a little more about the mission project.

During the closing program on Day 1, the kids will be encouraged to bring a monetary donation and put it in a decorated basket each night. These funds will be used by ADRA to help kids in other countries. Your VBS kit comes with an envelope for storing funds, along with instructions for submitting funds for ADRA.

PHOTO BOOTH [OPTIONAL]

Create a photo booth area for the kids to pose for their individual and group photos. The photo booth can resemble a rustic mountain scene that includes props such as backpacks, hiking poles, fake trees, and a faux campfire for ambiance.

STAFF CHARACTERS

THE TOUR GUIDE

The tour guide will be hosting the activities at Jezreel Valley every day. The tour guide is native to this area, and she/he remembers a time when there was no rain to make the crops grow. They are also the town historians and often take individuals or groups on excursions or sightseeing trips in the hills and valleys of Mt. Carmel and Mt. Sinai.

RAINY THE RAVEN

Rainy the Raven is the mascot for this year’s VBS. She/He appears strategically in the program to help the tour guide introduce the Bible Pal and Power Point of the day.



STAFF COSTUMES

The tour guide will wear an outfit similar to the traditional clothing worn in countries across the Middle East. This outfit can consist of a long sleeve flowing tunic, a wide belt and side pouch with a compass and a small Bible inside, a turban or headscarf, and a large sturdy walking stick.

CREWS

As kids arrive to the VBS program, they are assigned to a crew, a group of kids seated on a Middle Eastern or hiking blanket. Crew leaders will greet the kids as they come, and the group will journey through VBS together.

During the closing program the crew leader will gather the group for a brief question and answer session, will hand out the Bible Pals, and will review the Power Point and Key Verse.

This year the names of the crews come from the story of Elijah (I Kings 18:38-39; 19:11-13). They are:

- Whirlwinds
- Firestorms
- Flood Waters
- Earthquakes
- Lightning Bolts

TRAVEL MAP

During the closing program, the crews will gather back at Jezreel Valley to share and pray together. They will write a statement on a breadcrumb cutout and tape it onto the map. The map of Elijah's journey from one mountain to the other should be a wall that everyone sees during VBS. You can use the map provided or paint the map onto kraft paper and tape it onto the wall. As the kids come each day and put their breadcrumbs on the wall, they will see how from mountain-to-mountain God is there for them just as God was there for Elijah.

Locations on the map:

- Jezreel—location of Ahab's palace where Elijah confronted him.
- Brook Cherith—stream of Jordan River where Elijah was fed by ravens.
- Mt. Carmel—Location of the altar of God and the altars of Baal.
- Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai)—Cave where Elijah hid.
- Jericho—Elijah went to heaven in a fiery chariot.

AHEAD OF TIME

Memorize the Power Point and Key Verse. Roll up a sheet of paper in the form of a scroll for the introduction of

the Key Verse. Memorize the songs and motions to participate with the hikers and Cave Singers.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR THIS VBS

To download all of the digital files for this VBS program simply:

- Visit AdventSource.org
- Create or log into your account
- From the Account page, click on "Digital Files"
- Enter your Digital Code, then select and download the files you need. The code for English files is HVBRIQTA and the code for Spanish files is DM8F31MO

CREW LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

Learn the lyrics and motions to the songs so you can participate with the kids at the Opening/Closing program. Be on the lookout for how God's Spirit is at work in the kids' lives and be attentive to the kids during the prayer time. Work on writing your crew song (*a little ditty you will come up with together in your group*) while waiting to move on to the next station. Emphasize the importance of moving together as a group.

WEEKLY SUPPLY LIST

- Rain stick
- Bible
- Compass
- Walking stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits & vegetables in it
- Whistle
- Raven costume
- Bible Pals
- Bible Pal cardboard cutouts
- Travel map poster
- Breadcrumbs (download at AdventistVBS.com)
- Power Point poster for the day
- Key Verse poster for the day
- Key Verse scroll
- Rope
- Water
- 3 plastic cups
- Thin square board
- Square sheet of rubber
- Pens
- Double-sided tape or glue dots
- Container for collecting mission project donations

DAY 1 OPENING PROGRAM

SUPPLIES

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Faith the Firefly cardboard cutout
- Power Point poster for Day 1
- Key Verse poster for Day 1
- Rolled up paper with Day 1 Key Verse
- Whistle

AHEAD OF TIME

Memorize the Power Point and Key Verse. Roll up a sheet of paper in the form of a scroll for the introduction of the Key Verse. Memorize the songs and motions to participate with the hikers and Cave Singers.

CREW TIME

As the kids enter, they will be directed to a crew, a group of kids seated together on blankets. Crew leaders will greet each child with a smile and welcome them to the first night of VBS. If a child brings money for the mission project, ask them to let you hold it, so their hands are free to participate in the music, crew activities, and station rotation. Assure each child that you will give them their money during the closing program so they can put it in the mission basket.

As an icebreaker before the program starts, have the kids come up with an adjective that starts with the first letter of their name (*like Jazzy Jill or Cheerful Charlie*). You can also do the name game when there is a pause between stations or during snack time.

WELCOME

SAY: Shalom! (*Move the rainstick from one side to the other using dramatic motions.*) Welcome to the Mountain of Miracles: Where God's love is rock solid! I'm _____ and I'm your tour guide here in Jezreel Valley. I hear you're all hikers heading out to Mt. Carmel. I like to go hiking too (*hold up hiking stick*)! Whether we're talking of Mt. Carmel or the BIG (*pause for dramatics*) Mt. Sinai where a lot of Bible-time people came to talk to God. From mountain to mountain (*dramatically point to the*

backdrop mountain on the left then swoop your arm to the mountain on the right) God is there!

There's something about climbing a mountain that reminds me that God is there for me. (*Point your walking stick up to God then secure it in your belt before doing the 'mountain' hand motions.*) From mountain (*do a mountain with both hands fingers flat put together*) to mountain (*make the shape with fingers from both hands again*) I know! Do the mountain motions with me! From mountain (*be dramatic, do a mountain with both hands fingers flat put together*) to mountain (*make the shape with fingers from both hands again*) God is there no matter where we are—whether we're in the dark valley or the high mountain! God's love is rock solid! Give your friend a fist bump... be gentle!

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: That reminds me of our theme song! Hikers give our Cave Singers a loud welcome as they come out to lead us in our theme song.

 *Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.*

Aren't you so glad that God loves us so much?! Though (*pause with dramatic wonderment*) I wonder, how do you know that God is real, and that God loves you? Is it when your parent or grandparent or sibling gives you a big bear hug? (*Hug yourself.*) Is it when God answers your prayers? Is it when God gives you courage to do something scary? Is it when you see the beautiful rainbow in the sky that comes after the rain fall (*move rain stick from side to side*)?

Do you wonder about these things?

God shows us that He is real and that He really loves us in (*emphasize "so many"*) sooooo many different ways. He gives us many



gifts...like the sunshine and the rain! Wow! It is hard to count all the gifts! It's like trying to count the droplets of rain that fall from the sky.

INTRODUCE CREWS

SAY: Everyone who comes to Jezreel Valley has so much fun experiencing the hikes. I already know you are going to have so much fun too! Together we're going to hear exciting stories, play fun games, eat yummy food, (*rub your tummy*), and learn that God's love is rock solid, and that He is with us always! You will be hiking in Jezreel Valley and the surrounding mountains this week. So, make sure you follow your crew leader's instructions.

These are the names of the different crews we have here at Jezreel Valley. When I say the name of your crew, I want you to jump up and make as much noise as you can! Ready?

- Whirlwinds
- Firestorms
- Flood Waters
- Earthquakes
- Lightning Bolts

When you're hiking a mountain with your crew it is fun to come up with some group games. Some hikers like to play hiking games. Others come up with stories. Others might create something like a secret handshake...ohhh-hh...or a special group cheer. Yeah! That is a great idea! Let's do it! You're going to come up with a team cheer for your crew this week. You could also throw in a secret handshake if you want. Be creative! Oh my! I can't wait to see what you come up with!

INTRODUCE TRAVEL MAP

SAY: But first, we need a map! (*Look around quizzically.*) There it is! Do you see that big map over there? That's the map of Elijah's travels from Jezreel Valley to Mt. Carmel, to Mt. Horeb and back. By the way, Mt. Horeb is also known as Mt. Sinai. Wow, he did a lot of hiking! This week we're going to go on a hike from mountain to mountain to discover that God's love is rock solid and that He is with us always! Every day we will take a breadcrumb and put it on the map and by the end of the week that map will be so full of breadcrumbs – oh! Yummy! – Wait! Do you wonder why we are taping breadcrumbs to the map? You do? Ahhh, you will learn why at Prophet's Peak!

The map is a reminder that God is with us today and shows us how rock solid His love is for us just like Elijah from the Bible (*pull out your small Bible from your pouch and show the children while talking*) learned many many years ago. (*Put the Bible back into your pouch.*)

INTRODUCE BIBLE PAL AND POWER POINT

Rainy the Raven runs across the stage and flaps wings while crowing "caw-caw-caw".

SAY: Shoo! Shoo! (*Make motion with hand like swatting flies out of your hair. Turn to kids laughing.*) That's Rainy the Raven. Rainy and his/her friends love to come take my grain and fruit. (*Rainy comes over to where the sheaves are.*)

Shoo, Rainy, shoo! (*Turn to the kids.*) Kids, help me say it, "shoo, Rainy shoo"! (*The tour guide chases Rainy away from the wheat. Rainy flaps wings and crows while running across the stage as if flying away.*)

Oh, good. Whew! Rainy's gone. (*Fix the wheat sheaves.*) I call him/her Rainy to be funny because he/she and other ravens, I guess they were friends, showed up at a time when there was no rain (*laugh at your own joke*). They carried away freshly baked bread. Not just mine but my neighbors' too! And only God knows where they took it. We never saw the bread again!

(Rainy flies back on stage and the tour guide chases him/her. Before he can get him Rainy picks up the cutout of Faith the Firefly and drops it while being chased off stage.)

