

Decision Cards

Rockhounds, yesterday we asked you to make a decision to ask Jesus to be your forever friend. Jesus loves you very much and wants to be your friend. If you want to be His friend say, "I dig it!" Once you ask Jesus to be your friend and ask Him to forgive you for the wrong things you have done He forgives you right away. Isn't that awesome? If you would like to make a decision to ask Jesus to be your forever friend and study the Bible to understand more about Jesus, just tell your Crew Leader.

Crew Leaders, you can give your rockhounds a Decision Card and pray with your rockhounds that have decided to give their hearts to Jesus and to study the Bible to understand more about Jesus.

Closing Song & Prayer

LEADER: Before we sing our theme song, let's sing one of my favorite songs we have learned this week, "Nothing Can Separate Me." (*motion to singers to come on stage*)

Everyone stand up and don't forget to do the actions.

🎵 (*Singers come on stage to sing "Nothing Can Separate Me" and stay on stage for the theme song. Show the "Nothing Can Separate" music video if not having live music.*)

I'm so glad that nothing can separate me from Jesus! (*smile brightly to the kids*) Spending the week with you at Jasper Canyon was amazing! And thank you, Rock Stars, for leading our singing. (*motion to kids to clap*) Now let's sing our theme song one last time! Sing it loud and sing it to God!

(*Singers lead "Treasured by God." Show "Treasured by God" music video if not having live music.*)

(OPTIONAL) LEADER: Kids and parents, we would love to have you join us for a very special service this Saturday morning to highlight our VBS program from this week. 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 at our future children's ministry events.

I want to pray with you one last time and thank Jesus for bringing us together and showing us how valuable we are in His eyes! Let's pray.

Dear Jesus, thank You that we could come to VBS this week. We can't wait for You to come back so we can live with You. Please help us to remember that each of us are treasured by You. Amen.

Thank you for coming to Jasper Canyon VBS, rockhounds! Remember! You...are...a...treasure...to God!

(*Play theme song audio.*)



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SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

	DIG SITE <i>Opening and Closing</i>	GEMSTONE MINE <i>Bible Story</i>
	<p>Daily Find: Jesus made me special! I dig it!</p> <p>Bedrock Verse: "For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love:"</p>	The Flood (Genesis 5:13–22; 7:1–24)
	<p>Daily Find: Jesus made me strong! I dig it!</p> <p>Bedrock Verse: "neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,"</p>	Abigail (1 Samuel 25)
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	<p>Daily Find: Jesus made me in His family! I dig it!</p> <p>Bedrock Verse: "there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God"</p>	Ruth (Ruth 1–4)
	<p>Daily Find: Jesus made me to live with Him forever! I dig it!</p> <p>Bedrock Verse: "which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38–39 GNT</p>	Elijah Ascends to Heaven (2 Kings 2:1–17)

(Note: Have someone prepare ahead of time by putting baking soda into balloons and pouring vinegar into bottles.)

Have you ever felt kind of deflated like this balloon... (sigh deeply and hold up the balloon with baking soda inside) Sometimes we feel sad or disappointed and we feel like this balloon with no air inside. (examples: pain, getting hurt, people dying, fish and wildlife dying, plants wilting)

God doesn't want us to be sad but He understands when we are. God made us for forever. When sin entered this world, life became sad and we were deflated like this balloon. But God had a plan to come and save us so we can live with Him forever. When God breathes His Spirit into us, everything changes.

(Tip the balloon up so the baking soda falls into the bottle and watch the balloon inflate.)

This is what it's like to let God come into our lives. Watch carefully! Look what is happening! Wow, this is amazing!

God fills us up with His love! He has promised to put an end to all the bad things and bring in all the good. That is super cool!

Gather around your Crew Leader. The question about the Daily Find is: What are you looking forward to most about heaven? (Share answers in Crews. Play soft background music.)

Crew Leaders, help kids write their answers on their rocks and go up individually or as a group to tape their rocks on the Rock Wall.

Look at how the treasures have filled out our wall with messages that remind us that God made each of you special, strong, smart, and part of His family and that we will live forever with Jesus! Now we have one last Jasper Canyon coin to add to the ones you already have. Crew Leaders, please give each of your rockhounds their jute strap and the new coin.

(Leave some time to complete this activity.)

This coin has a crown on it to remind you that God wants you to live with Him forever! rockhounds, your Crew Leader will keep your jute strap safe until the end of our program today. You will get to take it home with you then.

Skit

LEADER: Let's check to see what Cortney, Josh, and Dr. Soyle are doing at the dig site.

 (Start Day 5 Closing Skit video or performance.)

I like what Dr. Soyle said about making friends and learning about God! That's what I feel like we have done at VBS all week. Cheer if that is what you have learned this week too!

Mission Project

(Bring out the Treasure Box where kids deposit their mission money.)

LEADER: We are all treasures to God. God chose you! He wants to be your best friend forever. Your BFF! This week we have had so many opportunities to love others through our mission project. Let's watch our video to learn more about the ADRA Water Kiosk we are helping to fund.

 (Show mission project video.)

Thank you for all of your generous gifts throughout the week! We will announce the total at our VBS Family Event, so be sure to come back for our special program!



DAY 5 CLOSING



Station Preparation

- Safety whistle
- Walking stick
- Backpack
- Dog costume
- Rock Papers (1 per child)
- Glue dots or tape
- Thin tip markers (1 per child)
- Rock Wall background
- Fine tip permanent markers (1 per Crew Leader)
- Jasper Canyon Day 5 coins
- Decision cards
- 1 per Crew:
 - Balloon
 - Funnel
 - 6 tablespoons of baking soda
 - Plastic bottle
 - Vinegar



Theme Song

(Play the audio version of the theme song as the Crews return for the closing session.)

Welcome Back

LEADER: (Blow the whistle) Welcome back, rockhounds! Did you have fun on your last day at Jasper Canyon? (leave time for responses) Today's Gemstone Mine Bible story was amazing! Does anyone remember the name of the man in the story? If you do, shout it out! (listen for responses) That's right, it was Elijah. What an exciting and amazing story!

Remember our Daily Find? Stand up and let's say it together.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle)

I dig it! (cool pose)

Time to shake it out. Wiggle your shoulders and shake out your arms. It's time to say our Bedrock Verse from beginning to end **with all** the actions. (pause and take a deep breath)

For I am certain (point to yourself) that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger) from God's love: (heart shape with fingers) neither death nor life, (jump up and down) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (fold arms over chest) or powers, (muscle arms pose) neither the present nor the future, (point down then stretch arm out and point) neither the world above (hand shape a circle and raise up) nor the world below—(hands shape a circle and push down) there is nothing in all creation (spread arms wide apart) that will ever be able to separate us (hug yourself) from the love of God (form a heart shape with your hands and fingers) which is ours (both thumbs point to the chest) through Christ Jesus our Lord. (ASL sign for Jesus: touch the tip of the middle finger of the dominant hand into the center of the palm of your non-dominant hand; repeat with other hand) Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

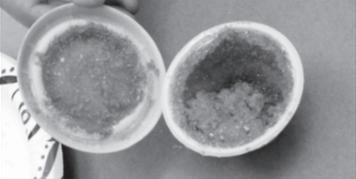
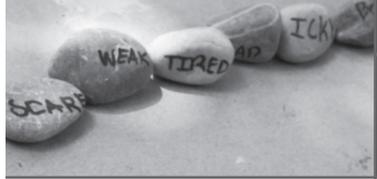
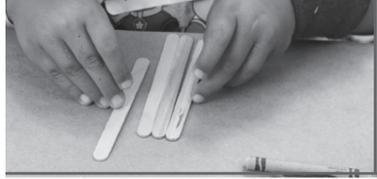
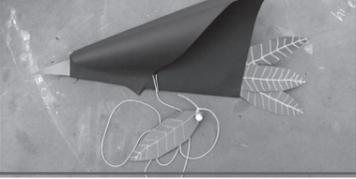
Wow! You really did great; reciting scripture is so much fun! You can sit down. I am so happy that nothing can separate us from being part of God's family! That is for sure!

