



Virtual VBS Materials

We would love to see you participating throughout the week! Please tag "St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Columbia, IL" on your Facebook photos with the hashtag #SPLCMSVBS2020 or send them to carleigh.ottwell@gmail.com!

Day 1: God Rescues Noah

(Genesis 6:17-22, Genesis 8)

- [Opening message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)
- [Day 1 Outline for Families](#)
- [Closing message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)

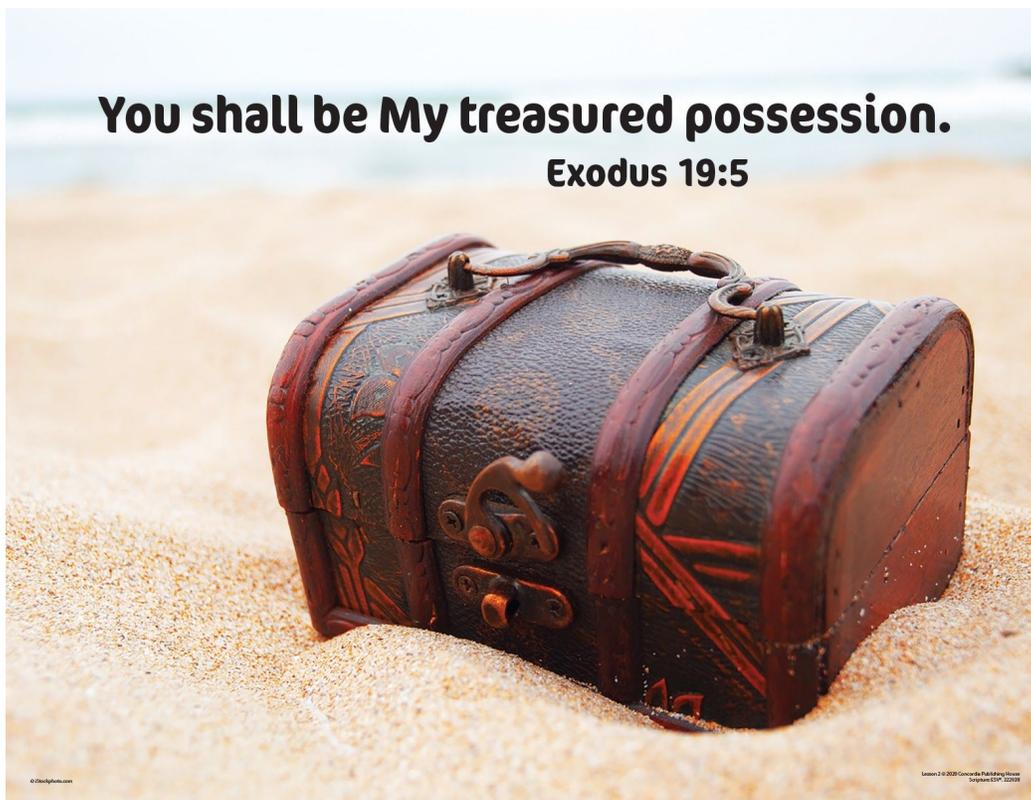


**Rainforest explorers! God keeps his promises!
God keeps his promises! Jesus leads the way!**

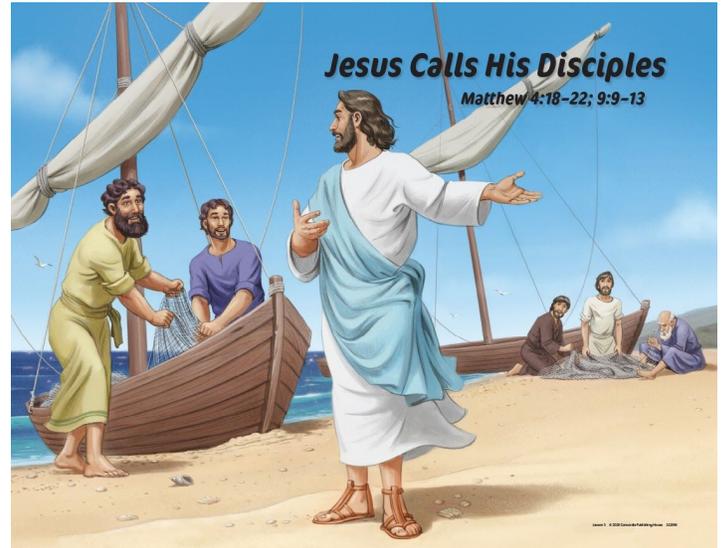


Day 2: God Gives the Commandments (Exodus 19:18-20, 20:1-21)

