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# DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND

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<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>Mary at the Tomb</b> (John 20:1-18)	Arise! Shine with Hope!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You Reign Forevermore</li> <li>• Everywhere</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wooden Tabletop Cross</li> <li>• Shiny Cross</li> <li>• Adventure Island Map with Stickers</li> </ul>

## SIGNAL VERSE



Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shone upon you! (Isaiah 60:1)

### Science

- Take a Look at Invisible Light!
- Create-a-Compass

- Surprising Fire
- Light... Amplified!

- Safe Landing
- Floating Person Experiment

- Light and Our Sense of Sight
- Balloon Celebration

- Adventure Island Volcano
- Capillary Actions and Reactions
- BONUS: Liquid Lanterns

### Recreation

- Creation Relay Race
- Bible Verse Waves
- What Animal?

- Take Off Your Shoes
- Pool Noodle Shepherds
- Avoid the Lava!

- Stretcher to the Rescue!
- Keep the Palm Trees Standing
- Bumper Boats

- Eruption!
- Lost Parables Hunt
- Adventure Island Airlines

- Run and Tell
- Hula Hoop Race
- Crab Walk to Tell the Good News

### Snacks

- Shine with Love Cookies
- Creation Cracker
- Tropical Dipped Fruit

- Angel Sandwich
- Burning Bush Cupcake
- Build-Your-Own Lighthouse

- Bible Snack Cakes
- Faith Through the Roof Snack
- Puffin Food

- Joyful Pancakes
- Marshmallow Sheep
- Tropical Trail Mix

- Shine with Hope Butterfly Sandwich
- Empty Tomb Snack
- Tropical Fruit Cups

### Mission

- Opening Doors of Kindness
- Bags of Love

- The Fanciful Giving Tree
- Hands Down You're the Best

- New Friend Scavenger Hunt
- Prayerful Bookmarks

- Hearts of Love Suncatcher
- Spreading Joy with a Joy Jar

- Messages of Hope Whimsical Washi Tape Messages
- Organizers of Hope



# Worship Guide Notes

## We Hear You!

Over time, the Cokesbury VBS Team has heard from multiple VBS leaders about their need for a worship service-style Closing Assembly. To meet that need, we have developed this free resource for churches to use at the end of their VBS sessions. We hope many churches will enjoy it and adapt it to develop the closing worship service format that best serves their individual groups and settings. Feel free to adapt all material as best fits your group, space, and time allotment. We know that each church, program, team, and gift set is unique, so make each session your own—and have fun with it!

## Explorers with Special Needs

Don't forget to include everyone in your VBS worship! Check out the FREE **"VBS for Explorers with Special Needs"** resource at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com) for tips on how to encourage all Explorers to participate at their own levels of ability and comfort.

# Our VBS Worship Service Ideas

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# Elements of Worship

## Order of Worship

The order of worship for each session includes age-appropriate music, call to worship, prayer, and sharing times that all honor the Basic Pattern of Worship without sacrificing the VBS spirit and fun. As always, feel free to adapt elements as needed to meet the needs of your group!

## Music

Each Closing Worship Service includes suggested music from Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, highlighted within the text using the symbol above. There is a gathering song for students to sing while entering, praise songs with accompanying praise-enhancing activities, a contemplative worship song, and a “sending forth” song to play or sing at dismissal.

## Worship Leader

These scripts include call-and-response readings. The Worship Leader may be your Assembly Leader, Music Leader, Children’s Minister, or whoever is the best fit to lead your group worship.

## Bible Adventure Videos

Your Closing Worship Service is a great opportunity to revisit each session’s Bible Adventure Video! Explorers will love laughing at the storytelling again while key learnings from each story are reinforced. If you are not using the Bible Adventure Video DVD, simply skip this part.

## Closing Prayer

Each script includes a pre-written closing prayer time; however, feel free to invite volunteers to lead with their own original prayers! While prayer time is only written into each service once, we encourage you to incorporate it as often as best suits your group.

## Additional Options

While not included in these scripts, some other elements your group may find useful to include are Announcements, Offering, Communion, Mission Updates, and Prayer Requests or Prayer Wall.





## Bible Story

### The Creation Story

Genesis 1:1–2:9

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Love!

## Teacher Tip

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- 🕒 Pathfinder and Banner Verse Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the **FREE Resources** at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com) for ASL directions.

