



Sunday School Ideas

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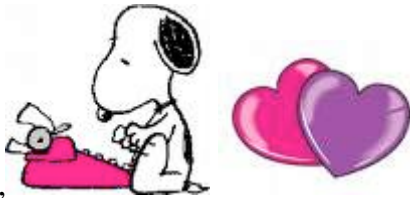
The Year's Best Ideas!

Send us your winning ideas about Sunday school for future issues. Include a jpeg picture and send it to frakefam@bright.net. We love your ideas.

Happy teaching!

Ann Gustafson Frake

February 2007



Dear Ann,

I have trouble keeping all the puppies in the Sunday school box. What would you suggest?
Frustrated Sunday school Teacher

Dear Frustrated,

Get a bigger box and talk to some other Sunday school teachers. Ann

Click and connect to cool Sunday school teachers.



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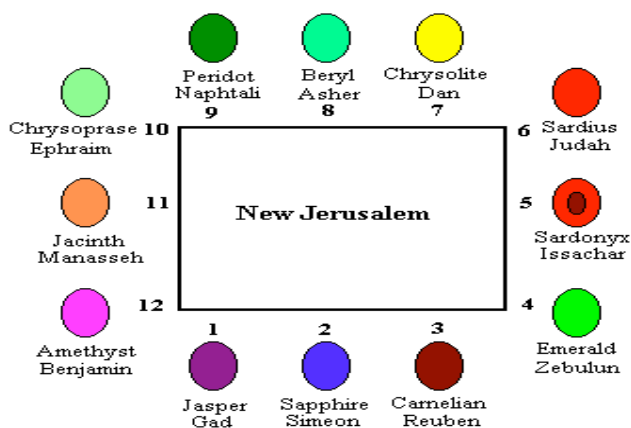
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March 2007



Transform Rocks into Beautiful Gemstones!

Use for the priest's breastplate, the twelve tribes of Judah, and the foundations of the New Jerusalem. The secret ingredients? Crayons and heat!



Materials

Smooth, flat rocks
Aluminum foil
Oven mitts
Newspapers
Old crayons

Instructions

1. Gather smooth, flat rocks. Clean them and bake them for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet in a 225° oven.
2. Using an oven mitt, remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. (Note: the rocks will be very hot to the touch.)
3. Remove the wrappers from old crayons and draw on the stones. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For the swirly effect shown here, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color and use the end of the crayon to swirl it around.

April 2007

Simon Says Meets the Apostles

The idea of this game is to teach the names of the apostles. Assign the name of an apostle to each student. Then play Simon Says, but only use the apostle's name when talking to each child, and tell each child what Simon Says individually.

Example: “Simon Says the apostle Simon Peter can take one step forward.” Only the person who is Simon Peter can move. The rest of the children must wait for their turn.

May 2007

Excellent Site

from UPCI Missionaries for Children's Ministries

<http://vision4africa.org/ministries/rac/rac.htm>

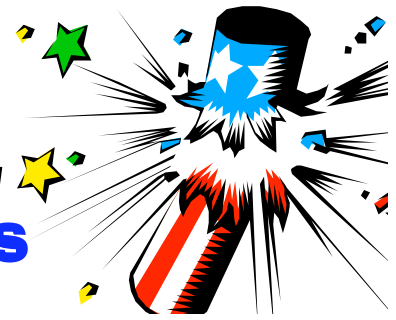
June 2007

Tell Me a Story

Jazz up your story time with sound effects from your students.
It's an excellent time to get them actively involved in the lesson.

You Say	They Do...
Samson	Flex muscles, growl
Jezebel	Fluff hair, look down your nose and say, “Yeeees?”
Camel	Ride camel in seat
Bible	Fold hands in book shape and say, “Ta-dah!”
Miracle	Jump up and say, “Hallelujah!”
Shoes	Stomp together twice
Honey	Slurping noise
Locust	Say, “Crunch crunch”
Pastor	Salute, “Yes sir”
Angel	Flap your wings

July 2007
Blueberries,
Fruit Roll-Ups



August 2007
Popsicle Sunday



This is your all-time favorite photo. (Everyone e-mailed!)
Who loves Sunday school, kids, dogs, and Popsicles?
We do!