Photo Time (optional)

LEADER: Did you see anyone being loving today? Maybe they were smiling at someone or including them. Maybe they were enjoying being God's child. Let's see. (start photo slideshow)

Crew Meeting

LEADER: Crew Leaders, it's time to have some rockhound time but before you do that I have something to show you.

EXCAVATION POST <i>Prayer Station</i>	ARTIFACT CRAFTS <i>Craft Station</i>	TESTING PIT <i>Game Station</i>	PICNIC SNACKS <i>Snack Station</i>
Play-Doh Sculpting & Field Journal 	Jasper Gemstone 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Rock Wall Cracks	Gemstone Parfait 
Carrying Burdens & Field Journal 	Jasper Canyon Fossils 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Obstacle Course	Fossil Crackers 
Mosaic Hearts & Field Journal 	Jasper Mosaic 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Mosaic Tag	Mosaic Trail Mix 
Prayer Links & Field Journal 	Jasper Family Petroglyphs 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Family Four Square	Petroglyph Sweets 
Popsicle Stick House & Field Journal 	Jasper Canyon Eagle 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Eagles Nest Relay Race	Rockhound Tools 

JASPER CANYON DIG SITE

The Dig Site is the opening and closing station for Jasper Canyon VBS. This is where kids praise and worship Jesus, learn the Daily Find and Bedrock Verse, watch a skit about the Daily Find, and share in their Crews.



Decorating

The Dig Site will be decorated with the backdrop available from AdventSource. Add a couple of large boulder-size rocks made from paper mache or small rocks made from paper bags and a tree or shrub on each side of the stage. Some sand could be displayed on a tan tarp or large piece of plastic. Wooden road signs like those found in national parks that say “Jasper Canyon Dig Site” can be placed on the side just off the stage on the opposite side of the Rock Wall.

Mission Project & Treasure Box

This year we are going to collect money to build an ADRA Water Kiosk. The ADRA Water Kiosk is a comprehensive system of pumping, filtration, treatment, distribution, and vending that provides clean, consistent water. For communities whose main source of water has long been a shallow, seasonal, and heavily polluted river, water kiosks are lifesaving.



Each ADRA Water Kiosk is constructed from repurposed shipping containers. Through the use of WiFi hot spots, television monitors, and relevant messaging, ADRA Water Kiosks are equipped to provide water as well as information for sanitary and healthy living in rural, urban, and peri-urban communities.

Every day during our closing session the kids will watch a video telling them more about this project. On day 1 they will receive an ADRA collection box to take home. They can fill this box with their mission project donations and drop them off in the Treasure Box at the registration area on their way into VBS on days 2-5.

The mission project money will be collected in a beautiful box like a large jewelry box, a treasure chest, or some other ornate box.

Decision Cards

There have been many testimonies of people giving their hearts to Jesus because of Vacation Bible School. Each day of Jasper Canyon presents an opportunity for children to respond to the gospel message. Jesus proclaimed the importance of children in Matthew 18:6,

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Based on statistical data, a child is more ready to respond to the gospel message than many adults!

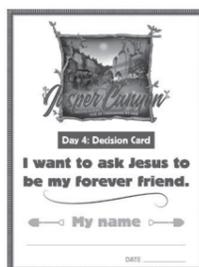
The Jasper Canyon USB includes Decision Cards that can be inserted in the closing program for days 4 and day 5. The closing program script includes instructions for Crew Leaders to invite anyone who feels the Holy Spirit speaking to their hearts to give their hearts to Jesus. The cards will be gathered and given to the pastor for follow-up with children’s Bible studies.

May the Lord bless you as you provide opportunities for children to say YES to Jesus!

Station Preparation

Daily Find poster set (in the kit), Bedrock Verse poster set (in the kit), safety whistle, walking stick, backpack, dog costume, shell fossil, large empty bucket, bucket of sand, tan tarp or plastic tablecloth

You will need a Rocky the Rockhound costume. You can get a full dog costume in a hoodie style or just a dog cap online for a variety of prices depending on your budget.



nor the world below (*hands shape a circle and push down*)
there is nothing in all creation (*spread arms wide apart*)
that will ever be able to separate us (*hug yourself*)
from the love of God (*form a heart shape with your hands and fingers*)
which is ours (*both thumbs point to the chest*)
through Christ Jesus our Lord. (*ASL sign for Jesus: touch the tip of the middle finger of the dominant hand into the center of the palm of your non-dominant hand; repeat with other hand*)
Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

Song for the Day

LEADER: Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to be with Him forever. (*motion to singers to come on the stage*) Let’s sing the song we learned yesterday, “Coming Back Again.”

(*Singers lead “Coming Back Again.” When done they exit the stage. If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.*)

I can’t wait to see Jesus. I love Him so much and want to spend every moment of my day with Him. If you love Jesus just raise your hand. (*wait for some responses*) That is so cool! You can sit down.

Skit

LEADER: Well, it’s the last day in Jasper Canyon for Cortney and Josh. I wonder what they will look for today.

 (*Start Day 5 Opening Skit video or performance.*)

Dr. Soyle sure knows a lot about geology. It seems like there is so much to learn we could just keep finding out more and more. We’ll check in with Cortney and Josh one last time in our closing session.

Song

LEADER: You know, kids, God made us so we could love and live with Him forever, what a gift! We have a song that says that...let’s thank Jesus for His gifts and the amazing future we have with Him. (*motion singers to the stage*) Everyone stand up and let’s sing “Good Gifts.”

 (*Singers come on stage to sing “Good Gifts.” If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.*)

We each have things that we are good at! These are gifts given to us by God. Isn’t that great?! You can sit down. Now I have a question for you to answer in your Crews. Here it is: Think of a time you had someone over and didn’t want to say goodbye. Some examples might be when you are playing with a friend, a relative visiting from out of town, or a parent leaving for work or a trip. Crew Leaders, make sure that everyone shares.

(*Walk around listening to what the kids are saying.*)

 I am hearing some really good stories about times when you didn’t want to say goodbye.

Dismiss

LEADER: rockhounds, this is our last day of rockhounding and we’re going to have so much fun! As you go explore Jasper Canyon see if you can find someone showing how much they love Jesus by being kind. Give them a salute! (*demonstrate*)

(*Blow the whistle*) Remember, when you hear the whistle it’s time to move to the next amazing station. Follow your Crew Leaders and make sure you all stick together like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! Have fun rockhounding!



(Rocky sniffs around the stage looking for precious stones.)

There he goes again, looking for another rock. What will he find on our last day of rockhounding together?

(Rocky digs in the sand and starts barking.)

Last time you dug in that spot you found a diamond! I wonder what you're going to find next. Will it be gold? Or jade?

(Rocky stops digging and starts barking at a piece of jasper.)