Hey, this is our Bible Pal for today. How did Rainy know that? (*Scratch head*) Wow, Ravens are very smart creatures. Never underestimate a raven. (*Put your hand on your hips and look at the kids.*)

(Hold Faith the Firefly cutout.) Faith was born glowing. She glowed as an egg. She glowed as a larva, or glow worm, and she glows as an adult. (*Place the cutout on stage.*) She's never afraid of the dark because she has her own nightlight that shines in the dark. That's cool, isn't it? (*Wait for kids to respond.*) Faith is powerful. Oh yea! She's got a chemical in her body called luciferin that makes her light up. It also protects her from predators because they know if they ate her, they could get sick. (*Hold your tummy with a sick look on your face.*)

God gave Faith the ability to light up. God made her strong. You and I may face some scary things, but God has given each of us faith inside us that helps us overcome whatever challenges come our way. Wow! That's amazing! We can have this bright faith inside of us because God is like a big strong powerful mountain that protects us. God is always with us, so we don't have to be afraid.

That goes right along with our Power Point for today: My God is real. That's Rock Solid! Let's say it together.

My God is real. (*Place pointer finger up against lips and move it forward.*)

That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

Alright, hikers. Let's say it together again, this time with the motions:

My God is real. (*Place pointer finger up against lips and move it forward.*)

That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

INTRODUCE KEY VERSE

Rainy flies across the stage and drops the Key Verse scroll at the tour guide's feet, then flies off stage.

SAY: Well, what do you know? Rainy dropped a note. That's unusual, usually ravens don't like to deliver messages. They would rather shred the message up into tiny pieces than send it to someone. That means Rainy is a really (*emphasize "really"*) special raven indeed. (*Open up the scroll.*)

What do we have here? Hmmmm. It's today's Key Verse. "I am with you... do not be afraid."

I'm going to need a volunteer to hold up the verse while we say it. Raise your hand if you'd like to volunteer. (*Give the Key Verse poster to a volunteer to hold up.*)

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"with you," (*Cross arms over your chest.*)

"...do not be afraid" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

SONG OF THE DAY "IT'S GOD"

SAY: Hikers, God is real, and God really loves you! Yep, that's true! Turn to your neighbor and say, "Yep that's true!" Sometimes we might be called to be brave and strong, just like Rainy the Raven, to do difficult jobs for God, like the ones we'll learn about today when we hear Elijah's story. That reminds me of our song for today.

Here come our Cave Singers! Slap your legs and make the sound of a rain stick as they come on stage.

 (*Play music video or motion to the Cave Singers to come lead "It's God."*)

OPENING SKIT

SAY: Let's see what Rich and the S.A.V.E.D. Team are up to today. I hear they are planning to go on a dangerous expedition on the big mountain...like this one. (*Point to backdrop.*)

 (*Play Day 1 opening skit. Show DVD or perform live skit.*)

DISMISS

SAY: Wowzers, look at the time! Alright, hikers, it's time to get going! We have so much to see and do. (*Pull out a whistle*) This is my hiking whistle. When you hear the whistle it's time to move on to the next hiking experience. As you are hiking, see if you can spot anyone who is trusting in God and give them a fist bump! Follow your crew leaders. Have fun and Shalom, my friends!



DAY 1 CLOSING PROGRAM

SUPPLIES

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Rope
- Plastic pitcher
- Water
- 3 plastic cups
- Thin square board with hole drilled in each corner
- Square sheet of rubber
- Bible pals (1 per child)
- Breadcrumbs (printable)
- Pens
- Double-sided tape or glue dots
- Whistle
- Container for collecting mission project donations

AHEAD OF TIME

1. Drill a hole large enough for the rope to thread through in each corner of the board.
2. Glue the sheet of rubber to one side of the board.
3. 2 pieces of rope. Each 40"
4. Fold each piece in half and tie the center of both lengths of rope together.
5. Pull one strand of the rope through each hole to the back of the board (without the rubber) and tie the ends so they do not slip back through the hole.
6. Hold up the board to make sure the ropes are even. Adjust if necessary.
7. Place three cups in the center of the board on the rubber sheet.
8. Fill the cups with water.
9. Slowly begin swinging the board and when you are ready swing it in a complete circle.

10. Slowly bring the board to a stop. Tada!

Activity Preparation instructions: Practice several times ahead of time before demonstrating!

- "Build a Centripetal Force Board: Explore Inertia" by learningscienceisfun on YouTube



WELCOME BACK

SAY: Welcome back to Jezreel Valley! Did you have a good hike today? Did you play some fun games? Did you have yummy snacks? Did you pray by the altar? Where did you enjoy hiking most? (*Take a few responses.*)

SONG "IT'S GOD"

Let's stand up and praise God for being very real with us! (*Instruct kids to slap their legs to make the sound of a rain stick as the praise team comes on stage.*) Welcome Cave Singers!

 (*Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come lead "It's God."*)

REVIEW

SAY: What did you learn at Prophet's Peak today? (*Take a few responses.*) What challenge did Elijah face that made him have to rely on God and know He was there for him? (*Take a few responses.*)



God told Elijah to deliver a difficult message to King Ahab. He had to tell the king that there would be no rain until the people turned from their idol worship back to God. They needed to know that God was the real God, and that God really loved them! You and I can be reminded of that too! It's true! God is real and God really loves you! You can rely on God. Whoooooo! *(Wave your hands in the air.)*

REVIEW POWER POINT AND KEY VERSE

SAY: Let's say our Power Point for today: My God is real. That's Rock Solid!

My God is real. *(Place pointer finger up against lips and move it forward.)*

That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

And what's our Key Verse? "I am with you,...do not be afraid."

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"with you," *(Cross arms over your chest.)*

"...do not be afraid" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

PHOTO TIME [OPTIONAL]

SAY: Hikers, did you spot anyone trusting in God today? Did you spot someone believing that God is real, and God really loves them? Let's see. *(Begin slide show.)*

ACTIVITY: SPINNING CUPS

SAY: I need two brave volunteers. *(Choose kids from the middle and rear of the room.)* Sometimes, it's hard to trust an invisible God. Do you sometimes feel that way



too? How do we know God is there? *(Pause briefly with a quizzical look.)* I know! Let's do an activity in trust.

Volunteer 1: Your job is to fill each cup half full. Got it?

Volunteer 2: Your job is to carefully place all three cups in the middle of this board. Ready?

That was great! Let's give our volunteers a shout! Good Job!

You and I might trust God when things are going really well but what happens if everything turns upside-down? Will we still trust that God is there with us?

(Pick up the rope by the top knot. Slowly begin swinging the board and when you are ready swing it in a complete circle)

Wow! Was that amazing?

Just like the water stayed in the cups, so when life is turned upside-down God is there with us to show us that He is real. God is with us, and God really loves us!

CREW TIME

SAY: Share a time when you had to rely on God. Maybe you had a difficult homework assignment and God helped you figure it out. Maybe you had to do something you were scared to do like ask for directions or go somewhere by yourself. Get together and discuss it. Write "Provide" on a breadcrumb cutout.

Work together helping each other. Once everyone in your group is finished, crew leader, you can bring your crew up and tape your breadcrumbs on the map. When you get back, hand out the Bible Pal and recite the Power Point and the Key Verse. Let's get this room buzzing with the Power Point and the Key Verse!

CLOSING SKIT

Move the rain stick back and forth (be dramatic). Use the whistle if you need something louder to get the kids' attention.

SAY: I wonder *(say with intrigue)* what Rich and the S.A.V.E.D. Team and his team are up to now?



(Play Day 1 closing skit. Show video or perform live skit.)

Wow! It sure does take a lot of gear to safely climb a mountain!

MISSION PROJECT

SAY: Let's check in with our ADRA team and see what they are up to. But wait! Do you know what ADRA stands for? It's pretty cool! Adventist Disaster Relief Agency. That's a pretty long name for sure! They help other people who need help!

You know, you and I can help people know that God is real, and that God really loves them. Especially when life is turned upside-down. *(Swing arm like you are swinging the board with the cups on it.)*

We have a mission project this week. We're going to bring our money and put it in this basket each night. You can bring a dollar, five, ten, twenty dollars or more. Ask your parents, your friends, and your church friends. We can remind each other to bring our donations each night. Let's show them that God is real! But first we are going to watch an ADRA video that shows what your money is helping with. *(Play Day 1 mission project video.)*

Wow! ADRA really needs our help. If you brought money come on up and place it in our basket. Let's see if we can fill up this basket with money that will help ADRA help our friends in another country.

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: Hooray! It's time for our Cave Singers to come out and give us a hand! Let's give them a rainstick welcome. Slap your lets like me! Welcome Cave Singers! Come everybody let's Stand up and loudly and joyfully sing our theme song!

 *Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.*



PRAYER AND INVITATION TO COME BACK TOMORROW

SAY: I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow here at Mountain of Miracles. Let's pray and thank God for being real and for loving us every day. Let's pray.



MATERIALS

- Rain stick
- Scarecrow
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Basket with grapes in it
- Rock Hyrax cardboard cutout
- Power Point poster for Day 2
- Key Verse poster for Day 2
- Rolled up paper with Day 2 Key Verse
- Whistle

AHEAD OF TIME

Memorize the Power Point and Key Verse. Roll up a sheet of paper in the form of a scroll for the introduction of the Key Verse. Memorize the songs and motions to participate with the hikers and Cave Singers.

CREW TIME

As the kids enter, they will be directed to a crew, a group of kids seated together on blankets. Crew leaders will greet each child with a smile and welcome them to the second day of VBS. If a child brings money for the mission project, ask them to let you hold it, so their hands are free to participate in the music, crew activities, and station rotation. Assure each child that you will give them their money during the closing program so they can put it in the mission basket.

If there is time before the program starts, you can ask them an ice-breaker question such as: "What is your favorite color?" If you run out of time you can also ask the ice-breaker question when there is a pause between stations or during snack time.