- [Opening message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)
- [Day 2 Outline for Families](#)
- [Closing message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)



**Rainforest explorers! My loving God gives direction!
My loving God gives direction! Jesus leads the way!**



Day 3: Jesus Calls His Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-13)

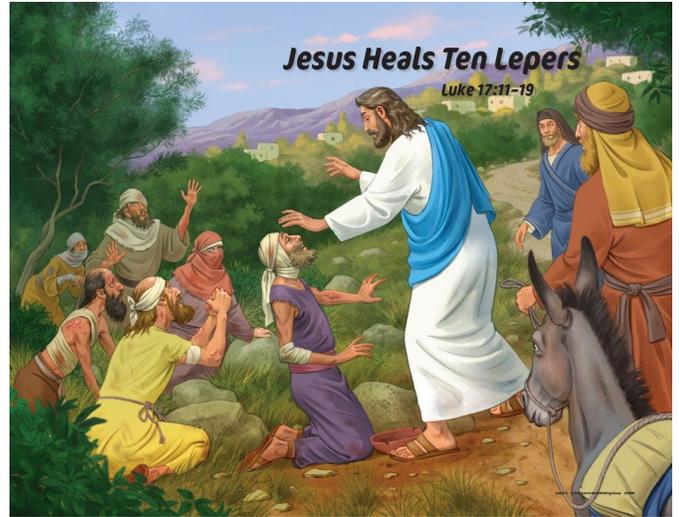
- [Opening message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)
- [Day 3 Outline for Families](#)
- [Closing message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)



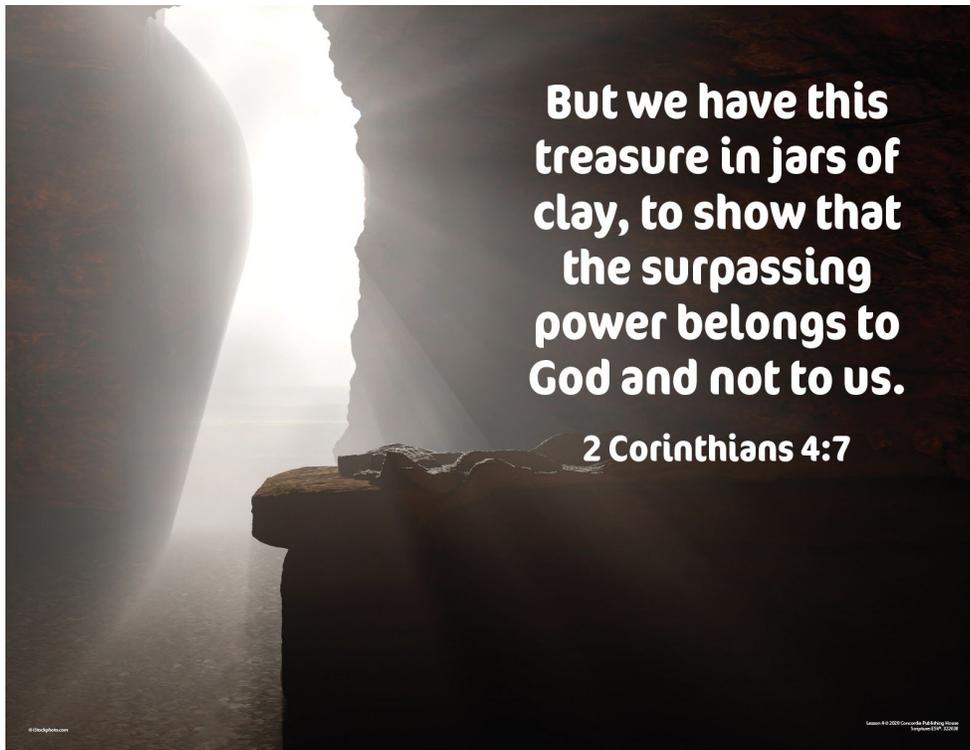
**Rainforest explorers! Jesus is with me!
Jesus is with me! Jesus leads the way!**



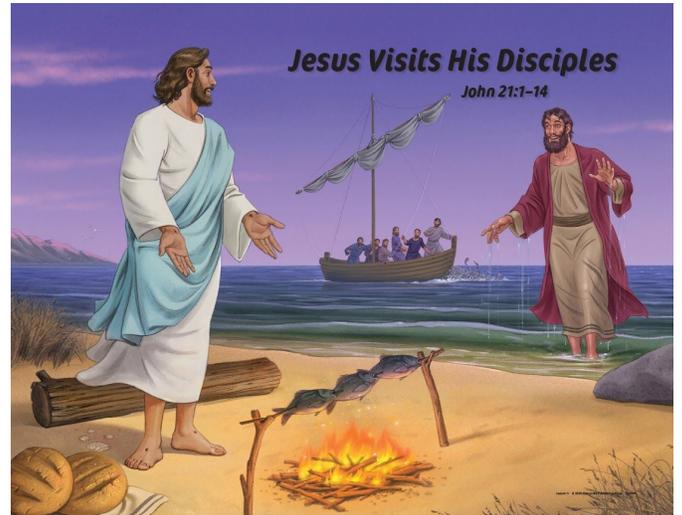
Day 4: Jesus Heals Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)