Well, Rocky, what do you have here? (hold up jasper) Sure enough! This is a piece of jasper. This is a beautiful gemstone. In fact, this is one of the gemstones in the Bible. It is one of the precious stones that make up the New Jerusalem, the city of God. That is when God wipes away our tears and creates a new earth. We will say goodbye to all the bad things and say hello to all the great things Jesus has made for us! Do you know that we can start our forever with Jesus today? Rocky, I can't wait to live with God forever. How about you?

ROCKY: Ruff! Ruff!



Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse

LEADER: Now it's time for our new Daily Find.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. I dig it!

Here are the actions for "to live with Him forever."
(hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle)

Let's do it together.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle) I dig it! (cool pose)

This week we have been digging deep into the word of God. Today, we are going to learn the last part of our Bedrock Verse from the Bible...to unearth how much Jesus loves each one of us and who we are to God. Today I need **five** helpers. (kids raise their hands; select five and give them the Bedrock Verse posters for Days 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) OK, let's start with the new section. Do the actions with me. (point to the Day 5 poster)

which is ours (both thumbs point to the chest) through Christ Jesus our Lord. (ASL sign for Jesus: touch the tip of the middle finger of the dominant hand into the center of the palm of your non-dominant hand; repeat with other hand)

One more time.

which is ours (both thumbs point to the chest) through Christ Jesus our Lord. (ASL sign for Jesus: touch the tip of the middle finger of the dominant hand into the center of the palm of your non-dominant hand; repeat with other hand)

Now we are ready to do the entire Bedrock Verse. Everyone say it together with the actions.

For I am certain (point to yourself)
that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger)
from God's love: (heart shape with fingers)
neither death nor life, (jump up and down)
neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (fold arms over chest)
or powers, (muscle arms pose)
neither the present nor the future, (point down then stretch arm out and point)
neither the world above (hand shape a circle and raise up)

Station Characters

The Leader

The leader will wear a Jasper Canyon VBS t-shirt, jeans, baseball cap, and hiking boots (or tennis shoes). They will carry a backpack, hold a walking stick, and wear a safety whistle around their neck.

The Mascot

Rocky the Rockhound appears in the opening/closing. Rocky is a dog who says, "Ruff, ruff" and waves to the kids. He sniffs around looking for precious stones and fossils. He helps locate the Daily Find.



Crews

As kids come in, they are put into a Crew. Crew Leaders will greet each child as they come in. The Crews will go through the VBS program together. At the closing program there will be a Crew Talk where the Crew Leader will lead the kids in a discussion.

Crews will be identified by various rocks or minerals a rockhound may find while out searching.

1. Crystals
2. Geodes
3. Agates
4. Opals
5. Garnets

Rock Wall

During the closing program, the Crews will write their responses to the question of the day on a picture of a rock, gem, or mineral, and put their "rocks" up on the wall. By the end of the week there will be a beautiful display of various rocks. The PDF template is available on the USB in the starter kit or as a download at AdventistVBS.org.



There he goes now. He's sniffing for precious stones.

What do you think it is? Quartz, beryl, sapphire?

(Rocky gets so excited he starts panting and barking and jumping up and down pointing. Leader comes over to where Rocky is and picks up a fossil.)

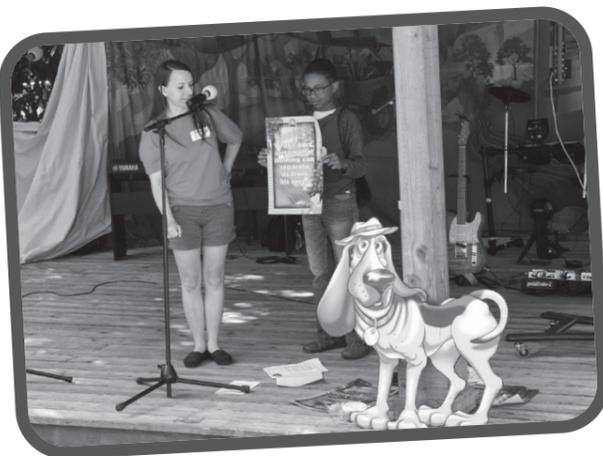
Well, what do we have here? *(hold up the shell fossil)* Rocky, you really are a rockhound! Kids, this is a fossil. Does anyone know what a fossil is? *(allow kids to answer and affirm each answer)* A fossil is evidence of a past animal or plant that has been preserved. A fossil formed when the animal or plant was quickly covered with sediments. This fossil is really special. It is a shell fossil which can be found all over the world, even on high mountains. Do you know why this fossil is so special? Because it proves that God made the world. And if God made the world, then God made you and me. Do you know what God said when He made humans? *(pause)* He said it is very good. That means you and I are really awesome! We are God's wonderful creation. We are really special in His eyes. This fossil may be really cool but you and I are even more amazing.

Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse

LEADER: Every day we are going to discover a new Daily Find. I need a helper, raise your hand if you want to help. *(pick one kid to come to the stage, ask them their name, and give them the Daily Find poster for Day 1)* OK *(name of helper)*, hold your poster where everyone can see it.

Our Daily Find for today is: Jesus made me special. I dig it!

Do you know what it means to "dig it"? It means I think it's really cool. It's lit!



Everyone stand up and let's say it together: "Jesus made me special. I dig it!"

Don't sit down, let's add some actions to go with the Daily Find. When we say "special," put both thumbs up. *(put both your thumbs up to encourage the kids)* Got it? Then when we say "I dig it," do a cool pose. *(do the dab or put both hands on hips and look fierce)*

Got it? Let's say it together nice and loud, and don't forget the actions.

Jesus made me special. *(thumbs up)* I dig it!
(cool pose)

Great job! You can go ahead and sit down.

This week we are going to find so many treasures. Every day we are learning that God made us special in so many ways. We are digging deep into the word of God. This week we are going to learn a Bedrock Verse from the Bible to unearth how much Jesus loves each one of us and who we are to God. It shows that God treasures us!

I need another helper, raise your hand if you want to help. *(pick one kid to come to the stage; ask them their name and give them the Bedrock Verse poster for Day 1)*

Today we are going to get started with our Bedrock Verse and every day we are going to dig deeper by adding more to the verse. *(Name of helper)*, hold the poster up high so everyone can see.

Everyone stand up. Now, say each line after me.

For I am certain *(kids repeat)* that nothing can separate us *(kids repeat)* from God's love: *(kids repeat)* Romans 8:38 *(kids repeat)*

Don't sit down because I have some actions to add. Say the line with me and follow along with the motion. *(say the lines slowly and exaggerate the motion)*

For I am certain *(point to yourself)*
that nothing can separate us *(shake your index finger)*
from God's love: *(heart shape with fingers)*
Romans 8:38 *(put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)*

Let's do that one more time.

For I am certain *(point to yourself)*
that nothing can separate us *(shake your index finger)*
from God's love: *(heart shape with fingers)*

for us so that we could live with Him forever. That is amazing! I invite you to choose Jesus. Choose to love God back. Say, yes, God, I want to be a part of Your family today.

Jesus made me in His family. *(hug yourself and/or a neighbor)* I dig it! *(cool pose)*

Crew Meeting

LEADER: Gather around your Crew Leader to have some rockhound time. Crew Leaders, please share the question about the Daily Find with your amazing rockhounds and get your rocks ready to put on the wall.

The question about the Daily Find is: What does God do to show you His love? Help kids write their answers on their rocks and go up individually or as a Crew to put rocks on the Rock Wall. *(Play background music)*

Look at how the treasures are filling out our wall and showing that God made each of you special, strong, smart, and part of His family! Now we have another Jasper Canyon coin to add to the ones you already have. Crew Leaders, please give each of your Crew the coins they already received and the new coin. Rockhounds, add the "family" coin on the end of the jute.