WELCOME

SAY: Shalom my friends! *(Move the rain stick from one side to the other using dramatic motions.)* Welcome I'm _____, your tour guide here in Jezreel Valley. The plants here grow really well. They get shade between the two mountains and fresh bubbling water from the spring. *(Point to each mountain on the backdrop.)* Look at my wheat and my grapes. *(Motion to a basket of wheat*

and grapes.) Sometimes while I am hiking, I find delicious plants to eat. *(Pick up the grapes and lick your lips.)* Yummy! I know that God provides for us because I experience this every time I find a cluster of juicy grapes or the farmers in the area harvest their wheat so the bakers can bake big brown loaves of bread... or donuts!

Come my friends, let's enjoy Jezreel Valley together. You can rest for a while here and worship our God. I know you hikers are on your way to Mt. Carmel. Wow! That is one big mountain! I hope you are wearing your hiking boots *(point to your hiking boots)!* As you'll find out on your hike, God is always here with us providing for every step of the way. From mountain to mountain *(sweep your hands point to one mountain then the next)*, God is there. God's love is rock solid! *(Fist bump with some of the children in the audience.)*

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: That reminds me of our theme song! Let's welcome the Cave Singers with the sound of a rainstick. Slap your legs like this. *(Slap each leg one then the other quickly to make the sound of rain.)*

 *Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.*

That was simply beautiful! The sound of music echoing off the mountains is pure delight!

SAY: I have a very serious question. When you eat red berries, do you eat the big ones first *(raise your hand)* or the small ones first? *(Encourage children to raise their hand.)* I love red berries... but wait! That wasn't the serious question!

Hikers, have you ever been stuck in a difficult situation and God helped you when you needed help? *(Tap your chin with a questioning look.)*

Raise your hand if you got lost and God provided someone to help you find your way to your mom or dad again.



Raise your hand if you didn't have money with you and someone bought you your lunch or a toy when you wanted one.

Raise your hand if you needed a friend and God sent someone to be your friend.

As a tour guide here in the Jezreel Valley, I get to see that God is faithful to provide what I need every day. (*Shake rain stick.*) Counting all of God's blessings is like counting the raindrops (*slowly move the rain stick down and up*) that fall from the sky. There are too many to count!

INTRODUCE CREWS

SAY: You are going to have so much fun here at Jezreel Valley! We are going to hear exciting stories just like yesterday. We're going to play fun games, eat yummy food, and learn how to connect with God in different ways. You are hikers this week! Shout "hooray!" (*Pause and join the children in shouting, "hooray".*) You will be hiking the Jezreel Valley and the surrounding mountains in groups. Your crew leaders will be leading you so make sure you follow their instructions.

These are the names of the different crews we have here at VBS. When I say the name of your crew, I want you to lift your fists (*demonstrate*) like this and shout "hooray"!!! Let's see who is the loudest. Ready?

- Whirlwinds
- Firestorms
- Flood Waters
- Earthquakes
- Lightning Bolts

Wowee! God has definitely provided you with a healthy yell! I love it! And God loves to hear and see you too!

Listen up friends, when you're hiking the mountain in your crew you can practice your crew cheer and secret handshake (*be dramatic*) if you created one. This is going to be so much fun! (*Clap with excitement.*)

Don't forget we are going to share our cheers with the whole group of hikers on Thursday. Let your creativity flow. I can't wait to see...oh wait! I can't wait to HEAR what you come up with!

INTRODUCE TRAVEL MAP

SAY: Now, where is that map with all the breadcrumbs. I need a volunteer to come up and point it out to me. (*Wait for volunteer to come up and when they point to the map turn and look in the opposite direction.*) Where is it? I don't see it! (*The volunteer may turn you around to see where they are pointing.*) Oh, thank you! You have good eyes, my friend. (*Whisper to the volunteer they can go*

back to their seat.) I need your help and maybe if I used my compass. (*Pull out the compass from your pouch.*) I wouldn't get all turned around.

That's the map of Elijah's travels from Jezreel to Mt. Carmel, to Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai) and back. (*Use hand motions starting on your left chopping up and down to designate each destination.*)

Wow, Elijah sure did a lot of hiking! And so are we! This week we're going to go on a hike from mountain to mountain and discover that God is with us, just like Elijah discovered that God was with him! Every day we will take a breadcrumb and put it on the wall and by the end of the week that map will be so full of breadcrumbs—even more than Elijah ate at the Brook Cherith! Speaking of breadcrumbs...I'm starting to get hungry! Our map is a reminder that God is with us today and shows us how rock solid His love is for us just like Elijah learned many many years ago.

REVIEW DAY 1

Can anyone remember our Power Point from yesterday?
My God is real. (*Place pointer finger up against lips and move it forward.*)
That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

And what was our Key Verse?

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)
"with you," (*Cross arms over your chest.*)
"...do not be afraid" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

INTRODUCE BIBLE PAL AND POWER POINT

Rainy the Raven runs across the stage and flaps wings while crowing "caw-caw-caw".

SAY: Shoo! shoo! (*Make motion with hand like swatting flies. Turn to kids.*) Kids, help me say it, "shoo, Rainy shoo"! Oh, wait, I think I have something that might help us. (*The tour guide disappears off stage and brings out a scarecrow. Rainy the Raven flaps wings and crows while running across the stage as if flying away.*)

Oh, good. He's gone. Rainy and his friends would destroy my nut and date trees if I didn't chase them away.

(*Rainy flies back in and the tour guide chases him with the scarecrow. Before he can get him Rainy picks up the cutout of Rich the Rock Hyrax and drops it as he is being chased off stage.*)

Hey, this is our Bible Pal for today. How did Rainy know that? Wow, Ravens are very smart creatures. (*Shake your*

finger and shake your head back and forth.) Never underestimate a raven.

Rich lives on the mountain in a big group of fellow Rock Hyraxes. They build their homes in the rock. That is why they are called Rock Hyraxes. Makes sense right? They work as a team to gather seeds, leaves, and plants for food near their home.

Rich is rich because he has all that he needs to live. He doesn't even need to drink much because his food holds the water he needs. He and his friends have all that they need so they spend most of their time relaxing, piling on each other, and resting in the sun. The rock is their safety. A few of his friends keep a look out when their group is foraging for food. If they make an alarmed call they quickly go into the rock for refuge and they are safe. In the same way, you and I can run to God...and we are safe. In God we have everything that we need. God is the one who provides for all of our needs—food, water, and shelter. Sounds good to me! What about you? Say, Oh yeah! *(Pause and listen as kids shout, Oh yeah!)*

That goes right along with our Power Point for today. *(Give the Power Point poster to a volunteer to hold up.)* God is my provider. That's rock solid!

Alrighty, hikers. Let's practice that together again with the motions one more time:

God is my provider. *(Put both hands up palms facing you and bring them down forward to lap/waist level.)*

That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

INTRODUCE KEY VERSE

Rainy flies across the stage and drops the Key Verse scroll at the tour guide's feet, then flies off state.

SAY: Well, what do you know. Rainy dropped a note. Rainy is a special raven indeed *(shake head in wonder)*. *(Open up the scroll)* Well, what do we have here? It's today's Bible verse. I'm going to need some volunteers to hold up parts of the verse while we say it. Please raise your hand if you'd like to volunteer. *(Hand out Key Verse posters.)*

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"with you," *(Cross arms over your chest.)*

"...do not be afraid" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"your" *(Point outward.)*

God," *(Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)*

"so do not be upset" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

Isaiah 41:10 *(Hold hands as if opening a book.)*

I love remembering verses from the Bible... they help me feel connected to God!

SONG OF THE DAY "SAFE"

SAY: God is so loving and good and is faithful to provide for all of our needs. Sometimes we might face some tough times like Elijah did, remember yesterday's Bible story? Today the story gets even better! God is always with us and gives us what we need. That reminds me of our song for today. *(Start clapping your legs and motion children to join you.)* Welcome Cave Singers!



(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come lead "Safe.")

OPENING SKIT

SAY: My heart is so happy listening to the beautiful music you make with your voices. I could listen to you all day...but Rich and the S.A.V.E.D. Team have a message for us! Let's see how he is doing.



(Play Day 2 opening skit.)

DISMISS

SAY: Brrrrr were you cold watching the mountaineer on the cooold mountain. He sure is brave! I know how we can get warm! Let's get up and start hiking in place. *(Demonstrate by lifting your knees up high.)* It's time to start hiking! We have so much to see and do. *(Pull out a whistle.)* This is my hiking whistle. When you hear the whistle it's time to move on to the next place. Don't forget to watch and see if you can spot anyone who is being helped. Follow your crew leader. Shalom! *(Blow whistle several times while you are hiking in place.)*



MATERIALS

- Rainstick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Plastic PVC stick or pipe
- Piece of fleece, wool, or (last resort) a cloth
- Plastic sandwich bag cut into a strip (tape ends of the strip together to form a ring)
- Bible pals (1 per child)
- Breadcrumbs (printable)
- Pens
- Double sided tape or glue dots
- Whistle
- Container for collecting mission project donations

WELCOME BACK

SAY: Welcome back to Jezreel Valley! Did you have a good hike today? Did you play some fun games? Did you have yummy snacks? I did! Did you pray by the altar? I did that too! What was your favorite place (station) you traveled to today? (Take a few responses.)

SONG "SAFE"

SAY: Let's stand up and praise God for being our provider! Welcome back Cave Singers! (Instruct children to clap their legs to make the rainstick noise as the Cave Singers come out.)

 (Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the song "Safe.")

REVIEW

SAY: I love to hear you sing! It's beeeuuutiful! Go ahead and sit back down. What did you learn at Prophet's Peak today? Did Elijah experience a difficulty? How did God provide for Elijah? (Pause and let children answer.) Witnessing about how God provided for him must have helped Elijah build his faith in God, don't you think? Yes? You and I can know God as our provider too! We sure can! We can rely on God's goodness and faithfulness even when we are in need. When we pray and reach out

to other people for help, that's another way that God provides for our needs. Many times, God helps us through others just like God helped Elijah through the ravens so it's always good to ask for help when you are in need.