## Materials

- 🕒 **Complete Music CD** or MP3 tracks
- 🕒 device for playing music

# Closing Worship Service

## Intro Song/Video

“Discovery on Adventure Island”

*palms up, and say with Explorers) We will shine the light of love! Great job!*

## Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Explorers! I’m so glad to see you’ve made it back from your search. Wasn’t exploring Adventure Island great? Now that you’re back, we can start our closing service. At our closing services, we will sing songs of praise and worship to God and share what we’ve learned on our search. Let’s start by singing a song of praise together!**

**Here we go!**

**When God created the Earth, God showed us what it looks like to care for creation. In that same way...**  
*(Hold out hands.)*

All: **We will shine the light of love!**

WL: **And as we go into the world and make choices about how to treat the environment and creatures that God has made...** *(Hold out hands.)*

All: **We will shine the light of love!**

WL: **And as we look around and see the wonderful people that God has created, and as we choose to treat them with respect and kindness...**

All: **We will shine the light of love!**

WL: **That’s right! We will shine the light of love to all of God’s creation! Now, let’s sing another song and worship our God who has created us and loves us!**

## Worship Song

“Here I am to Worship”

*If it helps your group focus, sing this song sitting.*

## Optional: Mission Moment/Update

*Pause to share your VBS mission project updates and/or Mission Moment from the **Mission Leader** guide (available in the **FREE Resources** at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com)).*

## Praise Song

“Creator of the Universe”

WL: **As we sing, our leaders will do motions with the words. Try to follow along and do them, too!**

## Call to Worship

WL: **It is so great to sing praise songs together! Well, Explorers, did you find your first Infinity Lantern today?** *(pause)* **Good! Recovering the Lantern of Love is our first step in lighting our way across the island to the lighthouse. As we look at the story of Genesis chapter one, we see that God’s love was shown as God created the Earth and decided it was good. I don’t know about you Explorers, but I am so thankful that God loves all of creation, even you and me! When we worship, we show our love back to God. Let’s learn our call to worship. Whenever we do our call to worship each night, I will speak, then I will hold my hands out toward you. Each time I hold out my hands, you will say, “We will shine the light of love!” Let’s practice.** *(Hold out your hands,*

## Pathfinder Review

WL: Okay, Explorers! Let's see what you've learned on your search today.

**Question 1: What did God create on the first day?** (*Light*)

**Question 2: What did God do on the seventh day?** (*God rested.*)

**Question 3: What did God say about all God created?** (*It was good!*)

Great work, Explorers! Now, let's say today's Pathfinder with the motions we learned earlier.

All (*with ASL*): Arise! Shine with Love!

## Signal Verse Review

WL: As we search for our lanterns, we remember how important it is that we shine our light and point others towards God. That reminds me of our Signal Verse. C'mon! Let's practice saying it together.

All: Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shown upon you. Isaiah 60:1.

## Sharing Time

WL: We've now come to our sharing time. During this time, you Explorers will have a chance to share something that you've learned along your search. Who would like to share something that they've learned about the light of love? (*allow 2-3 explorers to share*)  
Awesome job, Explorers! Thank you for sharing your light!

WL: Explorers, thank you for your help today on the search to find the Infinity Lantern of Love. It was so much fun to learn about God's love and how we can carry that light of love every single day by caring for

the world and the people who God has created.

## Optional Prayer Time/Wall

*If desired, allow Explorers to voice prayer requests via raised hands or a Prayer Wall (see sidebar).*

## Optional Offering/ Communion

*If desired, take up an offering and/or observe Communion together as VBS music plays.*

## Closing Prayer

WL: Let's pray together. Lord, thank you that you love to create and that you love your creation. Thank you that you love us deeply. Help us to arise and shine with love. May your love shine in our lives so that others see you. Amen.

## Optional: Announcements

*If desired, take this time to present announcements and hand out Take-Home Pages.*

## Sending Forth Song "Everywhere"



## Bible Story

**The Creation Story**  
Genesis 1:1–2:9

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Love!

## Materials

### Prayer Wall

- 🌀 Island Wall Covering
- 🌀 sticky notes
- 🌀 writing implements

## Offering/ Communion

- 🌀 Complete Music CD or MP3 tracks
- 🌀 device for playing music



**Bible Story**  
**Moses and the**  
**Burning Bush**  
Exodus 3:1-20

**Pathfinder**  
Arise! Shine with Trust!

**Teacher Tip**  
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🕒 device for playing music

# Closing Worship Service

**Intro Song/Video**  
**“Discovery on Adventure Island”**

**Welcome**  
Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Explorers! I hope your search for the Infinity Lantern of Trust was successful today! Let’s get our service started by singing a song of praise!**

**Praise Song**  
**“Little Night Light”**  
WL: **As we sing, our leaders will do motions. Try and follow along with them!**