(Leave some time to complete this activity.)

This coin will remind you that God made you in His family! Remember your Crew Leader will keep your jute strap safe so we can add another coin to them tomorrow.

Skit

LEADER: I can't wait to see what Cortney and Josh made to show their parents. Let's see!

 *(Start Day 4 Closing Skit video or performance.)*

The fossils reminded Cortney and Josh that we are part of God's family and that someday Jesus is coming back so all our families can be in heaven with Him. I can't wait!

That reminds me of a new song that we are going to learn right now. *(motion to singers to come to the stage)* Rock Stars, teach us the "Coming Back Again" song. Everyone stand up!

(Singers come on stage to sing "Coming Back Again." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.)



I can't wait for Jesus to come back so we can live with Him! You can go ahead and sit down.

Mission Project

(Bring the Treasure Box where kids deposit their mission money.)

LEADER: We are all treasures to God. We are all in God's family. We are loved and accepted. That makes us want to love and accept others too! This week we have a great opportunity to love others through our mission project. Let's watch our video to learn more about the ADRA Water Kiosk we are helping to fund.

 *(Show Day 4 mission project video.)*

Let's ask our family, friends, neighbors, and church family to help us help others this week. So don't forget that tomorrow is the last day you can bring money in your collection box for our mission project. Let's see how much treasure we can find to help others.

Decision Cards

Rockhounds, we have a special activity for you today! Did you know that Jesus loves you very much? Say, "I dig it!" That was great! Jesus wants to be your forever friend. When you tell Jesus you want to be HIS forever friend and ask Him to forgive you when you do wrong things, He forgives you right away. Isn't that awesome? If you would like to make a decision to ask Jesus to be your forever friend, just tell your Crew Leader.

Crew Leaders, you can give your rockhounds a Decision Card and pray with your rockhounds that have decided to give their hearts to Jesus.

DAY 4 CLOSING

Station Preparation

- Safety whistle
- Walking stick
- Backpack
- Dog costume
- Rock Papers (1 per child)
- Glue dots or tape
- Thin tip markers (1 per child)
- Rock Wall background
- Ping pong ball
- Fine tip permanent markers (1 per Crew Leader)
- Decision cards
- Jasper Canyon Day 4 coins
- Stuffed animal dog

Theme Song

(Play the audio version of the theme song as the Crews return for the closing session.)

Welcome Back

LEADER: (Blow the whistle) Welcome back rockhounds! Did you have fun in Jasper Canyon? (pause for answers) Today in the Jemstone Mine we heard about a woman who was part of a special family. Do you remember her name? (wait for kids to shout it out) That's right, it was Ruth! I'm so happy that we are all part of a family. Our families may be different, but we are still family.

Review the Day

LEADER: I know, let's say our Daily Find. Stand up and do the actions.

Jesus made me in His family. (hug yourself and/or a neighbor) I dig it! (cool pose)

Are you ready for the Bedrock Verse? Wiggle your shoulders and shake out your arms (demonstrate) It's getting quite long but I am sure you can do it. Don't forget the actions.

For I am certain (point to yourself) that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger)

from God's love: (heart shape with fingers) neither death nor life, (jump up and down) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (fold arms over chest) or powers, (muscle arms pose) neither the present nor the future, (point down then stretch arm out and point) neither the world above (hand shape a circle and raise up) nor the world below—(hands shape a circle and push down) there is nothing in all creation (spread arms wide apart) that will ever be able to separate us (hug yourself) from the love of God (form a heart shape with your hands and fingers) Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open)

Amazing! I love hearing scripture recited! And you are sooo excellent!

Photo Time (optional)

LEADER: Did you see anyone being loving today? Maybe they were smiling at someone or including them. Maybe they were enjoying being God's child. Let's see. (start photo slideshow)

I have a question for you! Put on your thinking cap. (demonstrate) How many of you have a dog? (raise your hand) How did you get your dog? (pause for answers) Maybe you adopted your dog from an animal shelter. Maybe you found your dog at a pet store and purchased her and brought her home. Maybe someone had puppies and you went to their house and chose a cute little puppy. The Bible says that God adopted us! God chose you! God loves you so much He wants to be with you always...and He wants you to be happy!

Sometimes (pause and talk quietly so children have to lean in to hear you) we do things that are wrong like telling lies, taking what we shouldn't, and giving into the temptation to do bad things. While we were our worst, God still chose us! That's as if we were the dog at the shelter no one wanted because it was too big, too old, or too mean. God adopted us anyway. Do you know how much it cost to adopt us into God's family? It cost Jesus His life. He gave up the riches of heaven and became poor for us. He went through pain for us. He even gave up His life

Romans 8:38 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

You are doing great! I'm so glad that nothing, and I mean NOTHING, can make God not love us. You can sit down.

Song for the Day

LEADER: Do you know what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made? It means God took time to carefully form each one of us. He made you special. God digs you. He thinks you are amazing. He thinks you are more valuable than any gem, any diamond, any gold nugget we could find in this world.

Rock Stars, come out and let's sing about how special we are to God! (motion to singers to come up on stage or show the music video)

🎵 Everyone stand up while we sing "Good Gifts."

God has given each of you gifts that are special. You can sit down.

Skit

LEADER: I have some new rockhound friends that you are going to meet every day! You'll really like them! I can't wait for you to meet them!

📀 (Start Day 1 Opening Skit video or performance.)

Haha! Cortney is always hungry! Later today we'll see what they found!

Song

LEADER: God made the world and God made us. Our next song is about how God made us special. (motion to singers) Let's sing a new song titled "Special."

🎵 (If not using live music, show "Special" music video.)

Crew Meeting

LEADER: I really like that song. Now it's time to get together with your Crew. I have an assignment for you. I want you to tell about a time when someone cared for you and treated you special so that you felt valuable. Examples could be when you felt frustrated with homework or a project or a sport and a teacher, coach, parent, or friend encouraged you. Maybe when you were having a bad day, and someone made you smile. Or you were lonely, and someone sat next to you at lunch or played with you on the playground.

Crew Leaders, make sure that everyone has time to share.

(Give time for Crew discussion. Don't wait too long, you want to keep the program moving.)

Dismiss

LEADER: (Blow the whistle) Attention rockhounds! We're gonna go rockhounding today. We're going to have so much fun finding treasures. As you go explore Jasper Canyon and you hear the whistle, it means it's time to go to the next place. Follow your Crew Leaders and make sure you all stick together. Have fun rockhounding!



DAY 1 CLOSING

Station Preparation

- Safety whistle
- Walking stick
- Backpack
- Dog costume
- Rock Papers (1 per child)
- Glue dots or tape
- Thin tip markers (1 per child)
- Rock Wall background
- \$10 bill
- Fine tip permanent markers (1 per Crew Leader)
- Jasper Canyon Day 1 coins
- Jute

Theme Song

(Play the audio version of the theme song as the Crews return for the closing session.)

Welcome Back

LEADER: (Blow the whistle) Welcome back, rockhounds! I'm sure you had fun rockhounding in Jasper Canyon.

Review the Day

LEADER: At the Gemstone Mine you heard the amazing story of a huge flood! What was the man's name? (listen for responses) That's right, it was about how God saved Noah and his family.

OK, it's time to review the Daily Find. Stand up and say it with me—don't forget the actions:

Jesus made me special. (put both thumbs up) I dig it! (cool pose)

Stay standing while we say our Bedrock Verse. Remember the actions? Let's say it nice and loud.