September 2007

Clean Up Song

To the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down."

Everybody pick up toys,

Pick up toys, pick up toys.

Everybody pick up toys,

In our Sunday school room.

To the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."

If your name is Henry, please pick up.

If your name is Ricardo, please pick up.

October 2007

Focus on Foreign Missions

Try some new stuff, get new ideas, and make some friends at

<http://www.upci.org/wap/discussions/>

November 2007

You Loved This SS Repair Shop!

Diane Dupree's Sunday School in Morgantown, Indiana



Doesn't Maggie look professional!



December 2007

Everyone loves mail. Thanks for writing and sharing your thoughts, ideas, and pictures. You keep things interesting. I love to hear from you!

Ann Gustafson Frake

Camp Harmony Vacation Bible School

from Debra Hathaway—Children’s Editor/Word Aflame Publications



Even though it’s January, it’s not too early to be thinking about VBS. It actually kind of warms me up to think about summer vacation Bible school on this frosty day.

Word Aflame has adapted an out-of-print *kids POWER hour* series, Camp Harmony, to a VBS format. Camp Harmony is a western frontier town, where kids can horse around, out “draw” the sheriff, and learn to lasso their spirits with self-control. This is an important unit of study for everyone—not just kids in VBS. A person without self-control “is like a city that is broken down, and without walls” (Proverbs 25:28).

This VBS series offers decorating ideas, activities, art, music, and five lessons about self-control. Basically, the first hour of the VBS

session will be conducted as a *POWER* hour service, then break for snack (Chuck Wagon) followed by games (Open Range) and craft time (In the Bunkhouse). The VBS session can be wrapped up at the We’re OK Corral.

The chart below outlines what the students will learn in the VBS week.



Overview Chart

Aim: To lead children to exercise self-control.

*Bible Verse: "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls"
(Proverbs 25:28).*

	Bible Story	POWer Line	Snack	Games	Craft
Day 1 Whoa! Wait for Orders (Impatience)	Crossing the Red Sea <i>Exodus 14</i>	Be still and wait for orders.	Horse Trail Mix	Giddy-up, Whoa! Horse and Rider Relay	Cowboy Cookie Mix
Day 2 Around the Campfire (Whining)	Israel in the Wilderness <i>Exodus 15:22-16; 16:1-15</i>	Sing; don't whine.	Candy Campfire	Musical Marshmallow Chairs Campfire Circle of Praise	Tambourines Alternate: Wind Chime
Day 3 An Outlaw Gang (Rebellion)	Korah Rebels Against Moses <i>Numbers 16:1-35</i>	Respect your leaders.	S'mores	Long Arm of the Law Tag Obeying Orders	Branded Bandannas
Day 4 Lasso that Temper (Anger)	Moses Loses Control <i>Numbers 20:1-12; Deuteronomy 34:1-7</i>	Control your temper.	Cowpoke Picnic	Lasso That Temper To Blow or Not to Blow	Lasso Picture Frames
Day 5 Snakes in the Camp (Discontentment)	The Brazen Serpent <i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>	Jesus helps me to be content.	Edible Snakes	Fiery Serpent Gauntlet Look and Live	Tie Snakes

Forms are provided on the CD to help you organize and plan your VBS adventure.

- Planning sheet
- Invitation card and poster
- VBS record/registration card
- Name tags
- Graduation certificate

Start planning early for a wild and wonderful VBS bonanza. Stirrup some excitement and corral some volunteers who are willing to steer kids in the right direction. It's a great opportunity for children to be branded by the Holy Ghost. Get ready for a stampede! (Sorry, this series brings out the corn in the best of us.)

This complete VBS program is available on a CD from Word Aflame for \$5. What a deal, pardner! **Limited supply available!** Contact Word Aflame by e-mail at wap@upci.org or by phone 314-837-7300, extension 457.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year in Christ Jesus!

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