



Music Leaders Guide

School of Spying Music Guide

Introduction

Music is a fun way to get the kids actively involved in learning gospel truth. Whether you use recorded music or a live band, the kids have an opportunity to learn songs that are full of truth about what Jesus has done for them, & how they can grow to be more like Jesus. Choose 4 or 5 songs for the week. More than that can be overwhelming for the kids & they won't have time to learn them well enough to be singing them long after VBS is over (and we definitely want that!!) Introduce no more than 2 songs a day & then sing them over & over. I know that can be repetitious for the leaders but kids love it & that is how they will really learn the song & remember it!

Week at a Glance

Theme Verse - Here is a saying that you can trust. It should be accepted completely. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

	Training Focus	Gospel Point	Bible Verse
Day One	Spy Identity	Jesus is both God and human.	In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word became a human being. He made His home with us. John 1:1&14a NIrV
Day Two	Disguises	Jesus came to take our sins away.	But you know that Christ came to take our sins away. And there is no sin in Him. 1 John 3:5
Day Three	Trailing and Surveillance	God sent Jesus because He loves us.	God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life. John 3:16 NIrV
Day Four	Secret Messages	The gift of salvation is offered to anyone who puts their faith in Jesus.	God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. Ephesians 2:8-9 NIrV
Day Five	Gadgets	The Holy Spirit helps us grow to be more like Jesus.	But the Father will send the Friend in My name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He

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			will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 NIrV
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Tips for Leading Music at VBS

1. Be prepared.

Choose the songs well-ahead of time, add some fun actions and then practice – as a band and/or as an actions team. Choose when you are going to introduce each song and create an “order of service” for each Opening and Closing Session (templates are available in the Supplementary Resources Folder).

2. Create actions.

Actions get the kids more actively involved in each song. Choose simple actions that highlight the truth of the song and that get the kids moving! Be careful not to overdo it – too many actions are actually distracting and too complicated actions can discourage the kids.

3. Encourage involvement.

Get all the kids up and involved singing along and doing actions. Once the kids are more familiar with the songs, ask some to join the actions team at the front or join the band in an air guitar.

4. Choose songs that highlight the theme and are about God.

The music can be a great teaching opportunity as well as a chance to reinforce what the kids are learning in the Bible story. Kids remember the lyrics of songs, so let’s give them songs that are chock full of gospel truth!

5. Don’t overload.

Four or five songs is enough to learn in one week. If you are including music in the Opening Session and the Closing Session, then you should be able to comfortably introduce 4 or 5 songs for the week of VBS.

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Theme Song

Theme – Where we learn to become followers of Jesus!

Theme Verse - Here is a saying that you can trust. It should be accepted completely. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15
NIrV

Connection to Theme – We imitate those we admire. As a master spy, Ace Warburton is someone we admire as spies-in-training. But Ace Warburton is not real; he's made-up. There is a real person who we should aspire to be like. Jesus is our Savior and friend and as followers of Jesus we should grow to be more like Him!

Song Ideas

To Be Like Jesus (SovereignGraceKids)

- This song is fun and upbeat. It is about how the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) grows in those who trust in Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can be like Jesus!
- A full preview of this song is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Tn6qlvmBrI>
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score, and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/to-be-like-jesus/>

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Day 1 – Spy Identity

Daily Theme – Jesus is both God and Human

Bible Passage - In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became a human being. He made his home with us. John 1:1&14a NIrV

Connection to Theme – Today is all about identity. What is the identity of Jesus? Jesus is God and Jesus is a man. That’s amazing! Jesus is 100% God and 100% human at the same time. There is no one like Jesus!

Song Ideas

No One Like You – David Crowder Band

- This is a fun, energetic song that highlights the unchanging uniqueness of our God.
- Full song available for preview on www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/24004/no-one-like-you
- Available on CD, DVD, and as video download from www.unclecharliestore.com
- Four options available as video downloads from www.worshiphousekids.com

Totally God, Totally Man – SovereignGraceKids

- This is a really fun doo wop style song that explains how Jesus is fully God and fully man. The chorus is, “He’s totally God and totally man. Both in One, He’s the great I AM. To save the world, fulfill God’s plan He had to be totally God, totally man.”
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/totally-god-totally-man/>

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Day Two – Disguises

Daily Theme – Jesus Came to Take Our Sins Away

Bible Passage - But you know that Christ came to take our sins away. And there is no sin in Him. 1 John 3:5

Connection to Theme – To disguise ourselves is to conceal our identity by changing our dress or look. Disguises are often clothes, but we can disguise ourselves by changing our hair color, wearing wigs or fake beards. We also disguise ourselves by changing how we walk. It's all about hiding who we really are – concealing our identity. Yesterday we learned that Jesus is totally God and totally human at the same time. Jesus didn't use disguises. People who didn't understand who Jesus was may have thought that he was disguising the fact that He was God by appearing as a man. But Jesus isn't one or the other. He is both God and human and He came to take our sins away.