For I am certain (point to yourself)
that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger)
from God's love: (heart shape with fingers)

Romans 8:38 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

You can sit down.

Photo Time (optional)

LEADER: Did you see anyone who knew they were special today? Or maybe they were treating someone else like a treasure. Let's see! (start photo slideshow)

Here is a nice crisp \$10 bill. Raise your hand if you want it. What would you do with this? (Ask some of the kids who raised their hands. Examples could be buying something, saving it, putting it in the bank.) Well, what if I crush it? (wad it up in your hand) Do you still want this \$10 bill? (wait for answers) What if I stomp on it? (throw it on the floor and step on it) Do you still want it? (wait for answers) Really? But it's all crumpled and dirty now. Why do you still want it? (let the kids answer)

Right! Because it is still valuable. God loves all of us so much. We are all so valuable to Him. But sometimes we don't feel so special. We might not know we are a treasure. We feel like we fail at something or we're not as good or as smart or as athletic or as talented as other kids. We might not feel special. Other people might also make us feel bad like we're not special. But no matter how we feel or what other people say or how they treat us, we are so special to God. We are special because He created us. We are special because He saved us. We are special because that's how God sees us. And if God sees us as special, we need to see ourselves and others as special as well. We are more valuable than the greatest amount of money out there. More precious than a diamond or gold nugget...or this \$10 dollar bill!

Crew Meeting

LEADER: It's time for our Crews to get together for some rockhound time.

Crew Leaders, please share the question about the Daily Find with your Crew and get your rocks ready to put on the wall. The question about the Daily Find is: What does God do to show you how special you are? (Share answers in Crews. Play background music.)

that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger)
from God's love: (heart shape with fingers)
neither death nor life, (jump up and down)
neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (fold arms over chest)
or powers, (muscle arms pose)
neither the present nor the future, (point down then stretch arm out and point)
neither the world above (hand shape a circle and raise up)
nor the world below—(hands shape a circle and push down)
there is nothing in all creation (spread arms wide apart)
that will ever be able to separate us (hug yourself)
from the love of God (form a heart shape with your hands and fingers)
Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open)

Song for the Day

LEADER: Jesus created you to be in His family, so you are His children from birth. Jesus saved you to be in His family, so you are His child by choice. You are not alone. You are not left out; there is nothing you can do to separate Jesus from you. You are loved! (motion to singers to come to the stage) Stand up and let's praise Jesus for choosing us to be part of His family by singing a song that we learned yesterday.

♪ (Singers come on stage to sing "Nothing Can Separate Me." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.)

Beautiful! Your singing is amazing!

Skit

LEADER: I am so glad that I am part of Jesus' family. You can go ahead and sit down now. Hmmm that reminds me...I wonder what Cortney and Josh are doing today. Let's see.

CD DVD (Start Day 4 Opening Skit video or performance.)

Song

LEADER: God made us His family! Let's thank Jesus for our families and for making each of us special! (motion to singers to come on stage) Everyone stand up and let's sing a song that we learned the second day, "Be Strong."

♪ (Singers come on stage to sing "Be Strong." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.)

Yes, Jesus made each of us strong! You can go ahead and sit down. I have a question for you to answer in your Crews. Ready? (pause with anticipation) Here is it.

Think of a time you felt left out, and someone went out of their way to make you feel included and loved. Let me say it again: Think of a time you felt left out, and someone went out of their way to make you feel included and loved. Examples could be like when someone picked you to be part of their team, or someone sat with you at lunch, or maybe someone played with you when you were lonely.

Gather around your Crew Leader. And make sure that everyone has a chance to talk.

(Walk around listening to what the kids are saying.)

I hear lots of you sharing great stories about how you were included.

Dismiss

LEADER: Well, we're gonna go rockhounding today and find some treasures. As you go explore Jasper Canyon see if you can find someone being loving with Jesus and clap your hands and give them a "hooray" cheer!

(Blow the whistle) Let's get going rockhounds! When you hear the whistle, it means it's time to go to the next place. Follow your Crew Leaders and make sure you all stick together. Have fun rockhounding!

LEADER: Kids, give it up for Rocky the Rockhound! (motion to kids to clap or cheer, then motion to sit down) Rocky, I feel the love. I feel the love.

(Rocky pretends to lick the top of the leader's head or the leader's hand.)

Yes, Rocky, I feel the love. Ewwww! (pretend to wipe doggy slobber)

(Rocky sniffs around the stage looking for precious stones and fossils. He finds a big rock and starts licking the rock.)

You love the rock so much you're licking it? Well, kids, I have to say that the most serious rockhounds do lick rocks. Not because they love them but so they can see what they look like when they are wet so they can tell if they're special.

(Rocky keeps licking the rock while the leader gets closer.)

Look! Rocky, when you licked the rock it revealed a drawing. This is a hieroglyph of a family! A hieroglyph is like an old rough drawing. And this one looks like a really old drawing. This is incredible! (hold up the hieroglyph) I love families. Kids, do you know that all of us are part of God's family? God created us to be part of His family. All we need to do to be part of His family is to say yes to Jesus!



Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse

LEADER: That reminds me of today's Daily Find:

Jesus made me in His family. I dig it!

Stand up and say it with me: Jesus made me in His family. I dig it!

Now we'll add the actions. When you say "in His family," hug yourself and/or a neighbor.

Let's do the whole Daily Find with the actions.

Jesus made me in His family. (hug yourself and/or a neighbor)

I dig it! (cool pose)

I love how you are digging the Daily Find! Don't sit down yet! This week we are finding so many treasures. We are digging deep into the word of God. We are going to learn more of our Bedrock Verse from the Bible to unearth how much Jesus loves each one of us.

Ok get ready! (wiggle your shoulder) Today we are going to add a little more to our verse and I need four helpers (kids raise their hands, select four, and give them the Bedrock Verse posters for Day 1, 2, 3, and 4). We are going to learn the new section and you are getting so good at this we are going to do the text and the actions all at the same time.

(Point to Day 4 poster) Here we go.
there is nothing in all creation (spread arms wide apart)
that will ever be able to separate us (hug yourself)
from the love of God (form a heart shape with your hands and fingers)

Let's do it again.
there is nothing in all creation (spread arms wide apart)
that will ever be able to separate us (hug yourself)
from the love of God (form a heart shape with your hands and fingers)

Now we are going to say the entire Bedrock Verse starting from the beginning. Each of our kids with the posters, hold your poster up high when we are saying your part of the verse. Nice and loud!
For I am certain (point to yourself)

LEADER: Crew Leaders, help kids write their answers and go up individually or as a group to put their rocks on the Rock Wall.

Every day our wall is going to have more rocks added to it showing that each of you is special to God. And, we have one more thing for you. Crew Leaders, please hand out the Jasper Canyon coin to each of your Crew members. Write their name under the person drawing and have them tie it on the end of the jute.

(Leave some time to complete this activity.)

This coin will remind you how special you are to God. Crew Leaders, please collect these so we can add to them tomorrow.

Skit

LEADER: I wonder what rocks or minerals Courtney and Josh found to show Dr. Soyle. Let's see!

 (Start Day 1 Closing Skit video or performance.)

They are so funny but they learned something really important. Just like rocks have different purposes, so do we. God made us all special.

Mission Project

(Take out the Treasure Box where kids will deposit their money for the rest of the week.)

LEADER: We are all treasures to God. We are all valuable in God's eyes. Because we know everyone is a treasure it makes us want to give to help others, especially those in need of love and kindness. This week we have a great opportunity to show how much God loves others through our mission project. This week we will be collecting money for a special project. Here's a special video that will tell you all about it!

