

SPACE PROBE

VBS 2022

SIMPLIFIED 3-DAY ADVENTURE OPTION



Stations	Gathering: Gather children in a central location to put them in their designated groups. 20-30 minutes	Space Trek Bible Lessons See Bible Lesson Curriculum Storyteller: Commander Cosmos/Corona 20-30 minutes	Rocket Drill – Memory Work 20-30 minutes – Need to find Memory Verse games to learn the verses at this station
1st Event	Songs: Almighty Creator Glory On Display God of Wonders Skit: This will need to be modified into a three day format.	God As My Creator Genesis 1:1-25; Hebrews 11:3 Key Concept: The Creator God of the universe is a real, living Person who made me, who personally speaks to me through His Word, the Bible and who asks me to believe by faith that everything the Bible tells me about the creation of the world is true.	4's and Entering K Oh, come, let us worship and bow down.... Psalm 95:6a Entering 1st- 6th The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth. Acts 17:24
2nd Event	Songs: Almighty Creator Glory on Display God of Wonders Only Elohim Skit: This will need to be modified into a three day format.	God Made Me to Know Him and Be With Him Genesis 1:26-2:25 Key Concept: God created me and all people in His own image to personally respond to Him in love and worship. OR Sin Has Broken My Relationship with God Genesis 3 Key Concept: Because Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, I cannot know or please God through my own efforts	4's and Entering K Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. Psalm 95:6 Entering 1st- 6th The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, Acts 17:24-25
3rd Event	Songs: Almighty Creator Glory on Display God of Wonders Only Elohim Skit: This will need to be modified into a three day format.	Noah's Story Genesis 6:1-9:17, Hebrews 11:7 Key Concept: God tells me about Noah so I can see my need to repent of my sin, go into my only safe place, my "Ark" Jesus Christ, and in Jesus be restored to a loving relationship with my wonderful holy Creator.	4's and Entering K Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture. Psalm 95:6-7 Entering 1st- 6th The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. Acts 17:24-25

	Recreation (20 minutes) See Recreation Packet	Crafts (20 minutes) See Craft Curriculum	Snacks (20 minutes) See Director Guide
1st Event	The Recreation Packet has some great ideas for games.	Space Caps White caps from Oriental Trading. Decorate in space-themed symbols with paint, sponges, or stamps.	Really fun Spaced themed ideas in the guide OR go simple and do basic snacks that kids will love and eat!
2nd Event	Look through them and choose what will work in your context and space.	Space Photo Frame Pre-cut photo frames with space theme foamies. Will need to take pictures and have them developed first day.	
3rd Event	Think Space Themed Games	Space Rocket with Weekly Verse on it. Pulley Rockets are available at Oriental Trading. Run off verse to glue onto one side of the rocket.	
Closing: Go to the gathering area for dismissal			

Sample Schedule with 5 to 20-minute rotations plus Opening and Closing

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
9:30-9:50	Gathering	Gathering	Gathering	Gathering	Gathering
9:50-10:10	Space Trek	Snacks	Crafts	Recreation	Rocket Drill
10:10-10:30	Rocket Drill	Space Trek	Snacks	Crafts	Recreation
10:30-10:50	Recreation	Rocket Drill	Space Trek	Snacks	Crafts
10:50-11:10	Crafts	Recreation	Rocket Drill	Space Trek	Snacks
11:10-11:30	Snacks	Crafts	Recreation	Rocket Drill	Space Trek
11:30-11:45	Closing	And	Dismissal		

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1. Decide how to do the intake/gathering of children.

Prepare registration ahead of time so that as each child (astronaut) comes they know where to go to sit with their team (squadron). One way of doing this is:

As families enter on first day have three designated areas for check-in:

1. Welcome packet has all the family names on the outside with their Squadron number.
2. Get their check in badges (or nametags)
3. Get a t-shirt if you are using/providing them.

Finally, they entered the Worship Area where music is already being sung and parent takes each child where they see a Squadron number on a sign. Their guide for the week greets the child and checks them in on their attendance sheet.

2. Decide if you will sing/do skit during the gathering of the children. If so, allow drop off 15 minutes before Music/Skit time starts.

