



It's a
**Blue
Ribbon**
Life
A Study of the Fruit of the Spirit

**JOIN US FOR VBS
AT THE COUNTY FAIR!**





***The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.***

Galatians 5:22-23

Few things are as eagerly anticipated as the local county fair. Filled with dizzying rides, enticing games, and delicious food, the county fair offers fun and excitement for everyone young and old. Yet, for many people, the local fair is far more than a collection of rides and games as it provides an opportunity for local farmers to bring the best of their fruits, vegetables, and livestock and put them on display for others to see. At fair's end, those judged to be the very best are awarded a blue ribbon.

As Christians, God tells us to be spiritual farmers, and, through His Word, He teaches us which fruits are "blue ribbon" fruits. The prize that awaits us, however, is more than just a ribbon. It is eternal life with God. So if you are ready to begin growing the Christ-like fruit we read about in God's Word, we invite you to purchase a ticket, step into the fairgrounds, and begin leading your own personal Blue Ribbon Life!

Set within the fun and excitement of a typical old-fashioned county fair, "It's a Blue Ribbon Life" offers an in-depth study of each of the nine fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5. Looking to Jesus as the personification of each of these fruit, the VBS teaches us practical ways to display these blue ribbon fruit in our lives.

Lesson One: Longsuffering and Faithfulness
The Temptation of Jesus, Matthew 4:1-11

Lesson Two: Kindness and Goodness
Jesus Heals a Leper, Mark 1:40-45

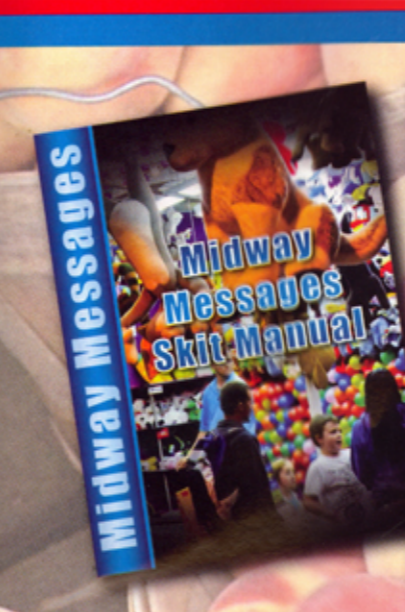
Lesson Three: Joy and Peace
Jesus Calms the Storm, Mark 4:35-41

Lesson Four: Gentleness and Self-control
Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-56

Lesson Five: Love
Jesus Gives His Life, Luke 23

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"MIDWAY MESSAGES" SKIT MANUAL

Get your VBS rolling with the "Midway Messages" Skit Manual. Through these skits, your students will find themselves in the middle of an old-fashioned county fair. While there, they will meet a wise old farmer named Mr. Green and a deceitful but tempting midway games barker named I. B. Fibben. While the skits offer a few moments of fun, they also deliver a message that will leave a lasting impression. Sure to be one of the highlights of your VBS, the skit manual contains five skit scripts, one for each lesson of the VBS, as well as some helpful back-ground and setup information.



PROMOTION, FOLLOW UP, & SUPPORT MATERIAL

Don't forget all the extras! Items such as advertising posters, door hangers, and invitation cards are available to promote your VBS, and items such as follow up cards are available so you can stay in touch with those who have attended your VBS. For the do-it-yourselfer, a clip art CD containing dozens of JPG, TFF, and PDF images is available. Certificates and name badges are also available to give to each student. There are many and various support materials available to help make your VBS even better.

CLASSROOM MATERIALS

There are classroom materials available for ages 2 - adult. Both Teacher Manuals and Student Books are written to provide the best possible learning experience. Teacher Manuals are filled with modern teaching tools and contain enough material to easily fill any classroom session. Student Books are filled with instruction, relative activities, and colorful illustrations. Visual aids are available for ages 2 - teen and are designed to enhance the classroom environment as well as provide a resource for learning activities.

BLUE RIBBON T-SHIRTS

Premium quality T-shirts, screen printed on the front, are sure to give your VBS that special finishing touch. Order one for yourself, one for each of your teachers and staff, or one for everyone! For a truly visual effect, these heavyweight, 100% cotton, preshrunk T-shirts are available in youth and adult sizes.



GIFTS, PRIZES, & GAMES

Children love to be rewarded for their achievements! Attendance, good behavior, and participation in activities are all worthy reasons for rewarding your students. "It's a Blue Ribbon Life" offers an assortment of small, inexpensive gifts and prizes: temporary tattoos, stickers, printed pencils, silicone bracelets, and bookmarks. Purchase individually, or in the Economy Variety Pack. It's your choice! Add games and tickets for some serious Midway fun.

Decoration Items



County Fair Jumbo Sign Assortment
6 pack, up to 22" each piece
(includes admission sign and directional signs)



Welcome Sign Banner
5' x 21"
all weather banner with grommets



Midway Pennant Banner
10" x 12" all weather



Jumbo Blue Ribbon Cutouts
and Logo Cutout
6 pack, up to 22" each piece



9" Balloons, Assorted colors
(color choice not available)



County Fair Backdrop 30' x 6'
Great for wall cover!

County Fair Tablecloth Assortment
52" x 90"
(assortment colors shown above)



County Fair Crafts

The County Fair Crafts will save you time and money by furnishing you with most of the materials needed to complete each craft. You will only need to supply common household items such as glue or tape. Each craft pack contains the materials to equip twelve students with one craft each. All the crafts relate to the theme and are designed to fill each craft session with a fun activity. Because some crafts contain small pieces and are not suitable for preschoolers, additional crafts are available for these young students.

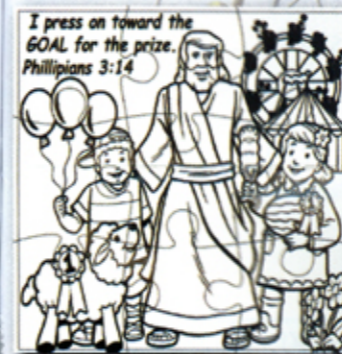


Fruit Bushel
Includes die-cut pieces
and yarn. Just add crayons.
Great for Preschoolers!



I Heart VBS Scratch-Off Craft
Includes bookmark, die-cut scratch-off,
stylus, ribbon, and beads.
Great for most ages!

Fruit of the Spirit Placemat
Includes full-color die-cut pieces.
Weaving fun great for most ages!



County Fair Puzzle
Includes die-cut puzzle pieces.
Just add crayons.
Great for Preschoolers!

Ferris Wheel Photo Frame
Includes die-cut pieces, brads
and glitter sand.
(Insert your own photo)
Great for most ages!



Blue Ribbon Necklace
Includes full-color die-cut pieces,
ribbon, and glitter sand.
Great for most ages!



Fruit of the Spirit Quilt Craft
Includes full-color die-cut
pieces and yarn.
Great for most ages!



County Fair Tent Craft
Includes full-color die cut pieces,
yarn, and spangles.
Great for most ages!

...and much more!

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GLUE PENS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH CRAFTS!