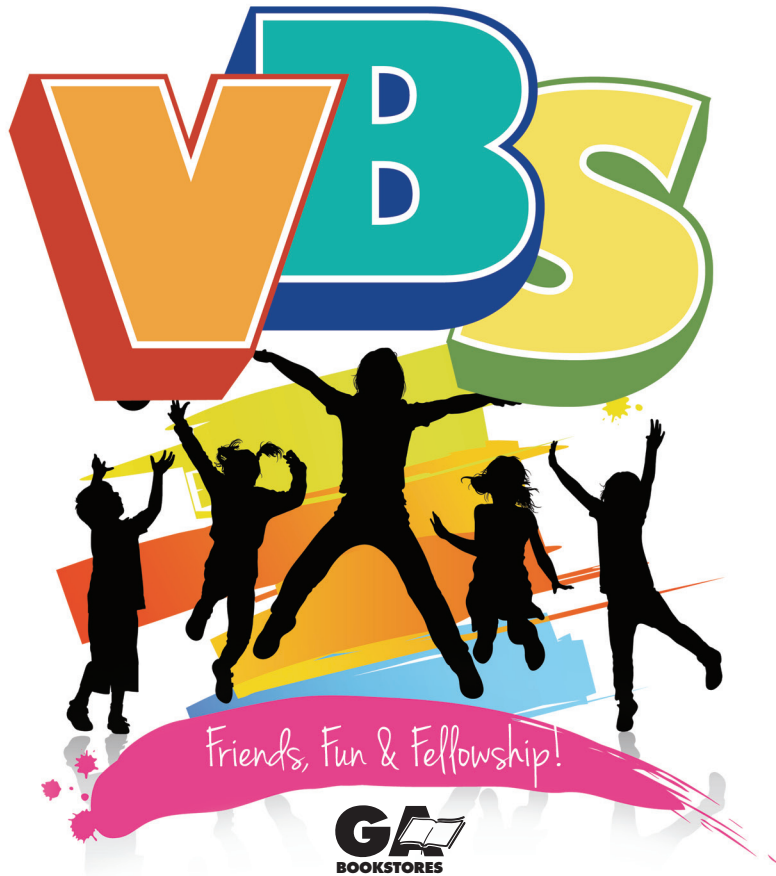




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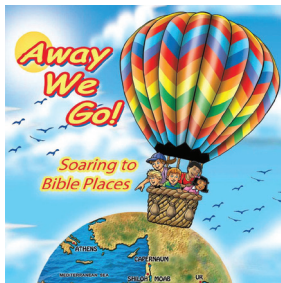
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Springtime Planning for Summertime VBS

by Debbie Bumbalough

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" was actually part of Percy Bysshe Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind." And when spring comes, it is time to prepare for summertime vacation Bible school. Early preparation, planning ahead for needed materials, budgeting funds and recruiting workers should be a priority in the spring quarter of the year. With all of this planning and preparation completed ahead of time, you can actually enjoy teaching and look forward to those smiling faces.

I also like another quote from William Blake: "In seedtime learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy." Pray for a good harvest in your Bible classes that you currently teach, but also begin now to pray for a successful VBS in 2016.

Once again, we offer two new kits for the 2016 season written by members of the church of Christ who have put in long hours of study and teaching experience to bring you excellent materials.

Lambert Book House – *Away We Go! Soaring to Bible Places*

Theme: Travel allows students to

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Springtime Planning

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discover new destinations and learn from their experiences along the way. As your students journey to these five Bible places – Ur, Moab, Shiloh, Capernaum and Athens – they will encounter people who displayed

their faithfulness to God in powerful ways. They study the deep faith of Abram, the devotion Ruth displayed, the lifelong commitment of Samuel, the astounding faith of the centurion, and the enduring truth Paul shared about putting God first. Proverbs 3:6 tells us “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” *Away We Go!* will help your students learn the

importance of letting God be the guide in their lives.

Theme Verse: “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:6).

This series has a corresponding theme craft kit, which includes everything you need except tape and glue. Each kit includes materials for six students to make five different crafts. Great for age 4 – 4th grade.

Lesson 1 – Ur: Abram Follows God

Bible Text: Genesis 12:1-9

Lesson Aim: To see how a deep faith in God and a belief in His promises cause us to seek Him throughout our lives.

Memory Verse: “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance” (Hebrews 11:8).

Craft: Camel Stand-up

Lesson 2 – Moab: Ruth Shows Her Love

Bible Text: Ruth 1

Lesson Aim: To learn how love and a strong commitment to God help us serve and obey Him.

Memory Verse: “Wherever you go, I will go; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God” (Ruth 1:16).

Craft: Footprint Mobile

Lesson 3 – Shiloh: Samuel Hears God’s Voice

Bible Text: 1 Samuel 3

Lesson Aim: To help students learn to be committed to God and remain faithful to Him every day.

Memory Verse: “Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for your servant hears.’” (1 Samuel 3:10).

Craft: Samuel Stick Puppet

Lesson 4 – Capernaum: A Centurion Shows His Faith

Bible Text: Matthew 8:5-13

Lesson Aim: To learn to acknowledge God’s power and trust Him in everything.