 (Show Day 1 mission project video.)

We want to build an ADRA Water Kiosk so the people we learned about can have good, clean water to drink, so remember to bring money tomorrow night and throughout the rest of the week!

Your Crew Leader will give you an ADRA collection box that you can use to hold your donations. Bring it back to VBS every night and you can leave your donations in this Treasure Box, which will be located at the registration table. (Allow time for Crew Leaders to pass out ADRA collection boxes.)

Everyone can give something. Let's ask our family, friends, neighbors, and church family to help us help others this week.

Closing Song & Prayer

LEADER: I had such a great time with you today in Jasper Canyon! Rock Stars, come and lead us in singing our theme song, "Treasured by God." Stand up and let's sing!

 (Singers come on stage to sing "Treasured by God." Show "Treasured by God" music video if not having live music.)

I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow at Jasper Canyon, where kids discover their hidden treasure. Let's pray and thank God for making us special!

Dear Jesus, thank You that we could come to VBS today and learn about how You made each of us special. Amen.

Goodbye, rockhounds. See you tomorrow!

 (Play theme song audio.)



Review Day 1

LEADER: Can anyone remember our Daily Find from yesterday? *(wait for kids to respond)* I knew you would! Everyone stand up and let's say it together and don't forget the actions. Here we go.

Jesus made me special. *(thumbs up)* I dig it!
(cool pose)

Introduce Daily Find

 *(Upbeat music soundtrack for Rocky the Rockhound. While the cheer is going on Rocky the Rockhound runs through the center of the audience giving high-fives to the kids, waving, and moving around with lots of energy. When he gets up to the front he starts doing jumping jacks and push-ups.)*

LEADER: Kids, give it up for Rocky the Rockhound! *(lead kids in clapping or cheering and motion them to sit down)* Wow, Rocky, look how strong you are! You really have been getting lots of exercise running around looking for rocks.

(Rocky sniffs around the stage looking for precious stones and fossils, goes toward a pile of sand, and starts digging.)

What are you digging for now? Are you looking for a bone you buried there?

(Rocky gets so excited he starts panting and barking and digging some more. Leader comes over to where Rocky is and picks up a big plastic diamond, pretending it's the real thing.)

Rocky! You just dug up a huge diamond! *(hold up the diamond)* Rocky, wow, you've really outdone yourself this time. Well, I never! Kids, do you know what is so special about a diamond? *(take answers)* It's special because it's valuable and expensive. It's special because it can shine all around. A diamond is also the strongest natural rock or mineral. A diamond is so strong you could scratch steel with it, and steel is really strong! AND...do you know that God made you strong?

Sometimes we might feel weak when we cry. But crying isn't weakness; it's a sign of strength in being able to show your feelings. Not muscle strength but emotional strength. Sometimes we feel weak when we get picked on by other kids because of the way we look, or how we talk, or what we wear. God made us strong and with God's help we know that it only matters what God thinks! So next time someone talks to you like you are weak or treats you like you

are weak remind yourself that what God thinks about you is the most important. Jesus God says we are strong when we trust in Him!

Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse

LEADER: Today we have a **new** Daily Find and I need a helper. Raise your hand if you want to help. *(pick one kid to come to the stage, ask them their name, and give them the Daily Find poster for Day 2)* *(Name of kid)*, hold your poster up where everyone can see it. Our Daily Find for today is "Jesus made me strong. I dig it!" Let's say it together, "Jesus made me strong. I dig it!"

Whoa! Don't sit down yet; we have some actions to go with our Daily Find. You already know one of them but what should we do for strong...I know! *(put both arms up as if showing off your biceps)* When we say "I dig it," strike a cool pose.

Let's do it together with the actions, here we go. Jesus made me strong. *(flex your biceps)* I dig it! *(do a cool pose)* OK, all you cool rockhounds, you can sit down.

This week we are going to find so many treasures. We are digging deep into the word of God. We are going to learn more of our Bedrock Verse from the Bible each day to unearth how much Jesus loves each one of us and who we are to God. Today I need two helpers. Raise your hand if you want to help. *(pick two kids to come to the stage, ask them their names, and give them the Bedrock Verse posters for Day 1 and Day 2)*

We started learning the Bedrock Verse yesterday. Do you remember the actions? Let's all stand up and *(name of kid holding Day 1 poster)*, hold your poster up high. Here we go, all together.

For I am certain *(point to yourself)*
that nothing can separate us *(shake your index finger)*
from God's love: *(heart shape with fingers)*

You are doing great! Now we are going to add the next lines. *(Name of kid holding Poster 2)*, hold your poster up high. Let's say it together.

neither death nor life,
Romans 8:38 *(put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)*

Let's do that one more time before we add the actions.

neither death nor life,

Let's start putting these in the jar. We'll add the things we need to do, and of course the fun things. *(make sure the jar is completely full)* Wait! We need God in our life but there isn't any room because the jar of our day is already full. Hmmm what shall we do?

I know...let's see what will happen if we put the important things in first. *(put the large candy bar in first, then the medium candies, then the smallest candies)* Hey, look!

When we put God first, it is like we are living in His wisdom. We are being smart just as He made us. When we turn to God when we're in trouble, He gives us wisdom so we can know what to do. When we choose God, we are being really smart.

God made me smart. *(motion to kids to say)* I dig it!

Crew Meeting

LEADER: I liked that illustration! Did you? It's time for our Crews to have some rockhound time.

Crew Leaders, please share the question about the Daily Find with your Crew and get your rocks ready to put on the wall. The question about the Daily Find is: What does God do to help you be smart?

(Play soft background music.)

Crew Leaders, help your kids write their answers on their rocks and go up individually or as a Crew to tape their rocks on the Rock Wall.

Look at how the treasures are filling out our wall and showing that God made each of you special, strong, and smart! Now we have another Jasper Canyon coin to add to the ones you already have. Crew Leaders, please give each of your Crew the coins they already received and the new coin. You can now add the "strong" coin on the end of your jute.

(Leave some time to complete this activity.)

This coin will remind you that God made you smart! Your Crew Leaders will collect the coin strap so we can add to them tomorrow.

Skit

LEADER: I wonder...what did Cortney and Josh find for Dr. Soyle to test? Let's see.

 *(Start Day 3 Closing Skit video or performance.)*

Remember what Dr. Soyle said: It's important that whatever we are good at we can use that for God. I'm going to do that! What about you?

Mission Project

(Bring to the stage the Treasure Box where kids deposit their mission money.)

LEADER: We are all treasures to God. We are all smart in God's eyes. Because we are smart it makes us want to help others. It is always wise to think of ways we can help others. This week we have a great opportunity to love others through our mission project. Let's find out some more about the ADRA Water Kiosk that we are helping to build.

 *(Show Day 3 mission project video.)*

Let's ask our family, friends, neighbors, and church family to help us help others this week. So don't forget to bring your money from your collection box and we will see how much treasure we can find to help others.

Closing Song & Prayer

LEADER: Day 3 at Jasper Canyon sure was great! Rock Stars, come and lead us in singing our theme song, "Treasured by God." Stand up, rockhounds, and really sing loud!

 *(Singers come on stage to sing "Treasured by God." Show "Treasured by God" music video if not having live music.)*

I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow at Jasper Canyon: where kids discover...say it with me! "Their hidden treasure!" Let's pray and thank God for making us smart! Let's pray.