**Call to Worship**  
WL: **Great singing, Explorers! Now, were you all able to find the Infinity Lantern of Trust? (pause) Fantastic! We are one step closer to lighting our way across the island. Just as we learned how to shine the light of love by exploring a Bible story, we were able to learn more about the light of trust by looking at the story of Moses and the burning bush. God spoke to Moses and called him to do a hard job. Moses shined the light of trust as he said “yes!” to God’s call. Speaking of a call, I think this is the perfect time to start our call to worship. Remember that during our call to worship, I will speak and then hold out my hands to you. Each time I hold out my hands, you say “We will shine the light of trust!” Let’s practice. (hold out hands, palm up, and say with Explorers) We will shine the light of trust! Good job!**

**Let’s get started!**

**When God called to Moses from a burning bush, Moses said “yes” even though he knew the path ahead would be difficult. In the same way... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of trust!**

WL: **Just like God had a plan for Moses, God has a plan for each of us that is even greater than any plan we could make for ourselves. Because of this... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of trust!**

WL: **When God asks us to do something scary or difficult, we will answer “yes” because we know that God will be with us! As we do this...(hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of trust!**

WL: **Yes! We will shine the light of trust as we answer God’s call! Now, let’s sing a song of worship to our God who is worthy of our trust.**

**Worship Song**  
**“Here I am to Worship”**

**Optional Mission Moment/ Update**  
*Pause to share your VBS mission project updates and/or Mission Moment from the **Mission Leader** guide (available in the **FREE Resources** at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com)).*

**Pathfinder Review**  
WL: **It’s time to see what you have learned on your search today, Explorers!**

**Question 1: What did Moses see when he was out taking care of the sheep?** *(a burning bush)*

**Question 2: What did God ask Moses to do with God's help?** *(lead the Israelites out of slavery and to the Promised Land)*

**Question 3: What happened because Moses trusted God?** *(Moses was able to lead the people out of Egypt and watched as God fulfilled all the promises God had given to him.)*

**Good work, Explorers! Let's say our Pathfinder with the motions we learned earlier.**

All *(with ASL)*: **Arise! Shine with Trust!**

### Signal Verse Review

WL: **Great work finding the Lantern of Trust today. As we learn about each lantern and what is contained inside, we are able to light our way across Adventure Island and are challenged to shine with that same light. That reminds me of our Signal Verse. Let's say it together!**

All: **Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shown upon you. Isaiah 60:1**

### Sharing Time

WL: **Now, it's time for you Explorers to share about the things you've learned along your search today. Who would like to share something that they've learned about the light of trust?** *(allow 2-3 explorers to share)*  
**Great work, Explorers! Way to share your light!**

WL: **Thank you all so much for your help in finding the Infinity Lantern of Trust today. I am so glad that we serve a God who is trustworthy**

**and who has a plan for each of us. Let's shine with trust and say "yes!" when God calls, knowing that we will never be alone.**

### Optional Prayer Time/Wall

*If desired, allow Explorers to voice prayer requests via raised hands or a Prayer Wall (see sidebar).*

### Optional Offering/Communion

*If desired, take up an offering and/or observe Communion together as VBS music plays.*

### Closing Prayer

WL: **Before we go, let's pray together. Lord, thank you that you have a plan for us and that you will give us all we need to do what you have called us to. Thank you that you love us deeply. Help us to rise and let our Light of Trust shine. Amen.**

### Optional: Announcements

*If desired, take this time to present announcements and hand out Take-Home Pages.*

### Sending Forth Song "Everywhere"



### Bible Story

**Moses and the Burning Bush**  
Exodus 3:1-20

### Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Trust!

### Materials Prayer Wall

- ⌚ Island Wall Covering
- ⌚ sticky notes
- ⌚ writing implements

### Offering/ Communion

- ⌚ Complete Music CD or MP3 tracks
- ⌚ device for playing music



## Bible Story

### Faith Through the Roof

Luke 5:17-26

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Faith!

## Teacher Tip

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## Materials

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# Closing Worship Service

## Intro Song/Video “Discovery on Adventure Island”

## Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome Back, Explorers!** I’m so happy to see you all again after what was, hopefully, a successful search on Adventure Island. Now that you’re back, we can get our closing service started with a song of praise!

## Praise Song “Bustin’ Through the Roof”

WL: As we sing, our leaders will do motions with the words. Try to follow along!