REVIEW POWER POINT AND KEY VERSE

SAY: Hmmm I need some help! I need six volunteers to help me with the Power Point and Key Verse. (Arrange the kids in pairs facing each other instruct each pair to 'fist bump' with each other.)

Let's say our Power Point for today:

God is my provider. (Put both hands up palms facing you and bring them stretch out and down forward to lap/waist level.)

That's rock solid! (Fist bump others.)

And what's our Key Verse? "I am with you,... do not be afraid. I am your God so do not be upset." Isaiah 41:10

Volunteers now turn and face the audience. Help me with the motions:

"I am" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)

"with you," (Cross arms over your chest.)

"...do not be afraid" (Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)

"I am" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)

"your" (Point outward.)

God," (Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)

"so do not be upset" (Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)

Isaiah 41:10 (Hold hands as if opening a book.)

Let's give our volunteers a shout! Good job!

PHOTO TIME [OPTIONAL]

SAY: Hikers, did you spot anyone being helped today? Let's see. (Begin slide show.)

ACTIVITY: FLOATING BAG

The tour guide should lead this activity. Remember to practice several times beforehand.

SAY: I need two amazing volunteers. Sometimes we find ourselves in hard times when we wonder how God can provide for us. Can God work a miracle for us like He did for Elijah? Can God do the impossible for us too? Hmm, I wonder? *(Place a finger on chin and give a look of wonder.)*

I have a PVC pipe and a piece of a plastic bag cut and taped into a ring. Let's see if it can float.

Volunteers, this is what you will do. *(Give volunteer 1 the fleece and volunteer 2 the PVC pipe.)*

Volunteer 1: Rub both the plastic bag ring and PVC pipe with the fleece *(or wool or cloth)*. Then throw the ring up in the air.

Volunteer 2: Place the PVC pipe underneath the plastic ring. *(The plastic ring should float over the PVC pipe.)*

Wowzer! That was amazing! Just like the plastic floats above the PVC pipe, it's like a miracle! The real truth is that God can work miracles and provide for us when it seems impossible too!

God is my provider. *(Put both hands up palms facing you and bring them stretched down forward to lap/waist level.)*

That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

Say it with me!

God is my provider. *(Put both hands up palms facing you and bring them down forward to lap/waist level.)*
That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

Let's give our volunteers a shout! Good job!

CREW TIME

SAY: It's crew time! In your groups, take turns sharing about a time you went through a tough situation, and you needed God's help.

Maybe you forgot your lunch money or left your lunch box at home.

Maybe you were lost and needed to get to your parents.

Maybe your family went through a hard time.

Maybe you moved to a new place and had to make new friends.

How did God provide for you? Write on a breadcrumb, "God provides!" Then you're going to go up, all together, and tape your breadcrumbs on the map.

Crew leaders, when you get back, please hand out the Bible Pals and review the Power Point and Key Verse with your crew.

SKIT

Move the rain stick back and forth to get the children's attention.

SAY: I wonder what is happening with Rich and the S.A.V.E.D. Team? Are you ready to find out?



(Play Day 2 closing skit.)

MISSION PROJECT

SAY: You and I can be used by God to provide for others just like God used the ravens to provide for Elijah. We're going to bring our money and put it in the donation basket each night. So, let's bring a dollar, five, ten, twenty, or more. Ask your parents, friends, and church members to help as well. Let's show our friends in another country that God loves and cares for them! *(Play Day 2 mission project video.)* If you brought any money to share, now is the time to bring it up and place it in our donation basket.

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: It's time to stand up and sing our theme song! *(Instruct kids to clap their legs as the Cave Singers come on stage.)* Welcome back Cave Singers!



(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.)

PRAYER AND INVITATION TO COME BACK TOMORROW

SAY: I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow at Mountain of Miracles: where God's love is rock solid! Let's pray and thank God for being our provider and for always helping us when we're in need.

Dear Jesus, Thank you for all my new friends! They are amazing. Amen

Shalom my friends! See you tomorrow on another amazing hike!

DAY 3 OPENING PROGRAM

MATERIALS

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Lance the Persian Lion cardboard cutout
- Power Point poster for Day 3
- Key Verse poster for Day 3
- Rolled up paper with Day 3 Key Verse
- Whistle
- Extra-large confetti popper (amazon.com Large (12 Inch) Confetti Cannons Air Compressed Party Poppers Indoor and Outdoor Safe Perfect For Any Party New Years Eve or Wedding Celebrations Shoot Streamers 10 Foot)

AHEAD OF TIME

Memorize the Power Point and Key Verse. Roll up a sheet of paper in the form of a scroll for the introduction of the Key Verse. Memorize the songs and motions to participate with the hikers and Cave Singers.

CREW TIME

As the kids enter, they will be directed to a crew, a group of kids seated together on blankets. Crew leaders will greet each child with a smile and welcome them to the third day of VBS. If a child brings money for the mission project, ask them to let you hold it, so their hands are free to participate in the music, crew activities, and station rotation. Assure each child that you will give them their money during the closing program so they can put it in the mission basket.

If there is time, you can ask them an ice-breaker question such as: "What is your favorite hobby?" (Examples: sports, name of favorite game, what instrument they play, arts & crafts, etc.) If you run out of time you can also ask the ice-breaker question when there is a pause between stations or during snack time.

WELCOME

SAY: Shalom! (Move the rain stick from one side to the other.) Welcome to Mountain of Miracles: Where God's love is rock solid! I'm _____ and I'm your tour guide here

in the Jezreel Valley. Here we praise and worship our God who is so loving and so powerful! You hikers are going to see God's power on display when you hike Mt. Carmel and the other surrounding mountains here in Israel. There's nothing like a tall mountain to help us see how strong and powerful God is. God made the mountains and God's more powerful than even the tallest, strongest mountain! From mountain to mountain, (*spread your arms out point to each mountain on the backdrop*) God is there. And God's love is stronger than anything. God's love is rock solid! (*Fist bump someone.*)

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: That reminds me of our theme song! (*Start clapping your legs to make the rainstick noise.*) Come on hikers, let's welcome the Cave Singers! (*Song leaders come out to lead theme song.*)

🎵 (*Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.*)

Hikers, have you ever had a strong or influential person in your family?

Maybe you have a strong uncle with big muscles.

Maybe an auntie or mother or grandma who is the one that everyone listens to and follows their instructions.

Or maybe it's your dad or grandpa who are big and strong.

Maybe you have a relative who is so big and strong that they can pick you AND your siblings up high.

Or maybe it's your big brother or sister that is so strong they can beat you at arm wrestling. Raise your hand if you have a relative like that. (*Raise your hand up high.*)

God is so strong that God sends the rain and God sends the sun. God is more powerful than the strongest muscle man or



woman! God created the whole world with (*whisper*) just his word! Wow, God is so powerful!

INTRODUCE CREWS

SAY: You are going to have so much fun at Mountain of Miracles today! We're going to hear exciting stories. We're going to play fun games, eat yummy food, and learn how to connect with God in different ways. Yes indeed! You are going to have fun today!

Remember you are hikers this week! You will be hiking the Jezreel Valley and the surrounding mountains in crews. Your crew leaders will be leading you so make sure you follow their instructions!

These are the names of the different crews we have here at VBS. You have one more night to work on your group cheer! When I say the name of your crew, I want you to stand up and be as loud as you can. Let's see who is the loudest. Ready?

- Whirlwinds
- Firestorms
- Flood Waters
- Earthquakes
- Lightning Bolts

When crews go hiking, they like to have special games to pass the time. Maybe they'll tell stories. Maybe they come up with secret handshakes. Or maybe they come up with a group cheer. How are your cheers coming along? Good? Yes? No? I can't wait to hear you share your cheers with all of us tomorrow evening. I can't wait to see... wait! To HEAR what you come up with!

INTRODUCE TRAVEL MAP

SAY: Now, someone showed me where the map is with all the breadcrumbs. But I can't remember! Oh, yes, I can use my compass. (*Dig in your pouch for the compass and pull it out.*) I need another volunteer to come up and point it out to me. (*Wait for a volunteer to come up and when they point to the map point your compass in the same direction.*) Got it! Thank you (*say their name*) you are a big help! And you have good eyesight my friend! (*Whisper to the volunteer they can go back to their seat.*) Next time all I need to do is use my compass!

REVIEW DAY 2

SAY: Can anyone remember our Power Point from yesterday? That's right! God is my provider. That's rock solid!

Let's say it again, with the motions this time:

God is my provider. (*Put both hands up palms facing you and bring them down forward to lap/waist level.*)

That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

And what was our Key Verse for yesterday? "I am with you,... do not be afraid. I am your God so do not be upset." Isaiah 41:10

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"with you," (*Cross arms over your chest.*)

"...do not be afraid" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"your" (*Point outward.*)

God," (*Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.*)

"so do not be upset" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

Isaiah 41:10 (*Hold hands as if opening a book.*)

INTRODUCE BIBLE PAL AND POWER POINT

Rainy the runs across to center stage, flaps wings, and crows "caw-caw-caw".

SAY: Rainy! I thought we chased you away with the scarecrow. (*Turn to kids.*) Kids, I think we've got to take more extreme measures to chase him away. (*Discretely take out a new confetti popper.*) This confetti popper should scare him. (*Accidentally spray confetti out into the audience. Rainy dodges the confetti and does a flying somersault before flying away.*)

Did you kids see that? Rainy is one powerful bird. He even somersaulted in the air! Wow, if I wasn't concerned about protecting my props, I would say that's really impressive, and maybe Rainy is the most powerful bird I know.

(Rainy the Raven flies back in and the tour guide chases him with the confetti popper. Before he can get him Rainy picks up the cutout of Lance the Lion and drops it as he's chased off stage.)

Hey, this is our Bible Pal for today. Thank you, Rainy. My respect (*bow*) for you is growing but I still don't like your eating habits—munching on my new seedlings. Really?

