

RESCUE VBS

Sample preview of the paid five-day kit

What you can inspect here

A theme overview, the two-hour sample schedule, and one day of teaching help from the 38-page Director's Guide.

The full purchase includes the complete Director's Guide and five daily Leader Guides as six downloadable PDFs. The sample pages are excerpts, not a complete lesson or permission to reproduce the full curriculum.

Plan your team size, supplies, and safety procedures for your setting.

View the current price and included files:

ministryplace.net/product/rescue-vbs-complete-5-day-vbs-curriculum-kit/

Theme Overview

The Big Idea

God has been rescuing his people since the beginning of time. Every rescue story in history points to the greatest rescue ever. Jesus coming to seek and save the lost. This week, children discover that they're the ones Jesus came to rescue.

Theme Verse

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10 (ESV)

The Real Rescue Story Hook

What makes Rescue VBS unique is the Real Rescue Story that opens each day. These are true, dramatic accounts of people rescued from impossible situations. Each story takes 4-5 minutes at the start of the session, before the Bible story. They create emotional engagement and a natural bridge to the biblical truth of the day.

Day	Real Rescue Story	Bible Story	Big Idea	Verse
1	Baby Jessica McClure 1987, Midland TX 18-month-old rescued from well, 58 hours	Noah and the Flood Gen. 6-9	God sees you even when you feel trapped	Ps. 18:2
2	Chilean Miners 2010, Copiapo Chile 33 miners rescued after 69 days	Moses and the Exodus Ex. 3, 14	God hears you when you cry out	Ps. 18:3
3	Thai Cave Rescue 2018, Thailand 12 boys found alive after 17 days	Jonah Jonah 1-4	God comes to find you in the dark	Ps. 139:7
4	Miracle on the Hudson 2009, New York All 155 survive plane on river	Jesus Calms the Storm Mk. 4; Mt. 14	Jesus reaches out when you sink	Mt. 14:31
5	The Greatest Rescue Recap of the week plus the cross and resurrection	The Cross and Resurrection Luke 23-24	You are the one Jesus came to rescue	Lk. 19:10

Daily Schedule

This schedule runs two hours. It works with one leader and one helper in a single room. Adjust the times to fit your church. The order matters more than the exact minutes.

Time	Activity	Notes
0:00	Arrival Activity	Coloring page or simple craft as kids arrive. No instruction needed.
0:15	Opening	Welcome, prayer, theme song, memory verse introduction.
0:25	Real Rescue Story	Tell the day's true rescue story dramatically. Four to five minutes.
0:30	Bible Story	Teach the Bible story with discussion questions. Full lesson in Leader Guide.
0:50	Bible Game	Reviews memory verse and Bible story. Instructions in Leader Guide.
1:05	Craft	Themed craft. Supply list and instructions in the Leader Guide.
1:25	Snack	Themed snack with one discussion question.
1:35	Closing	Prayer, take-home page, memory verse review, dismiss.

RUNNING WITH FEWER THAN 5 KIDS

With a very small group, skip the formal game and turn it into a conversation about the memory verse. Craft and snack can happen at the same time. The schedule is a guide, not a rule. Do what works for your kids.

RUNNING WITH MIXED AGES (Pre-K through 7th Grade)

Every activity in this curriculum has two versions. A simpler version for younger children (Pre-K through 2nd grade) and a more involved version for older children (3rd through 7th grade). Give younger kids the simple version and older kids the detailed version. They work side by side on the same theme.

Day 1 | God sees you when you feel trapped

Real rescue bridge: Baby Jessica McClure (1987)

Bible story: Noah and the Flood | Genesis 6-9

Memory verse: Psalm 18:2

Teaching help for the leader

Tell this carefully: an 18-month-old fell into a narrow well in Midland, Texas. Many adults worked for 58 hours to bring her out. Do not dramatize fear. Say: "When people heard she was trapped, they did not ignore her. They came, worked, and stayed." Bridge: "Noah's world was also full of danger and wrong. God saw Noah, spoke clearly, and provided an ark."

Teach the Bible, not just the hook

Read selected portions: Genesis 6:5-8, 6:13-22, 8:1, 8:15-17. Explain that the flood is a serious account of sin and God's judgment, not merely an animal story. God's rescue of Noah does not mean Noah earned it; Genesis says Noah found favor. Keep the focus on God's character: holy, watchful, merciful, and faithful.

Say this to begin

"Today we will hear a real rescue story and a Bible story. The real story helps us listen, but the Bible tells us what is true about God. You can ask a question, take your time, or pass."

Discussion sequence

Ask	Listen for	Follow up
What happened in the Bible story?	Concrete retelling, not the "right" church answer.	"Where do you see that in the passage?"
What does this show us about God?	God's action and character.	"How is that good news?"
What could a next step be?	A safe, ordinary response.	"Who could help you with that?"