Dear Jesus, thank You that we could come to VBS today and learn about how You made each of us smart. Help us to remember to make You first in our life. Amen.

Goodbye, rockhounds! See you tomorrow!

 *(Play theme song audio.)*

DAY 3 CLOSING

Station Preparation

- Safety whistle
- Walking stick
- Backpack
- Dog costume
- Rock Papers (1 per child)
- Glue dots or tape
- Thin tip markers (1 per child)
- Rock Wall background
- Fine tip permanent markers (1 per Crew Leader)
- Jasper Canyon Day 3 coins
- 1 per Crew:
 - Jar and 2 bowls
 - Large candy bar (large enough to not fit in jar with other candies first but fit when placed in jar first)
 - Swedish fish (or other medium-sized candies out of wrapper)
 - Skittles (out of wrapper)

Theme Song

(Play the audio version of the theme song as the Crews return for the closing session.)

Welcome Back

(Blow the whistle.)

LEADER: Welcome back, rockhounds! What a great day we have had! Who remembers what Bible character you learned about in the Gemstone Mine Bible Story Station? Shout it out. (*listen for answers*) That's right, it was Solomon. He asked Jesus for special wisdom to help him make good decisions. I can ask God for special wisdom too!

Review the Day

LEADER: It's Daily Find review time! Let's stand up and say the Daily Find together...**with** the actions!

Jesus made me smart. (*cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near*

face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)

I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Stay standing while we say the Bedrock Verse.

For I am certain (*point to yourself*)

that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*)

from God's love: (*heart shape with fingers*)

neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)

or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)

neither the present nor the future, (*point down then stretch arm out and point*)

neither the world above (*hand shape a circle and raise up*)

nor the world below—(*hands shape a circle and push down*)

Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

You can sit down.

Photo Time (optional)

LEADER: Did you see anyone being smart today? Maybe they were choosing to love Jesus and letting His wisdom change the way they acted by being kind. That's what it means to be smart God's way. Let's see. (*start photo slideshow*)

We have so many different things to do each day. Like helping with chores or getting ready for school on time. What are some things you do? Raise your hand if you have something to share. (*take responses*) We have lots of important things to do and some fun things like spending time with friends and play time. God asks us to put Him first, what does that mean? That may be a hard question to answer so I'll show you!

Let's think of our day as this jar. It's nice and big but there is a limit to what it can hold. Now, God is really good so let's think of Him as this big candy bar (*hold up candy bar*). These Swedish fish represent all the other things we need to do, like brush our teeth, and put away our toys. These jellybeans represent the fun stuff we like to do, like play outside or draw and paint and...all the worries we have too!

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers
or powers
Romans 8:38-39

Now let's add the actions. (*leader says the text while doing the actions inviting kids to do the actions too*)

neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)

or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)

Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

Excellent! Now we'll do the whole verse with the actions.

For I am certain (*point to yourself*)

that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*)

from God's love: (*heart shape with fingers*)

neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)

or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)

Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

Please stay standing.

Song for the Day

LEADER: Do you know how strong Jesus is? When He was here in this world all He had to do was speak and the winds and waves stopped crashing and blowing! He touched people and they were healed! He commanded demons to flee and they ran away. That's the kind of strength Jesus had and He makes us strong too. He loves to take people who feel like they are weak and make them strong in His power. Jesus gave us all gifts to use for Him (*motion to Rock Stars to come to the stage*) Let's stand up and sing about how strong He made us!

 (*Singers come on stage to sing "Be Strong." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.*)

Jesus has made each of you strong! You can sit down.

Skit

LEADER: It's time to check and see what Cortney and Josh are doing. I wonder what they'll will discover today.

 (*Start Day 2 Opening Skit video or performance.*)

Our rockhounds sure have been busy. It sure looked like Cortney's rock was strong! In our closing session we'll see what the Official Doug Soyle Geology Strength Scale says.

Song

LEADER: Let's sing a song that we learned yesterday. (*motion to Rock Stars to come to the stage*)

Jesus gives us each strength in different ways. Stand up and sing "Special."

 (*Singers come on stage to sing "Special." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.*)

Crew Meeting

LEADER: I love hearing you sing about Jesus! You can go ahead and sit down. Circle around your Crew Leader. I have an assignment for you. I want you to share with your Crew a time when you felt weak.

Examples could be crying, sharing your feelings, sharing your faith, asking for help, being alone, or being frustrated with schoolwork. Crew Leaders, please make sure that everyone has a chance to share. (*give some time for Crew discussion, but don't wait too long*)

Now I have another question for you. The next time you feel weak what can you do to know you are strong with Jesus? Share with your Crew. (*walk around and listen to some of the responses*)

I heard some great answers! (*share some you heard, such as pray, recite a memory verse, sing a song, ask for help*) It's good to know that Jesus is always with us!

Dismiss

LEADER: It's time, everyone! Attention! Attention! We're gonna go rockhounding today. And we're going to have so much fun! I bet you will find some treasures. As you go explore Jasper Canyon see if you can find someone being strong with Jesus and give them an air high-five! (*demonstrate air high-five*)

(*Blow the whistle*) When you hear the whistle it means it's time to go to the next Jasper Canyon station. Follow your Crew Leaders and make sure you all stick together. Have fun rockhounding!

DAY 2 CLOSING

Station Preparation

- Safety whistle
- Walking stick
- Backpack
- Dog costume
- Rock Papers (1 per child)
- Glue dots or tape
- Thin tip markers (1 per child)
- Rock Wall background
- Ping pong ball
- Fine tip permanent markers (1 per Crew Leader)
- Jasper Canyon Day 2 coins
- Hairdryer

Theme Song

(Play the audio version of the theme song as the Crews return for the closing session.)

Welcome Back

(Blow the whistle)

LEADER: Welcome back, rockhounds! Did you have fun on your second day at Jasper Canyon? I sure did! I loved hearing about how strong Abigail was as she went out to meet an angry David. God was with her and helped her to know what to do.

Review the Day

LEADER: Now it's time to review the Daily Find so everyone stand up and don't forget the actions.

Jesus made me strong. (*both arms up with biceps flexed*)

I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Keep standing for the Bedrock Verse. Let's say it together. (*leader shows the actions*)

For I am certain (*point to yourself*)
that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*)
from God's love: (*heart shape with fingers*)

neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)
neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)
or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)
Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

You are an amazing group of kids! Learning Bible verses is a good thing, and you are really learning fast! You can sit down.

Photo Time (optional)

LEADER: Did you see anyone being strong today? Maybe they were showing strength by being kind to someone else even when they didn't feel like it. That's true strength! Let's see! (*start photo slideshow*)

This ping pong ball represents you and me. God created us to be strong, but often we feel weak. We feel might weak when we cry or share our feelings. We feel weak when we try to live for God and fail. But do you know what? God is with us to strengthen us. Even when we don't see Him or feel Him, He is there.

(*Turn on the hairdryer and put the ping pong ball on the nozzle. The ping pong ball should float.*)

Just like this ping pong ball is floating with the help of the dryer, so all of us are strong in Jesus' power. God is with us to encourage us when we are down. He is with us to give us strength to be who He made us to be. He is with us to stand up for ourselves and others. He gives us strength to live in His power. God made us strong!

Crew Meeting

LEADER: Now it's time for our Crews to meet and talk.