Song Ideas

Mighty, Mighty Savior - SovereignGraceKids

- This song is full of gospel truth. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin. He is a mighty Savior!
- Could also be introduced on day 4.
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/mighty-mighty-savior/>

Jesus Came to Earth – SovereignGraceKids

- This simple, mid-tempo echo song is full of praise to Jesus for coming to earth to die for our sins.
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/jesus-came-to-earth/>

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Day Three - Trailing & Surveillance

Daily Theme – God Sent Jesus Because He Loves Us

Bible Passage - God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

Connection to Theme – In our Bible story today we hear/heard about Nicodemus who went to see Jesus at night. That kind of seems like a covert operation. Maybe he had been trailing and surveilling Jesus for a while. We do know that he had questions. Jesus didn't need to trail or surveil Nicodemus to know what Nic needed to hear – God send Jesus because He loves us.

Song Ideas

Jesus Loves Me – Go Fish Guys

- This mid-tempo update of the familiar song, "Jesus Love Me" is a simple, clear declaration that Jesus loves us.
- Sheet music available to purchase for download at <http://gofishresources.com/jesus-loves-me/>
- Available on CD and DVD at <http://gofishresources.com/superstar-cd/> (includes full free preview)

John 3:16 – The Rizers

- This Scripture song is upbeat and energetic.
- It is available at www.therizers.com
- The video is also available at <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/31925/john-316> (includes full free preview).

Eternal Life – Seeds Family Worship

- This mid-tempo straight from Scripture (John 3:16) song is a great way for kids to memorize God's Word!
- This song is available on CD and DVD (including hand motions) from <https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/product/seeds-of-faith-dvd-2/>

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- A free chord chart is available at <http://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Eternal-Life-C.pdf>
- The video is also available at <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/55961/eternal-life-john-316> (includes full free preview).

Your Love – SovereignGraceKids

- This fast, rock-style song is all about the love of God that lasts forever!
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/your-love/>

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Day Four – Secret Messages

Daily Theme – The Gift of Salvation is Offered to Anyone Who Puts Their Faith in Jesus

Bible Passage - God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it.
Ephesians 2:8&9 NIV

Connection to Theme – In today's Bible story the father welcomes home the son and forgives him. The son didn't deserve it. All the son could do was accept this gift of forgiveness his father offered him. This story that Jesus told is called a parable. Parables are stories with a deeper meaning; kind of like a secret message.

Song Ideas

Grace (La Di Da) – Seeds Family Worship

- This mid-tempo straight from Scripture (Ephesians 2:8) song is a great way for kids to memorize God's Word!
- This song is available on CD and DVD (including hand motions) from <https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/product/seeds-of-faith-dvd-2/>
- A free chord chart is available at http://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/cc_grace.pdf
- The video is also available at <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/56101/grace-ephesians-28> (includes full free preview).

Have You Heard? – SovereignGraceKids

- This slow, gentle song clearly explains the gospel. "Have you heard of the promise God has made to us all? That if we turn from our sinful ways And put our faith in His Son He will freely forgive us."
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/have-you-heard/>

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Day Five – Gadgets

Daily Theme – The Holy Spirit Helps Us Grow to Be More Like Jesus

Bible Passage - But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 NIV

Connection to Theme – Sometimes spies need help. They use gadgets to get them out of sticky situations. We need help too to obey Jesus and live the way He wants us to. Jesus promised to give us a Friend to help us. This friend is the Holy Spirit.

Song Ideas

Our Help – SovereignGraceKids

- This upbeat song is full of truth about the Holy Spirit and how He helps believers to understand the Bible, serve, and love God more.
- There is a great connection to gadgets in this song as it refers to the Holy Spirit being like a compass and a flashlight.
- Full lyrics, partial preview, free guitar sheet, free lead sheets, free piano score and places to purchase available at <http://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/songs/our-help/>