Lance the Lion is an Asiatic (or Persian) lion. Lance is the most powerful animal around. He can roar loudly. Can you roar like a lion? 1-2-3 roar! Lance isn't afraid of anything or anyone and when he roars all the animals hear him and give him the respect that is due a large powerful lion like Lance. But Lance didn't start off big and powerful. He was a small cub. When he was just two years old, he started to do everything himself and when he was three he left his pride... that is a group of lions that stay together... and he wandered off to grow into a big lion. Lance became brave and strong and grew into

the big lion he is today. Now he roars so loud he can be heard up to 5 miles away. Yiyiyiyi! That is a long way! And can you believe it! He has 18 big, sharp, strong claws. And he has a very strong jaw with extra-large canine teeth.

(Pull out your small Bible from your pouch.) The Bible says that God is like a lion. He is powerful! God made Lance the Lion brave and strong and God can make you brave and strong too as we trust in God's power. Let's say our power point together: My God is powerful. That's rock solid!

Alright, hikers. Let's say it together again with the motions one more time:

God is powerful. *(Put both arms up and flex muscles.)*
That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

INTRODUCE KEY VERSE

Rainy flies across the stage and drops the Key Verse scroll at the tour guide's feet, then flies off stage.

SAY: Well, what do you know, *(be dramatic)* Rainy dropped a note. He is a special raven indeed. *(Open up the scroll)* What do we have here? It's today's Key Verse. I'm going to need four volunteers to hold up parts of the verse while we say it. Raise your hand if you'd like to volunteer. *(Ask the volunteers to face the children. Hand each volunteer a poster.)*

"I am with you,... do not be afraid. I am your God, so do not be upset. I will make you strong..." Isaiah 41:10

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"with you," *(Cross arms over your chest.)*

"...do not be afraid" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"your" *(Point outward.)*

God," *(Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)*

"so do not be upset" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

"I" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"will make you strong..." *(Put both arms up and flex muscles.)*

Isaiah 41:10 *(Hold hands as if opening a book.)*

That was great! Remembering what the Bible says is always a good idea! And you are remembering fabulously!

SONG OF THE DAY "IN HIM I WILL TRUST"

SAY: God is so powerful, more than the strongest, most influential person you can think of. The Bible says God is more powerful than any of the other ancient gods people used to worship. I'm glad I don't worship other gods! They aren't real! God is more powerful than anything that might seem scary, such as monsters, bad guys, or anything that scares us. God is bigger than any problem we may face, and our Bible verse says God makes us strong too! That reminds me of our song for today. *(Start clapping your legs to make a rain stick sound. Encourage children to follow your actions.)* Cave Singers, please come out to help us sing the song of the day.

 *(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the song "In Him I Will Trust.")*

OPENING SKIT

SAY: Can you hear that? *(Cup your hand to your ear with a listening look.)* I think I hear the mountain climber! Shhhhh watch and listen as Rich and the S.A.V.E.D. Team learn about God's power on a big mountain like this one *(Point to backdrop.)*

 *(Play Day 3 opening skit.)*

DISMISS

SAY: Alright kids, it's time to start hiking! *(Hike in place, lifting knees up high.)* We have so much to see and do. *(Pull out a whistle.)* Listen for my hiking whistle. When you hear the whistle it's time to move to the next place. As you're hiking *(exaggerate your knee lifting)* see if you can spot anyone who is being strong. And remember to follow your crew leader. Shalom friends! Be safe as you hike today!

DAY 3 CLOSING PROGRAM



SUPPLIES

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Power Point poster for Day 3
- Key Verse poster for Day 3
- Empty square tissue box
- Two pieces of paper taped into tubes.
- A piece of paper folded like an accordion.
- A regular piece of paper
- Bible pals (1 per child)
- Breadcrumb (printable)
- Pens
- Double-sided tape or glue dots
- Whistle
- Container for collecting mission project donations

WELCOME BACK

SAY: Welcome back to Jezreel Valley! Did you enjoy your hike today? Did you play some fun games? I did! Did you have yummy snacks? Did you pray by the altar? What was your favorite hiking spot (station) you traveled to today? (Take a few responses.)

SONG "IN HIM I WILL TRUST"

SAY: Let's stand up and praise God for being our GOD! Welcome the Cave Singers with our 'rain stick' leg clapping!



 (Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the song "In Him I Will Trust.")

REVIEW

SAY: Thank you, Cave Singers! Our VBS songs always bring joy to my heart! What about you? By the way, what did you learn at Prophet's Peak today? Why did Elijah need people to see how powerful God was? What did God do to show His power? You and I can know God is powerful too. When we pray, God hears us just like God heard Elijah!

REVIEW POWER POINT AND KEY VERSE

SAY: (Ask for volunteers to come up and hold the Power Point and Key Verse posters.) Let's say our Power Point for today. Ready?

God is powerful. (Put both arms up and flex muscles.)
That's rock solid! (Fist bump others.)

And what's our Key Verse?

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)
"with you," (Cross arms over your chest.)
"...do not be afraid" (Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)
"I am" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)
"your" (Point outward.)
God," (Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)
"so do not be upset" (Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)
"I" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)
"will make you strong..." (Put both arms up and flex muscles.)
Isaiah 41:10 (Hold hands as if opening a book.)

PHOTO TIME [OPTIONAL]

SAY: Hikers, did you spot anyone being powerful today? Let's see. (Begin slide show.)

ACTIVITY: HOW STRONG IS GOD

SAY: Hmm, I wonder how strong is God? Can God give us strength to be strong too? Let's see...I need three volunteers! *(Choose those who have not volunteered yet.)*

(Take out an empty square tissue box, two pieces of paper taped into tubes, a piece of paper folded like an accordion, and a regular piece of paper.)

Volunteer 1: Place the tubes on the table like pillars *(far enough apart the paper placed onto barely fits)*.

Volunteer 2: Put a regular piece of paper on top of the two pillars.

The paper represents you and me without God's power. We aren't able to do much. We just lay there.

Volunteer 3: Place tissue box on top of the paper. *(Act surprised when it falls down.)* Oh my!

Now here's what we can do with God's power inside of us. *(Rearrange paper tubes and place accordion-shaped paper on top of them and then put the tissue box on top of that.)* Looky here! Now it's strong!

God is powerful! God is stronger than any person. With God's power, we can be strong and face whatever challenges lie ahead. God is powerful. That's rock solid!

CREW TIME

Share of a time when you experienced God's power.

Maybe you prayed and God answered your prayer.

Maybe you were scared and God gave you strength to face your fears.

How did God answer your prayers or help give you strength? *(Gather your crew together and discuss it.)* Write down "God is Powerful" on a breadcrumb. Once your crew is finished you and your kids can go up to the map and tape your breadcrumbs on the map.

Crew leader, when you get back, hand out the Bible Pal and recite the Power Point and the Key Verse.



SKIT

Move the rain stick back and forth. Use the whistle if you need something louder to get the kids' attention.

SAY: I wonder what Rich and the S.A.V.E.D. Team are up to now.



(Play Day 3 closing skit.)

MISSION PROJECT

SAY: You and I can help others this week know that God's love is rock solid! We have a mission project and we're going to bring our money and put it in the mission basket each night. So let's bring a dollar, five, ten, twenty, or more. Ask your parents, friends, and church members. Let's remind each other to bring our donations the next couple of nights. *(Play Day 3 mission project video.)*

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: It's time to stand up and sing our theme song! Let's welcome the Cave Singers back!



(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.)

PRAYER AND INVITATION TO COME BACK TOMORROW

SAY: I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow at Mountain of Miracles: Where God's love is rock solid! Let's pray and thank God for being powerful and for always answering our prayers. Let's pray. Shalom!



MATERIALS

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Nery the Nubian Ibex cardboard cutout
- Power Point poster for Day 4
- Key Verse poster for Day 4
- Rolled up paper with Day 4 Key Verse
- Whistle

AHEAD OF TIME

Memorize the Power Point and Key Verse. Roll up a sheet of paper in the form of a scroll for the introduction of the Key Verse. Memorize the songs and motions to participate with the hikers and Cave Singers.

CREW TIME

As the kids enter, they will be directed to a crew, a group of kids seated together on blankets. Crew leaders will greet each child with a smile and welcome them to the fourth day of VBS. If a child brings money for the mission project, ask them to let you hold it, so their hands are free to participate in the music, crew activities, and station rotation. Assure each child that you will give them their money during the closing program so they can put it in the mission basket.

If there is time before the program starts you can play a little "have you ever" game by asking questions such as: "Have you ever..." "Made a meal by yourself?" "Sold something you made?" "Stayed up past midnight?" "Been on a video or movie on YouTube etc.?" "Built a robot?" If you run out of time you can also play the "have you ever" game when there is a pause between stations or during snack time.

WELCOME

SAY: Shalom! (Move the rain stick from one side to the other.) Welcome to Mountain of Miracles: Where God's love is rock solid! I'm _____ and I'm your tour guide here at Jezreel Valley. Come prepare for your journey here. This valley reminds me that God's love for me is abundant. This valley is a fertile plain that is great for farming,

picnicking, hiking, and so much more. It is fertile because of the nearby natural springs that circulate water into the valley. And the springs never run out of water. In the same way God's love for us never runs out. God loves us so much and the crazy thing is God knows everything about us. I often wonder how God who knows my thoughts and actions and everything about me loves me so much! From mountain to mountain, God is there. God's love is rock solid! (*Fist bump someone.*)

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: That reminds me of our theme song! Cave Singers, come out and lead us in our theme song.

 (Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.)

Hikers, do you have a close friend or a best friend who knows you well? How about a sibling or a cousin? They know what your favorite food is, they know what you like and don't like. They know how to make you laugh. And what's the best thing about them? They make you feel loved and included. That's the kind of love God has for us. God knows us and loves us. God's love is always there, just like the mountains.