3. Decide on your stations.

Suggested:

- Bible Lesson – 1st teaching time
- Bible Memory/Gospel Presentation/Bible Games – 2nd teaching time
- Crafts
- Snack (I often combine this with Crafts, Music or Recreation and make it a 10 minute/20 minute rotation. Especially if I add the music rotation!
- Recreation
- Music

If you average 10-12 children in each age group, using the schedule above would allow you to have 50-60 kids in your VBS. If you want to add more children, you simply create another schedule. I create three schedules - one for preschool, one for younger elementary, one for older elementary this allows me to grow the VBS numerically if needed.

Bible Lesson – 1st teaching time – Use the SPACE PROBE Bible lesson material with the Astronaut storyteller! Find your best dramatic teacher(s) for this. You will need one teacher per schedule/rotation you create. And this is the best part of VBS Reachout Adventures – the content of the lessons. The kids will love the teachers dressed up for this! (Just a quick Amazon search and there are cool costumes: White, Orange, Blue and Metallic.

Salvation Flight Plan – Memory Verse – 2nd teaching time. This is where I modify the curriculum a bit. Our second teaching time is the Salvation Flight Plan (rather than using it as part of opening/closing). The teacher will spend 20 minutes on the Gospel presentation each day and 10 minutes doing a fun interactive game that helps teach the Bible verse. This is just a modified suggestion that works for us.

Crafts – You can choose any type of craft you would like. I just picked what I thought the kids would enjoy most. The cap, picture frame and rocket are suggested in the curriculum, and I found most of what would be needed to do them on Oriental Trading.

Recreation – The games in the curriculum match the theme well! Lots of water here too! **Snacks** – See curriculum for themed ideas, but we just do healthy snacks they like. Use this time to send them to the bathroom too

Music – If you have the volunteers to do it, it's fun to give them an extra music time to learn the songs and motions – this could also be combined with snack – and do 10 minutes of music and 10 minutes of snack.

4. Decorations Ideas

Space is such a fun decorating theme and there is always lots to choose from. The directors guide has lots of good ideas for how to decorate the main stage, the hallways and the classrooms. VBS Reachout Adventures has a mural as well as a Missions Control decoration available for purchase. There is also a complete Artwork CD that has some good things on it if you have access to a large printer (I have someone if you have need of this!) This is also where you would find the logos and banners for printing. Oriental Trading has lots of easy, inexpensive “galaxy”; “space” items from murals to planets to hanging lanterns. And, of course, lots of things can be found on Amazon.

- The Main Stage – This will be an inside a spaceship look with a missions control feel.
- The Bible Lesson Room – The “galaxy” look – creating a feel of the vastness of God.
- The Gospel Presentation Room – A “rocket” room because that's the graphic for the presentation.

It would be fun to share ideas as we find them on the VBS Reachout Adventures Facebook page.

5. Space Mission Goals – To keep with the theme but simplify the keeping of records for the competition portion of the curriculum, create **individual** goals to be reached and give the children the opportunity to complete their “mission” each day.

- Mission Task 1: Be Present!
- Mission Task 2: Learn Your Verse of the Day!
- Mission Task 3: Complete the Daily Devotional!

I create a “task” card for each day and they get a space sticker for each task completed. If they complete all tasks, they receive a reward at the end of the day. The wristbands at VBS Reachout Adventures would work great for this. Their guides keep the task cards. Then there would be a bigger reward for completing all three days.

6. Simplified Take Home books

Take-home books have large sticker pages that the kids will fill each day as they complete each station. Divide the stickers into what they will receive each day so that they will have a full sticker page at the end of the 3rd day. The take-home books will also give the parents some idea of what the children have studied, and a gospel presentation is included.

Order the 2's and 3's booklet for simple coloring pages and activities for younger children. You can take out the sticker pages for each child attending and use, send home, or save the activity pages for future use.

7. Dismissal – Everyone arrives back to the Worship Center/Sanctuary area with their Squadrons. Another song or two. We use dismissal to discuss and promote a missions project. We have parents come into the Worship Center a few at a time, show their pick up badge to the adults and take their children.