



VBS OVERVIEW

Memory passage:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. —1 John 4:7-9

Early Childhood:

Let us love one another, because love is from God. —1 John 4:7a

Day	Session	Bible text and story summary	Purpose statement
1	It's a Secret	Matthew 13:10-11a, 16 The disciples ask Jesus why he speaks in parables, and Jesus explains that it is so they can know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.	God will help us understand.
2	Listen Up	Mark 4:2-9, 13-20 Jesus tells the story of the farmer who sowed seeds on different types of soil. Some of the seeds were unable to be fruitful, while others flourished. Jesus explains that the seeds are the Word, and the soil is how people hear and experience the Word.	God's Word can grow in us.
3	It's Growing	Matthew 13:31-33 Mustard seeds and yeast are very small, but they produce big things. Jesus explains that they are like the kingdom of heaven.	Small things can become great with God.
4	Found It	Luke 15:1-10 A shepherd looks everywhere for a lost sheep, and a woman searches diligently for a lost coin. They celebrate when they find what had been lost. Jesus explains that there is much rejoicing when a sinner repents.	God loves us.
5	Just Ask	Luke 11:5-13 Those who ask will receive, thanks to their persistence. Jesus explains that the Holy Spirit is given to those who ask.	When we seek and ask, God is with us.