Crew Leaders, please share the question about the Daily Find with your Crew and get your rocks ready to put on the wall. (*hold up a ping pong ball and draws a smiley face on it*)

(*Play background music.*)



neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)
neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)
or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)
neither the present nor the future, (*point down then stretch arm out and point*)
neither the world above (*hand shape a circle and raise up*)
nor the world below—(*hands shape a circle and push down*)
Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

Amazing! I just love hearing you say the Bedrock Verse! Keep saying the verses so that you have them right here in your mind!

Song for the Day

LEADER: Do you know that you are smart when you choose to have Jesus as your friend? God made all of us smart. Even when we don't feel smart, we can ask God to give us wisdom and He will give it to us. We are really smart when we choose Jesus and put Him first. You know...I think we have a song about that very thing! (*motion to Rock Stars to come to the stage*) Everyone stand up and sing along with our Rock Stars! And don't forget to follow along with the actions.

 (*Singers come on stage to sing "Nothing Can Separate Me." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.*)

When we choose to be with God, nothing can separate us from Him! Do you want to make the decision to choose Jesus? Raise both your hands and clap if you do. (*affirm each child*)

Skit

LEADER: Everyone can sit down. I'm curious to see what our rockhound friends are up to today. Are you?

 (*Start Day 3 Opening Skit video or performance.*)

I can't wait to see what Cortney and Josh find!

Song

LEADER: Get ready, rockhounds! I hear the music! Let's sing another song. (*motion to the Rock Stars to come to the stage*) You'll remember this one—"Good Gifts."

 (*Singers come on stage to sing "Good Gifts." If you are going to use the music video instead of live music just introduce the song.*)

Crew Meeting

LEADER: I love that song! It's time to get together with your Crew, I have another assignment for you. You can go ahead and sit down. I want you to share with your Crew about what subject in school that you are really really good at. (*examples are math, science, reading, music, sports, etc.*)

(*Walk around listening to answers give some time for Crews to share but don't wait too long.*)

I hear lots of good conversations happening! Here is another question "Do you wish you could be smarter in some way?" Please talk with your Crew. (*examples are math, science, reading, music, sports, etc.*)

(*Give a little time to share.*)

Wow! I'm sure that you noticed that different kids in your group are good at different things. It just shows that God made us all smart in different ways. And that is pretty cool!

Dismiss

LEADER: Ready for some rockhounding today? Yep, I am too! We're going to have so much fun! As you explore Jasper Canyon see if you can find someone being strong with Jesus. Look for someone saying kind words or being kind and give them an elbow bump!

(*Blow the whistle*) Don't forget, rockhounds, when you hear the whistle, it means it's time to go to the next place. Follow your Crew Leaders and make sure you all stick together. Now, go have fun rockhounding!

LEADER: Kids, give it up for Rocky the Rockhound! *(lead kids in clapping or cheering and motion them to sit down)* Wow, Rocky, you look like you're really thinking. You must be very smart because you are good at finding rocks. You might be the smartest dog I know!

(Rocky sniffs around the stage looking for precious stones and fossils, then starts rolling around on the floor.)

What are you doing now? I thought you are looking for rocks. I hope you're not rolling in something smelly!

(Rocky gets so excited he is rolling and rolling and moving his paws back and forth in the air. Leader comes over to where Rocky is and picks up a heart-shaped rock close to where he was rolling.)

Well, Rocky. You did find something! Look at this really interesting rock. *(hold up the heart-shaped rock)* It looks just like a heart. It might not be anything worth a lot of money, but it is very important. I want to ask you a question: Kids, what do you love? *(listen to a couple of kids' responses)* I love rockhounding. We go hunting for rocks because we love it. But God is the greatest rockhound of all. God went hunting for you and me. He loves us so much, God left no stone unturned to find us, to love us, and to save us. And because God loves me so much it makes me want to love Him back. I want to love God more than anything. I want to put God first in my life, like the story of Solomon from the Bible. And when I put God first, when I love Him more than anything, I know I am being very smart. I am being wise when I choose God. Say with me, "I dig it!" "I dig it!"

Introduce Daily Find and Bedrock Verse

LEADER: I bet you already know what we are going to do now! Yep! Today we have another new Daily Find and I need a helper for this. Raise your hand if you want to help. *(pick one kid to come to the stage, ask their name, and give them the Daily Find poster for Day 3)* *(Name of kid)*, hold your poster up where everyone can see it. Let's say the Daily Find together. Jesus made me smart. I dig it!

Now we'll add the action; do it with me. *(cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)* Everyone do the smart action.



Very good! Now let's do the complete Daily Find with actions. Jesus made me smart. *(cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)* I dig it! *(cool pose)*

Don't sit down yet! This week we are going to find so many treasures. We are digging deep into the word of God. We are going to learn more pieces of our Bedrock Verse from the Bible each day to unearth how much Jesus loves us! Today we are going to add a little more to our verse and I need three helpers. *(kids raise their hands; select three and give them the Bedrock Verse posters for Day 1, 2, and 3)* OK we are going to learn the new section and then put everything together.

(Point to Day 3 poster) Say it with me.
neither the present nor the future,
neither the world above
nor the world below
Romans 8:38-39

Now we are going to add the actions. *(show the kids the actions while saying the lines)*
neither the present nor the future, *(point down then stretch arm out and point)*
neither the world above *(hand shape a circle and raise up)*
nor the world below—*(hands shape a circle and push down)*

Now we are going to do the whole verse with actions. Don't forget the actions; here we go!
For I am certain *(point to yourself)*
that nothing can separate us *(shake your index finger)*
from God's love: *(heart shape with fingers)*

The question about the Daily Find is: What does God do to give you strength?

(Share answers in Crews. Play soft background music.)

Crew Leaders, help the kids write their answers on their rocks and go up individually or as a Crew to put their rocks on the Rock Wall.

Look at how the gems are filling out our wall and showing that God made each of you strong. Now we have another Jasper Canyon coin to add to the one you received yesterday. Crew Leaders, please give each of your Crew the special coin they received yesterday and the new "strong" coin and have them tie it on the end of the jute. *(leave some time to complete this activity)*

This coin will remind you that God made you strong! Your Crew Leaders will collect everyone's jute string these so we can add to them tomorrow. You will get them back tomorrow to add another coin!

Skit

LEADER: I hope that Courtney got something to eat so we can see how they are going to measure the strength of the rocks they collected. Let's see.

 *(Start Day 2 Closing Skit video or performance.)*

Courtney and Josh are sure learning some interesting things. Tomorrow we'll check on them again.

Mission Project

(Bring the Treasure Box for mission project money up to the stage.)

LEADER: We are all treasures to God. That means we are very special to Him! And not only are we special; we are also strong in God's eyes. Because we know we are strong with Jesus' help it makes us want to help others. This week we are collecting money to build an ADRA Water Kiosk so people who don't have clean water to drink can have some. Let's learn more about it.

 *(Show Day 2 mission project video.)*

Let's ask our family, friends, neighbors, and church family to help us help others this week. So don't forget to bring your money from your collection box tomorrow and we will see how much treasure we can find to help.

Closing Song & Prayer

LEADER: I had such a great time with you today in Jasper Canyon! Rock Stars, come and lead us in singing our theme song, "Treasured by God." Stand up, rockhounds, and sing!

 *(Singers come on stage to sing "Treasured by God." Show "Treasured by God" music video if not having live music.)*

I can't wait to see all of you tomorrow at Jasper Canyon, where kids discover their hidden treasure. Let's pray and thank God for making us strong!

Dear Jesus, thank You that we could come to VBS today and learn about how You made each of us strong. Please help us to remember what we learned today. Amen.

Goodbye, everyone. See you tomorrow!

 *(Play theme song audio.)*



