

JOURNEY TOGETHER

Twelve Intergenerational Summer Events



Journey Together VBS

Journey Together is a collection of twelve intergenerational summer events focused on exploring the Bible, the Spirit, being Disciples, our Church, and our World. While the events are designed to be used in an intergenerational setting over twelve separate events, the content could be modified to be used in a traditional five-day VBS program.

Kickoff

On the first day of your VBS program, gather everyone together in the same space to kick off the event. Use the Summer Journey Skit from Exploring the Theme on page 11 to give kids an overview of the five areas of faith you'll be exploring over the next five days. Introduce the Hiking Stick Project from Continuing the Journey on page 13 and allow a short amount of time for kids to begin decorating their hiking sticks, or provide carabineers that kids can add mementos to each day. Then move into the theme of Day 1: Bible.

Choosing Events

There are five themes explored *Journey Together*: Bible, Spirit, Disciples, Church, and World. Each theme has two events. For the purpose of your VBS, decide which event from each theme you want to use for programming each day. If you are unsure, we recommend using the first of the two events. If you use the first of each of the events, your schedule would look something like this:

Day 1 Kickoff and Bible: The Bible = 66 Books

Day 2 Spirit: Five-A-Day to Grow God's Way *(if desired, add one or more activities from the other four fruit of the Spirit)*

Day 3 Disciples: Discovering the Disciples

Day 4 Church: Kids in the Temple

Day 5 World: God's People Praying and Sendoff

Review the activities from each event, and make any modifications needed to ensure that they fit the needs of the kids in your program. Be sure to allow time for kids to add an icon to their hiking sticks each day.

Sendoff

Before sending kids at the end of your week together, lead them in Summer Share Time from Exploring the Theme in the Summer Sendoff Event on page 142.

Additional Activities

Each of the twelve events from *Journey Together* includes Additional Activities you can use to fill out your programming day. These include art projects, outdoor activities and games, food ideas, and more.

Multiage Groups

Because the activities are designed for intergenerational groups, we recommend placing the kids in your program in multiage groups, each with a strong older youth or adult leader as their shepherd.