INTRODUCE CREWS

SAY: You are going to have so much fun at Mountain of Miracles today! We're going to hear exciting stories. We're going to play fun games, eat yummy food, and learn how to connect with God in different ways. You are hikers this week! You will be hiking the Jezreel Valley and the surrounding mountains in crews. Your crew leader will be leading you so make sure you follow their instructions.

We have come to that exciting moment of the VBS when you are going to share your group cheers! I am really looking forward to this. I know you've been practicing all week and now we get to hear what you've come up with.



When I say your crew's name, you're going to share your group cheer with everyone and your handshake if you've got one too. And when you share your cheer, we're all going to applaud you. We'll clap and shout as loud as we can. Ready?

- Whirlwinds
- Firestorms
- Flood Waters
- Earthquakes
- Lightning Bolts

Wow, we have some creative crews in this room don't we? Those were some awesome cheers. Good job, hikers. Now you can keep up your cheers and handshakes today and tomorrow too as you continue hiking from mountain to mountain.

INTRODUCE TRAVEL MAP

SAY: We are having so much fun this week! Do you see that big map over there? That's the map of Elijah's travels from Jezreel to Mt. Carmel, to Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai) and back. Wow, he did a lot of hiking! This week we're going to go on a hike from mountain to mountain and discover that God is with us through it all, just like Elijah did. Every day we will take a breadcrumb and put it on the wall and by the end of the week that map will be so full of breadcrumbs—even more than Elijah ate at the Brook Cherith! That map is a reminder that God is with us today and shows us how rock solid His love is for us just like Elijah learned many many years ago.

REVIEW DAY 3

SAY: Can anyone remember yesterday's Power Point?
God is powerful. *(Put both arms up and flex muscles.)*
That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

And what was our Key Verse?

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"with you," *(Cross arms over your chest.)*

"...do not be afraid" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"your" *(Point outward.)*

God," *(Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)*

"so do not be upset" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*

"I" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*

"will make you strong..." *(Put both arms up and flex muscles.)*

Isaiah 41:10 *(Hold hands as if opening a book.)*

INTRODUCE BIBLE PAL AND POWER POINT

Rainy sneaks onto the stage without the tour guide knowing.

SAY: I haven't seen Rainy around lately. I think I scared him off with the confetti popper. Ahhh... now I can relax. *(Rainy comes close behind the tour guide and taps him on the shoulder. The tour guide turns around in surprise and says "Yikes!")*

RAINY: "Yikes!" *(Right back, mimicking the tour guide.)*

SAY: You can talk? Uhhh...hi.

RAINY: "Hi."

SAY: Can you and your friends please leave my plants alone? Please?

RAINY: "Please?"

SAY: No, really.

RAINY: "Really."

SAY: Okay, I've had enough. Kids, help me out here. Shoo, Rainy, shoo!

(Rainy flies away and as he does so he picks up the cutout of Nery the Nubian Ibex and drops it as he's chased off stage.)

SAY: Hey, this is our Bible Pal for today. Thank you, Rainy. Kids, did you know that ravens can imitate human speech? That is pretty amazing. Makes me feel like Rainy knows me. Ravens are smart, that's for sure.

Nery is a Nubian Ibex. Nery is nervous! She's nervous when she's away from the cliffs that offer her protection from predators. She's nervous when she's eating grass next to water sources. She's nervous when she has to leave her babies in a safe place so she can find food by herself. She's nervous anytime she's away from her herd that offers her protection. But when she's close to the rock she is not nervous. She leaps with confidence and joy along with her friends. When she's with her herd she is not nervous because they help each other stay safe from danger. God knows what makes Nery nervous and provides just what she needs to leap high with confidence. You and I might be scared sometimes or stressed or concerned like Nery. But God knows us. God knows what we are worried about or upset about and God is there to help us. God wants to bear our burdens so we can leap lightly and confidently like Nery too.

That goes right along with our Power Point for today: God knows me. That's rock solid!

God knows me. (*Touch both pointer fingers to temples, either side of forehead.*)
That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

Alright, hikers. Let's practice that together again with the motions one more time:

God knows me. (*Touch both pointer fingers to temples, either side of forehead.*)
That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

INTRODUCE KEY VERSE

Rainy flies across the stage and drops the Key Verse scroll at the tour guide's feet, then flies off stage.

SAY: Well, what do you know. Rainy dropped a note again. He's becoming very familiar with me and I'm getting to know him better too. (*Open up the scroll*) Well, what do we have here? It's today's Key Verse. I'm going to need some volunteers to hold up parts of the verse while we say it. Raise your hand if you'd like to volunteer.

"I am with you,... do not be afraid. I am your God, so do not be upset. I will make you strong and I will help you." Isaiah 41:10

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"with you," (*Cross arms over your chest.*)

"...do not be afraid" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"your" (*Point outward.*)

God," (*Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.*)

"so do not be upset" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"will make you strong" (*Put both arms up and flex muscles.*)

"and I will help you" (*Create a fist in one hand with thumb up and place it on the other hand which is flat with palm up, motion moving from stomach outward.*)

Isaiah 41:10 (*Hold hands as if opening a book.*)



SONG OF THE DAY "SAFE"

SAY: God knows us. God knows us more than the most expert hiker knows the trail. God knows us more than our mom or dad, more than our siblings or cousins, and even more than our best friends do! God knows what we need and what we want. God knows what's best for us and the best thing for us is always to know and love God back.

That reminds me of our song for today. Help me welcome our Cave Singers by clapping your legs to make a rain stick sound.

 (*Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead "Safe."*)

OPENING SKIT

SAY: Let's see what's happening with Rich today!

 (*Play Day 4 opening skit.*)

DISMISS

SAY: Alright, Hikers. It's time to start hiking! (*March in place*) We have so much to see and do. (*Pull out a whistle*) This is my hiking whistle. When you hear the whistle it's time to move on to the next place. As you're hiking see if you can spot anyone who is being loving today. Follow your crew leaders. Shalom!



MATERIALS

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- White index cards
- Colored ink pads
- Power Point poster for Day 4
- Key Verse poster for Day 4
- Baby wipes
- Bible pals (1 per child)
- Breadcrumb (printable)
- Pens
- Double-sided tape or glue dots
- Whistle
- Container for collecting mission project donations

WELCOME BACK

SAY: Welcome back to Jezreel Valley! Did you have a good hike today? Did you play some fun games? Did you have yummy snacks? Did you pray by the altar? What was your favorite place (*station*) you traveled to today? (*Take a few responses.*)

SONG "IN HIM I WILL TRUST"

SAY: Let's stand and praise God for knowing and loving us! (*Clap legs to sound like a rain stick and encourage kids to do the same.*) Welcome back Cave Singers!

 (*Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the song "In Him I Will Trust."*)

Looks like you are learning the songs really well! You do sound nice!

REVIEW

SAY: What did you learn at Prophet's Peak today? What did Elijah experience in the story? What did God do to show how he knew and loved Elijah?

God knows and loves us too, just like He did Elijah.

REVIEW POWER POINT AND KEY VERSE

SAY: Let's say our Power Point for today. God knows me. That's rock solid!

God knows me. (*Touch both pointer fingers to temples, either side of forehead.*)

That's rock solid! (*Fist bump others.*)

And what's our Key Verse? (*Invite volunteers to come up front and hold one of the posters.*) Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"with you," (*Cross arms over your chest.*)

"...do not be afraid" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"your" (*Point outward.*)

God," (*Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.*)

"so do not be upset" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"will make you strong" (*Put both arms up and flex muscles.*)

"and I will help you" (*Create a fist in one hand with thumb up and place it on the other hand which is flat with palm up, motion moving from stomach outward.*)

Isaiah 41:10 (*Hold hands as if opening a book.*)

PHOTO TIME [OPTIONAL]

SAY: Hikers, did you spot anyone being loving today? Let's see. (*Begin slide show.*)

ACTIVITY: GOD KNOWS US

SAY: How well do you know me? Do you know my favorite color? Do you know my middle name? Do you know my favorite food?

You might need to learn more about me, right? How about you? How well do you know yourself? Do you know how many hairs you have on your head? Do you know how many cells you have in your body? Do you know how many times your heart beats in a day?

You might now know all those things but do you know who knows them? That's right! God knows. Every one of us is so unique and God knows us all perfectly.

We're going to do a little activity together today to show how unique each of us is and how God knows us. (*Take out the index cards, ink pads, and baby wipes. Open the ink pad and put your finger on the pad, moving your finger around until you get it fully covered by the ink, then put it completely on the blank side of the index card.*)

Do you see my finger print? Now I want you to try it. We're going to pass the ink pads around and you can put your finger on the ink pad completely like I did and then push it onto the index card. Now compare your print to your friend's finger print. Bring it home with you and decorate with it. You can turn it into a person with hair and a smile or into a flower. You can do more finger prints and make some pretty art.

I'm so glad that God made us all so unique and I'm so glad that God knows us so well and loves us more than anyone else does. God knows me. That's rock solid!

Let's give our volunteers a shout! Good job!

CREW TIME

SAY: Share of a time when someone who knows you really well showed you love. Maybe it was a friend at school, a sibling or cousin, a parent or grandparent. Maybe they sat with you at lunch or gave you a hug when you cried or listened when you had something to share.

Do you know that God loves you like that? Crew leaders gather your hikers in a circle. Talk about it. Write down "God knows me" on a breadcrumb. Hikers, you can help your friends if they need help writing. Then you're going to go up as a crew and tape your breadcrumbs on the map. When you get back, crew leaders, hand out the Bible Pal and recite the Power Point and the Key Verse.

SKIT

Move the rain stick back and forth. Use the whistle if you need something louder to get the kids' attention.

SAY: It is so good to know that God loves us and knows us better than anyone else. I wonder if Rich knows that God loves and knows him too. Let's see what he us up to now.



(Play Day 4 closing skit.)

MISSION PROJECT

SAY: You and I can help people know that God understands what they're going through and cares for them.

We have been giving money to our mission project this week.