- [Opening message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)
- [Day 4 Outline for Families](#)
- [Closing message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)



**Rainforest explorers! Jesus is full of healing!
Jesus is full of healing! Jesus leads the way!**



Day 5: Jesus Visits His Disciples (John 21:1-14)

- [Opening message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)
- [Day 5 Outline for Families](#)
- [Closing message from St. Paul's LCMS](#)



**Rainforest explorers! Jesus helps me share His Good News!
Jesus helps me share His Good News! Jesus leads the way!**

Bonus materials!

[Snacks with Bonus Recipes](#)

[Crafts with Bonus Activities](#)

VBS 2020 Rainforest Explorers Mission Project

Each year, our VBS sponsors a mission program through our church. Many times, we have done a local mission, such as donating to our food pantry. If you are interested in contributing to the St. Paul's Food Pantry, you may donate food to one of the bins outside the front doors of the church.

Additionally, you may have noticed a mission outreach video on each of your daily outlines. This year, Concordia Gospel Outreach is sending books to children in Papua New Guinea. If you are interested in donating to this mission you can send a check to:

Concordia Gospel Outreach
3558 South Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63118



Or, to make a gift via credit card, you can call 1-800-325-3040 or 314-268-1291 or visit concordiagospeloutreach.org/MISSION.

A graphic with a green background and a white border. Inside the border is an orange rectangle containing contact information for St. Paul's LCMS. To the right of the text is a small illustration of a green parrot with a blue head.

St. Paul's LCMS Contact information
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Facebook: [facebook.com/stpaulscolumbiail](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscolumbiail)

A Note from Pastor Krenz

On behalf of this congregation I would like to commend you for having your children participate in this year's "Rainforest Explorers VBS". This VBS is filled with God's Word, and while we would love to have your children on site, we believe there is still much to be gained with this "unique" format. We hope and pray this week of VBS activities will assist you in your calling as Christian parents. If I or this congregation can be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Krenz

A Note from the Director

The idea of a virtual VBS is probably one that is new to all of us. It seems like something that we would find on an episode of The Jetsons rather than our real life experience as it stands now. But here we are, in 2020, and rather than dropping the kiddos off for three hours of games, crafts, and fellowship with friends, we are having fellowship with our families, gathering around a screen, and learning together about the love that God has for us. Matthew 18:20 says, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them” (ESV). So, even if it feels like just the two, or three, or four, or more of you...remember that Jesus is in your midst. He sees you. He hears you. He is WITH you. He is with you in this VBS experience, just as He said he would be; “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b, ESV).

I would be remiss not to thank the people who helped make this VBS possible this year. First, I need to thank the St. Paul’s Board of Ed for their help, support, and ideas in helping to make this VBS a reality for our community. I would also like to thank Karen Mueller, Anna Krenz, and Seminarian Aaron Beckman for their help in creating the opening and closing videos for this week. Additionally, I need to thank Pastor Krenz for his overall support of this program, and for always being willing to help in any capacity from publicity to content creation to reaching out to families. His continued support of our educational programs is much appreciated. I also need to thank his wife, Lisa, for always being willing to bring physical materials from CPH in St. Louis over to church, and to give a huge thank you to Concordia Publishing House who made this an essentially seamless experience for families and VBS directors.

Finally, I am grateful that St. Paul’s was able to provide this opportunity to your families. We had generous families and donors who gave their time, talents, and treasures to make this opportunity possible for families in our community. I am grateful for you, the families, and that you decided to try this “new” version of VBS with us in 2020. I am grateful for your patience and grace and willingness to hold a VBS in your home when circumstances didn’t allow us to have one in our church this summer. We thank you for your participation.

I hope that this week is blessed for you and your families. I hope you enjoy the crafts, snacks, and songs, but most of all, I hope that you end this week with a realization and remembrance of the deep love God has for each and every one of us.

We plan to be back “live” next year, in 2021 for our VBS “God’s Wonder Lab - Jesus Does the Impossible!”, and we hope that you will join us for that!

We hope you enjoyed your week of VBS!

In Christ,

Carleigh Ottwell
VBS Director