## Call to Worship

WL: Great singing! It’s so great to praise God together. You know what else is great? Discovering Infinity Lanterns! Were you all successful in finding the Lantern of Faith today? *(pause)* Terrific! That means we are one step closer to lighting our way across the island. It takes great faith to embark on our searches each day—great faith like that of the friends who lowered their pal through a roof to get to Jesus. Learning about the miracle Jesus did in our story makes me so excited to do our call to worship. Just like before, I am going to speak, then pause and hold out my hands to you. When I do, you say, “We will shine the light of faith!”

**Let’s practice.** *(hold out hands, palms up, and say with Explorers)* **We will shine the light of faith! Great job! Here we go!**

**When friends of the paralyzed man**

heard that Jesus was nearby, they knew they had to get their friend to him. They were certain that Jesus would be able to heal him. In the same way, we choose to bring our needs to Jesus...*(hold out hands)*

All: **We will shine the light of faith!**

WL: Those men did everything they could to get their friend to Jesus because they had so much faith that Jesus had the power to heal. We, too, have the responsibility to let others know about Jesus’ love and power. When we choose to boldly tell others about Jesus...*(hold out hands)*

All: **We will shine the light of faith!**

WL: And when we believe and accept that Jesus has the power to save us from our sins and we start living in that joy and freedom...*(hold out hands)*

All: **We will shine the light of faith!**

WL: Exactly! We will shine the light of faith and point others to Jesus, the true light. Let’s sing a worship song to the Savior who we put our faith in.

## Worship Song “Here I am to Worship”

## Optional: Mission Moment/Update

*Pause to share your VBS mission project updates and/or Mission Moment from the **Mission Leader** guide (available in the **FREE Resources** at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com)).*

## Pathfinder Review

WL: Alright, Explorers! Let's see what awesome things you learned on your search today.

Question 1: **Why did the men in our Bible story want to take their friend to Jesus?** *(They knew Jesus had the power to heal their friend who couldn't walk.)*

Question 2: **What did the men have to do to get their friend to Jesus?** *(Cut a hole in the roof and lower him down.)*

Question 3: **What two things did Jesus do for the man who couldn't walk because of his friends' faith?** *(He forgave the man's sins and healed him.)*

**Great job, Explorers! Now let's say our Pathfinder for today with the motions we learned earlier.**

All *(with ASL)*: Arise! Shine with Faith!

## Signal Verse Review

WL: When we shine the light of faith, we are pointing others to the One that we have our faith in. Jesus is the ultimate lighthouse shining in the world and we are like the lights on the path, pointing others in the right direction. I think now would be the perfect time to say our Signal Verse together!

All: Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shone upon you. Isaiah 60:1.

## Sharing Time

WL: Now it's time for one of my favorite parts of our services. It's time for you Explorers to share what you have learned along your search today. Would someone like to share something they've learned about the light of faith? *(allow 2-3*

*explorers to share)* Good work, Explorers! Thanks for sharing!

WL: Explorers, you all did such a great job finding the Infinity Lantern of Faith today. When we have faith, we believe that the things we read in the Bible are true and that God has the power to save and heal. Let's shine the light of faith and tell everyone we know about our awesome God who loves them.

## Optional Prayer Time/Wall

*If desired, allow Explorers to voice prayer requests via raised hands or a Prayer Wall (see sidebar).*

## Optional Offering/ Communion

*If desired, take up an offering and/or observe Communion together as VBS music plays.*

## Closing Prayer

WL: Let's pray together. Lord, thank you that you are the Light of the World. Thank you that you have the power to save and to heal. Help us place our faith in you in all situations. Thank you that you love us deeply. Help us let our light of faith shine.

## Optional: Announcements

*If desired, take this time to present announcements and hand out Take-Home Pages.*

## Sending Forth Song "Everywhere"



## Bible Story

Faith Through the Roof  
Luke 5:17-26

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Faith!

## Materials

### Prayer Wall

- 🕒 Island Wall Covering
- 🕒 sticky notes
- 🕒 writing implements

## Offering/ Communion

- 🕒 Complete Music CD or MP3 tracks
- 🕒 device for playing music



## Bible Story

The “Lost” Parables  
Luke 15

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Joy!