I've been excited to see our money grow. Let's remind each other to bring our donations tomorrow for our last day. If you brought money come on up and place it in our basket. Let's see if we can fill up this basket with money that will help ADRA help our friends in another country. (*Play Day 4 mission project video.*)

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: It's time to stand up and sing our theme song! Help me welcome our Cave Singers by clapping your legs to sound like a rain stick. (*Demonstrate.*)



(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.)

I love the songs we have been singing this week! Do you sing the songs at home? I do!

PRAYER AND INVITATION TO COME BACK TOMORROW

SAY: *Option 1: (if you are doing a program Saturday)* Kids and parents, we would love to have you join us for a very special service Saturday morning to highlight our VBS program from this week. It will be in our main sanctuary at _____. Kids we would love for you to come and sing and lead out for this very special service together.

Option 2: I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow here at Jezreel Valley Mountain of Miracles VBS: where God's love is rock solid! Let's pray and thank God for knowing us and loving us so much.

Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving us and caring for us!
Amen

Shalom!



MATERIALS

- Rain stick
- Birds perch and water bowl
(you could use a faux tree and place a thick tree limb at the base for the perch)
- Small food bowl for Rainy
- Small amount of cat food in baggie
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables in it
- Gloria the Golden Eagle cardboard cutout
- Power Point poster for Day 5
- Key Verse poster for Day 5
- Rolled up paper with Day 5 Key Verse
- Whistle

AHEAD OF TIME

Memorize the Power Point and Key Verse. Roll up a sheet of paper in the form of a scroll for the introduction of the Key Verse. Memorize the songs and motions to participate with the hikers and Cave Singers.

CREW TIME

As the kids enter, they will be directed to a crew, a group of kids seated together on blankets. Crew leaders will greet each child with a smile and welcome them to the fifth day of VBS. If a child brings money for the mission project, ask them to let you hold it, so their hands are free to participate in the music, crew activities, and station rotation. Assure each child that you will give them their money during the closing program so they can put it in the mission basket.

If there is time before the program starts you can play the "would you rather" game by asking questions such as: "Would you rather..." "Have one eye on your head or two noses?" "Live on the Moon or live on Mars?" "Only be able to whisper or have a very loud voice?" "Live in the sky or under the sea?" "Live in a mansion in the city or on a farm with lots of animals?" If you run out of time you can also play the "would you rather" game when there is a pause between stations or during snack time.

WELCOME

SAY: Shalom! *(Move the rain stick from one side to the other.)* Welcome back to Mountain of Miracles: Where God's love is rock solid! I'm _____ and I'm your tour guide here at Jezreel Valley. It's been such a privilege to welcome you back each day. I love hiking here in the valley. I think that the new home God is preparing for you and me in Heaven is like Jezreel Valley. Lush fields, nuts and date trees, grape vines, and friends who greet you by name with a smile every day. Oh yes! I love Jezreel Valley...and, I long for that day when God will make us a home where ravens are our friends... *(clear your throat and glance around for Rainy)* and don't eat our crops. *(Eyes narrow, look around as if trying to spot Rainy.)* A place where everyone has a place at the snack table. I know God is planning a great banquet for all of us with the best of the best food prepared. From mountain to mountain, *(sweep your hand to point to one mountain and turn to point to the other mountain)* God is here! Say that with me, "GOD IS HERE!" And we will be together with God forever. God's love is rock solid! *(Fist bump with some of the kids in the audience and encourage crew leaders to fist bump with their group.)*

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: That reminds me of our theme song! *(Start clapping your legs to make the sound of a rain stick.)* Cave Singers, come out and lead us in our theme song.

 *(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.)*

Hikers, do you know of any moms and dads who are getting ready to have babies? Maybe you had a little baby brother or sister or have a baby cousin. Do you remember how much they worked to get ready for the baby to come? They decorated the nursery; had a baby gift party and went shopping for everything they needed. They washed things and



set up furniture. It's a lot of preparation to get ready for a baby, isn't it? whew!

How many of you know that God is getting ready to take us to a home he is preparing for us. Not just you but your whole family (*pull out your small Bible and pat it as you say...*) that is what the Bible says! God is preparing a really cool place for us! God loves us more than we love our baby brother or sister or cousin or friend. And God has good plans in for us even some surprises! That reminds me of our theme song. God's love is higher than the mountains!

INTRODUCE CREWS

SAY: Can you believe this is our last day of VBS? (*Rub eyes in sadness!*) I will miss you! You've been hiking all week, and your journey, just like Elijah's journey, must come to an end. But it's a glorious end. (*Be dramatic*) We're going to have such a fun day today! We're going to hear our last exciting Bible story. We're going to play fun games, eat yummy food, and learn the God's love is rock solid. (*Sigh with a smile*) Today you will be hiking the Jezreel Valley and the surrounding mountains in crews. Your crew leaders will be leading you so make sure you follow their instructions.

I want to hear your group cheers one more time. Maybe we can say them with you. Ready?

- Whirlwinds
- Firestorms
- Flood Waters
- Earthquakes
- Lightning Bolts

Wow, good job, hikers. Now you can keep up your cheers and handshakes today as you continue hiking on the mountain trails.

INTRODUCE TRAVEL MAP

SAY: Our travel map is so important! Do you see that big map over there? That's the map of Elijah's travels from Jezreel to Mt. Carmel, to Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai) and back (*with your hand parallel chop at each destination mentioned*). Wow, he did a lot of hiking! This week we've been hiking from mountain to mountain to discover that God is with us always, just like Elijah did.

Every day we have taken a breadcrumb and put it on the wall. (*Take out your compass and point it toward the map.*) Look! My compass leads us straight to the map! Can you see the map? It's so full of breadcrumbs—even more than Elijah ate at the Brook Cherith! God is with us today and shows us how rock solid His love is for us just like Elijah learned many many years ago.



REVIEW DAY 4

SAY: Does anyone remember yesterday's Power Point? God knows me. That's rock solid!

God knows me. (*Touch both pointer fingers to temples, either side of forehead.*)

That's rock solid. (*Fist bump others.*)

And what was our Key Verse?

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"with you," (*Cross arms over your chest.*)

"...do not be afraid" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I am" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"your" (*Point outward.*)

God," (*Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.*)

"so do not be upset" (*Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.*)

"I" (*Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.*)

"will make you strong" (*Put both arms up and flex muscles.*)

"and I will help you" (*Create a fist in one hand with thumb up and place it on the other hand which is flat with palm up, motion moving from stomach outward.*)

Isaiah 41:10 (*Hold hands as if opening a book.*)

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE PAL AND POWER POINT

Rainy glides onto the stage.

SAY: I have a surprise for Rainy. Shh, it's a surprise but I want to tell you! I'm so excited! (*Lightly jump up and down clapping your hands.*) I'm building him a home! Yep! A beautiful home just for him. Here's a perch and a big water bowl (*ravens drink lots of water*), there's food here—some wheat from the last harvest, dates, and nuts. Now let me put some treats in a trail leading

to his new home... (Drop cat food in a line to the new home for Rainy.)

I'm hoping that if I provide a place and food for Rainy, he will become my friend and won't eat all the little seedlings because he has his food provided for him here. What do you think? Will it work?

Rainy runs quickly across the stage and "lands" on the perch. He looks at the tour guide and says "caw" and starts to eat the food, pecking his beak.

Rainy, can we be friends?

RAINY: Friends? (Rainy puts a feathery arm on the tour guide's shoulder and nods his beak. The tour guide smiles.)

SAY: Awe, thank you, Rainy. (Look at the kids and encourage them to say, "awe" with you.)

(Rainy flies off stage, knocking over the Bible Pal for the day, Glorie the Golden Eagle.)

Hey, this is our Bible Pal for today. Thank you, Rainy. We're definitely becoming friends, aren't we? This is Glorie the Golden Eagle. Glorie soars high in the sky, as high as small planes, high above the clouds, and storms that come. You could say she is soaring close to heaven, or at least closer than we are down here on the ground. She loves flying alone, soaring on the wind effortlessly. But when the time comes, she reunites with her mate, the lifelong father of her babies.

They build a nest high up on the cliffs. In the springtime Glorie and her mate prepare their nest with sticks, leaves, plants, branches, and whatever they can find. Their nest is huge! (Spread your arms out wide.) About 6 feet wide and 2 feet high. That's just a bit wider than I am tall. Glorie lays a few eggs, and she sits on them in her big nest. When they hatch, she and her mate take turns feeding them. She slowly trains them to eat out of the nest and catch the wind to soar a few feet above the nest and eventually shows them how to fly like she does.

Glorie reminds me of God. (Pull out the small Bible from your pouch and tap the cover.) Do you know that God is compared to an eagle in the Bible? God cares for us like Glorie cares for her babies. The Bible says that those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength and will soar on wings like eagles... (Isaiah 40:31). And the Bible also tells us that God is preparing a place for us in heaven, that is so much bigger than an eagle's nest.

That goes right along with our Power Point for today: God is preparing a place for me. That's Rock Solid!

Alright hikers, let's say it with the motions this time:



God is preparing a place for me. (Shape hands in the shape of the roof of a house.)

That's rock solid! (Fist bump others.)

INTRODUCE KEY VERSE

Rainy flies across the stage and drops the Key Verse scroll at the tour guide's feet, then flies off stage.

SAY: Thank you, Rainy. (Give Rainy a shoulder-to-shoulder hug.) Hikers, we're going to say the whole Key Verse together. I'm going to need some volunteers to hold up parts of the verse while we say it. Are you ready?

(Open up the scroll)

"I am with you,... do not be afraid. I am your God, so do not be upset. I will make you strong and I will help you. My powerful right hand will keep you safe." Isaiah 41:10

Let's say it together with the motions:

"I am" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)

"with you," (Cross arms over your chest.)

"...do not be afraid" (Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)

"I am" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)

"your" (Point outward.)

God," (Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)

"so do not be upset" (Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)

"I" (Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)

"will make you strong" (Put both arms up and flex muscles.)