Memory Verse: “When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!’” (Matthew 8:10).

Craft: Trust God Door Sign

Lesson 5 – Athens: Paul Shares the Truth

Bible Text: Acts 17:16-33

Lesson Aim: To look closely at our lives to

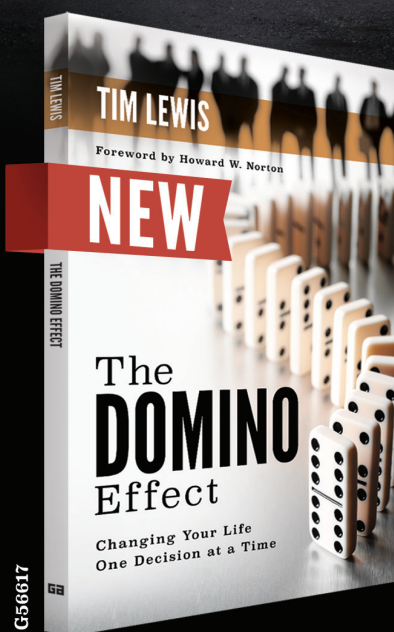


One good decision will lead to the next

If you base every decision on the Word of God, then one good decision will lead to the next; it’s a domino effect. But bear in mind that the process also works in reverse. If a person refuses to make Bible-based decisions, it can lead to a chain reaction from bad to worse.

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see if we are putting anything else before God.

Memory Verse: “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands” (Acts 17:24).

Craft: Put God First Wheel

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There are specific crafts that accompany each lesson and help with Scripture memory. Additional crafts help reinforce the general VBS theme. As always, there are plenty of prizes, T-shirts, skirts, classroom decorations and promotional materials.

Spring Meadows Church of Christ minister, Dale Jenkins, has written the adult lessons this year. The VBS theme verse for 2016 is Revelation 22:13, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” All lessons are based on the New King James Version.

Lesson 1 – Harbor of Peace

Bible Text: John 6:1-15 (Feeding the 5,000)

Focus: I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)

Lesson 2 – Lighthouse of Hope

Bible Text: John 9:1-12 (Healing the Blind Man)

Focus: I Am the Light of the World (John 9:5)

Lesson 3 – Compass of Guidance

Bible Text: John 13:1-17 (Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet)

Focus: I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)

Lesson 4 – Lifeboat of Safety

Bible Text: John 20:1-9 (Resurrection of Jesus)

Focus: I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

Lesson 5 – Anchor of Salvation

Bible Text: John 21:1-18 (Breakfast by the Sea)

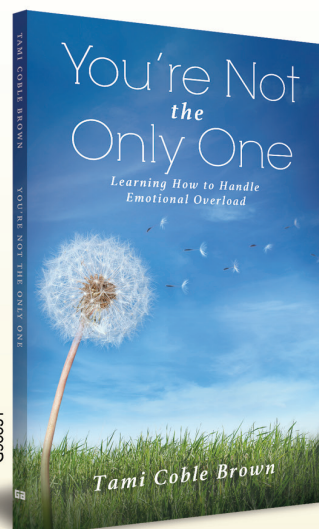
Focus: I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

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Get Started

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NEW!

You're Not the Only One

by Tami Coble Brown

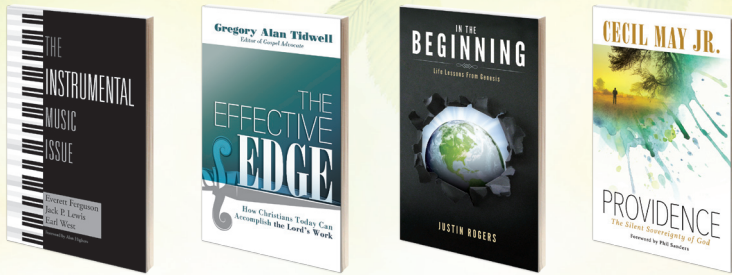
Emotions – we’ve all got them. Whether or not we like to admit it, we all experience loneliness now and then or let our anger get the best of us. The important thing to realize is we are not the only ones who feel these things.

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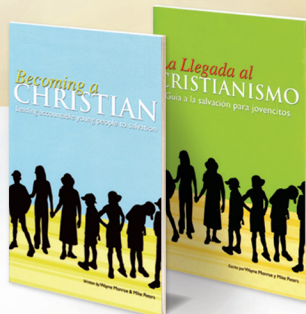
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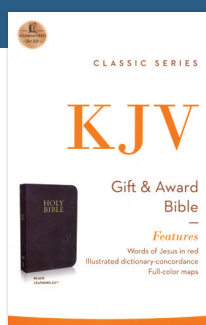
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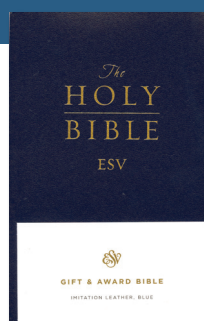
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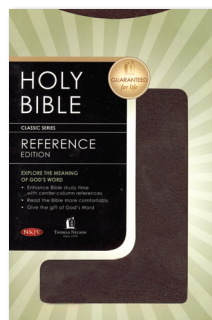
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