"and I will help you" (Create a fist in one hand with thumb up and place it on the other hand which is flat with palm up, motion moving from stomach outward.)

My powerful right hand (hold up right hand and flex bicep) will keep you safe (make an x with fists right over left and pull them apart).

Isaiah 41:10 (Hold hands as if opening a book.)

Let's give our volunteers a shout! Good job!

SONG OF THE DAY "PREPARING A PLACE"

SAY: God loves us so much that God wants to be with you and me forever. Jesus said that He's preparing a place for us and that He's going to come back to get us so we can be together. *(Pull out the little Bible from your pouch.)* It says it right here in the Bible. The Bible is true! The big question is *(pause for dramatics)*, do you want to be with God forever? He's made all the arrangements already. What do you think?

THAT reminds me of our song for the day. Welcome Cave Singers! *(Clap legs to make the sound of a rain stick. Encourage kids to make the rain stick sound also.)*

🎵 *(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the song "Preparing a Place.")*

OPENING SKIT

SAY: Now we have a special treat. We're going to watch and listen as we see Rich and the kids on the S.A.V.E.D. Team learn about God's big plan for us. *(Point to backdrop.)*

▶ *(Play Day 5 opening skit.)*

DISMISS

SAY: Alright, Hikers. It's time to start moving! *(Walk in place raising your knees high.)* We have so much to see and do on our last day. *(Pull out a whistle)* This is my hiking whistle. When you hear the whistle it's time to move on to the next place. Remember...see if you spot anyone choosing Jesus today and give them a fist bump! Follow your crew leader. Shalom friends, have fun!





MATERIALS

- Rain stick
- Basket with sheaves and/or artificial fruits/vegetables
- Power Point poster for Day 5
- Key Verse poster for Day 5
- Rolled up paper with Day 5 Key Verse
- Wordless Book (purchase a large one for all the kids to see, 1 per group:
Option: 1 small wordless book per child from letthelittlechildrencome.com)
- Decision Cards (insert into the Crew Leader bag)
- Bible pals (1 per child)
- Breadcrumb for each child (insert in Crew Leader bag)
- Pens
- Double-sided tape or glue dots
- Whistle
- Container for collecting mission project donations



WELCOME BACK

SAY: Greetings hikers! Welcome back to Jezreel Valley! Did you have a good hike today on your last day? Did you play some fun games? Did you have yummy snacks? Did you pray by the altar?

What was your favorite place (station) you traveled to today? *(Take a few responses.)*

SONG OF THE DAY "PREPARING A PLACE"

SAY: Let's stand up and praise God for knowing and loving us! Welcome Cave Singers! *(Clap legs to make the sound of a rain stick. Encourage kids to stand up and make the sound too.)*

 *(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the song "Preparing a Place.")*

I just love hearing you sing! And I'm sure God is smiling real big right now! You make Him so happy!

REVIEW

SAY: I have a question for you! *(Lean forward and look at all the children.)* What did you learn at Prophet's Peak today? *(Pause for answers.)* What was the ending to Elijah's story? *(Pause for answers and nod with affirmation.)* What did God do to show Elijah how much God loved him? *(Pause for answers and smile.)* That's right! God took him to heaven to be with him! God wants us all to be with Him in heaven too! Friends, family... crew leaders too!

REVIEW POWER POINT AND KEY VERSE

SAY: Let's say our Power Point for today: God is preparing a place for me. That's Rock Solid!

Let's say it with the motions this time:

God is preparing a place *(shape hands in the shape of a roof of a house)* for me.
That's rock solid! *(Fist bump others.)*

And what's our Key Verse?

"I am with you,... do not be afraid. I am your God, so do not be upset. I will make you strong and I will help you. My powerful right hand will keep you safe." Isaiah 41:10

Let's say it together with our motions but wait! I need some volunteers to hold the posters!

"I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*
 "with you," *(Cross arms over your chest.)*
 "...do not be afraid" *(Shake or "wag" your pointer finger back and forth.)*
 "I am" *(Point up to the sky with both pointer fingers.)*
 "your" *(Point outward.)*
 "God," *(Put hand up flat with palm facing in and move hand upward and down in an arc motion.)*
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 "will make you strong" *(Put both arms up and flex muscles.)*
 "and I will help you" *(Create a fist in one hand with thumb up and place it on the other hand which is flat with palm up, motion moving from stomach outward.)*

My powerful right hand (*hold up right hand and flex bicep*) will keep you safe (*make an x with fists right over left and pull them apart*).

Isaiah 41:10 (*Hold hands as if opening a book.*)

Let's give our volunteers a shout! Good job!

PHOTO TIME [OPTIONAL]

SAY: Hikers, did you spot anyone choosing Jesus today? Let's see. (*Begin slide show.*)

ACTIVITY: A VERY SPECIAL STORY

(Practice, practice, and practice so you can go through the book naturally)

SAY: It's time! It's time! Sit on your blanket and watch carefully. We are going to do something exciting!

(Hold up wordless book)

This is a very special book that will help me tell a very special and very important story. The most important story ever!

Turn to the first page.

SAY: We all want to be in heaven, don't we? Streets paved with gold like in this picture, no sadness or loneliness or sickness or pain. And guess what! No one will die. Everyone is really happy! And most of all we will get to be with Jesus because heaven is God's home.



God wants us to be with Him. He's preparing a place for us to be with Him. But there is a problem... there's something in the way that keeps us from being with God. Hmm I wonder what that is? Turn to the second page.

SAY: That thing is sin. Sin is stealing, lying, and cheating. Sin is hurting others. Sin is blaming and having a bad attitude. It's disobeying and fighting. The Bible says all of us have sinned. Sin can't be in heaven so we have a problem because if we sin and if sin is in us, how will we get to heaven? (*Quizzical look*) On our own, we can't take our sin away. We can't make our hearts pure again. But! God loves us so much that God made a way to wash the sin away. Hooray for God!

Turn to the third page.

SAY: Red is for Jesus' blood that was shed for us. Jesus came and died for us so we could be forgiven of our sins. Instead of us being punished, He took our place. Wow!

Then something amazing happened. (*Say with mystery in your voice.*)

Turn to the fourth page.

SAY: Our hearts are made clean, cleaner than this page! When we ask God for forgiveness through prayer and accept Jesus' gift for us, God makes us clean! Let me say that again! When we ask God for forgiveness through prayer and accept Jesus' gift for us, God makes us clean!

Turn to the fifth page.

SAY: Now we can know God, we can become God's children, we can live with God now and we can live with God in heaven and on the New Earth forever!

God is preparing a place for me. That's rock solid!

CREW TIME

SAY: Gather around your crew leader. Listen carefully and repeat this prayer with me that tells God you want to accept Jesus' gift of salvation and live with God forever.

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. (*Pause as children repeat.*)

I know that I have sinned and done things that are wrong. (*Pause as children repeat.*)

I believe that you died on the cross to take the punishment for my sins. (*Pause as children repeat.*)

Please forgive me and make my heart clean. (*Pause as children repeat.*)

Please come into my life and help me to pray to You every day. (*Pause as children repeat.*)

Thank you that I have a clean, new heart now. (*Pause as children repeat.*)

Thank You that I can be your friend...and you are my friend. *(Pause as children repeat.)*
and will one day join you in heaven. *(Pause as children repeat.)*
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Crew leaders look in your bag and hand out a decision card to each of your hikers. Write down your name and check the box for the decision you are making today. Write down a thank you prayer to God for preparing a place for you in Heaven on a breadcrumb. Then you're going to go up as an expedition crew and tape your breadcrumbs on the map. When you get back, your Crew Leader will give you the Bible Pal. Crew Leaders, don't forget to recite the Power Point and the Key Verse.

SKIT

Move the rain stick back and forth to get the attention of the group. Use the whistle if you need something louder to get the kids' attention.

SAY: I wonder what Rich and his friends are up to now.



(Play Day 5 closing skit.)

MISSION PROJECT

SAY: We have been collecting money for our mission project this whole week. Look just how much we have collected! We collected ____\$ *(say dollar amount)*! Wow, we are going to be able to help others know that God loves them so much. Let's watch the video to learn more about what ADRA is doing to help others! *(Play Day 5 mission video.)*

If you brought money, come on up and place it in our basket. Let's see if we can fill up this basket with money that will help ADRA help our friends in another country.

Doesn't it feel good to give to others just as God gave to us so we can live with Him forever? We want our friends to know that God's love for them is... rock solid!

THEME SONG "SOLID ROCK"

SAY: Stand up and stretch up tall! Stretch down low! Twist left and twist right! It's time now to welcome our Cave Singers! Ready? Let's give them a big rain stick welcome *(clap your legs to make the rain stick sound.)*



(Play the music video or have the Cave Singers come out to lead the theme song.)

PRAYER AND INVITATION TO ATTEND VBS SABBATH

SAY: Kids and parents, it has been so much fun being together this week! I love each one of you! The station leaders love each one of you! Whoohoo! The Cave Singers love each one of you! The VBS welcomers love you and everyone that helped build Jezreel Valley!

[OPTION 1 FAREWELL]

We would love to have you join us for a very special service this Saturday morning to highlight our VBS program from this week. Come back right here to Jezreel Valley! It will be in our main sanctuary at *(insert time and details)*. Kids, we would love for you to come and sing and lead out for this very special service together. Please bring your family and friends! I also hope to see you all at our VBS Reunion and our future children's ministry events.

[OPTION 2 FAREWELL]

Wow! You are an amazing bunch of kids! I loved being your tour guide this week and together we discovered that God's love is rock solid! *(Give fist bumps to the kids in the audience.)*

Say it with me one more time, "God's love is rock solid!" and give each other gentle fist bumps!

Thank you for hiking with us on Mountain of Miracles: Where God's Love is Rock Solid. Let's thank God for loving us this week and for the chance we have to see each other... one day soon in heaven too! *(This is a good time to ask for several volunteers to come and pray with you.)*

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our friend that we can talk to always! Amen

Shalom my friends, Shalom!