## Teacher Tip

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# Closing Worship Service

Intro Song/Video  
“Discovery on Adventure Island”

## Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back from another search on Adventure Island, Explorers! I am filled with joy to see you all back again. Let’s get this celebration started with a song of praise!**

Praise Song  
“I Feel Like Dancing”

WL: **As we sing, our leaders will do motions with the words. Try to follow along with them!**

## Call to Worship

WL: **Wow, singing together brought me so much joy! Speaking of joy, were you all successful in recovering the Infinity Lantern of Joy today? (pause) Yay! That means the path to the lighthouse is almost fully lit! I loved learning about the light of joy. The parables that Jesus told in the Book of Luke were all about celebrating the return of something lost. He was really telling the people listening to his stories that they should be happy when someone experiences the love of Jesus and wants to have a relationship with him. Someone being shown the light of Jesus is an occasion for celebration. I think right now is the perfect occasion to begin our call to worship. Do you all remember how it’s done? I will speak and then pause and hold out my hands. When I hold out my hands, you say, “We will shine the light of joy!” Let’s practice. (hold out hands, palms up, and say with**

*Explorers)* **We will shine the light of joy! Great. Here we go.**

**In the parables Jesus told, a happy celebration was in order when lost things were found. In the same way, when we see others finding and embracing the love of Jesus... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of joy!**

WL: **When we have the love of Jesus in our hearts, we have a happiness that we sometimes can’t explain. When other people ask where our happiness comes from... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of joy!**

WL: **As we tell others about Jesus, we are pointing them to the true light. As we choose to let others know about our God who loves them deeply...(hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of joy!**

WL: **That’s exactly right! We will shine the light of joy and celebrate what God is doing in our hearts and our world. Let’s celebrate right now by singing a song of worship to our God.**

Worship Song  
“Here I am to Worship”

## Optional Mission Moment/Update

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## Pathfinder Review

WL: Alright, Explorers! It's time to see what you learned on your search today.

Question 1: In the first parable Jesus told, what did the shepherd do when he realized one of his sheep was missing? *(He left the 99 to find the lost one.)*

Question 2: In the story of the lost son, what did the father do when his son returned home after spending all of his money? *(He threw a party to celebrate his return.)*

Question 3: Does God just love the people that we think deserve to be loved? *(No! God loves everyone and celebrates when they feel and accept that love.)*

**Great job! Don't you feel so much joy knowing that God loves each and every one of us? Let's say the Pathfinder for joy. Don't forget to do the motions!**

All *(with ASL)*: Arise! Shine with joy!

## Signal Verse Review

WL: We have learned so much about shining our light to point others toward Jesus! I'm so glad we have a great Signal Verse to help guide us. Let's say it together right now!

All: Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shown upon you. Isaiah 60:1.

## Sharing Time

WL: I'm so excited to hear about some of the things you've learned on your search today. Who would like to share something they've learned about the light of joy? *(allow 2-3 Explorers to share)* Good work, Explorers! Thanks for sharing!

WL: Well Explorers, it has been so much fun finding the Infinity Lantern of Joy with you today. The joy that we feel from experiencing the love of God is the greatest joy this world has to offer. It's only right that we shine that light of joy and help others see how good God is and that we celebrate when we see others experiencing God's love.

## Optional Prayer Time/Wall

*If desired, allow Explorers to voice prayer requests via raised hands or a Prayer Wall (see sidebar).*

## Optional Offering/ Communion

*If desired, take up an offering and/or observe Communion together as VBS music plays.*

## Closing Prayer

WL: Let's pray together. Lord, thank you that you are the Light of the World and that we can reflect your light. Thank you for celebrating when the lost are found. Help us to let our Light of Joy shine. Amen.

## Optional: Announcements

*If desired, take this time to present announcements and hand out Take-Home Pages.*

## Sending Forth Song "Everywhere"



## Bible Story

The "Lost" Parables  
Luke 15

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Joy!

## Materials

### Prayer Wall

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## Bible Story

### Mary at the Tomb

John 20:1-18

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Hope!

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- 🕒 Pathfinder and Banner Verse Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the **FREE Resources** at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com) for ASL directions.

## Materials

- 🕒 **Complete Music CD** or MP3 tracks
- 🕒 device for playing music

# Closing Worship Service

## Intro Song/Video “Discovery on Adventure Island”

## Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Explorers! How was your final search on Adventure Island? I’m so glad you’re back for our last closing service. Let’s get it started with a song of praise.**

## Praise Song “You Reign Forevermore”

WL: **Our leaders are going to do motions with the words as we sing. Follow along with them!**

## Call to Worship

WL: **It is so fun to sing and praise God together. When we sing together, I am filled with so much hope because I am reminded of how good God is. Speaking of hope, I am so glad to see that you all found the Infinity Lantern of Hope today! With all the Infinity Lanterns found, the path to the lighthouse is fully lit. In the same way that these lanterns lead us to the brightest light on the island, we can shine our light to point others to the true light, Jesus. I think now would be a great time to start our final call to worship. Do you all remember how it’s done? I will speak, then pause and hold out my hands to you. When I do, you will say, “We will shine the light of hope!” Let’s practice. (hold out hands, palms up, and say with Explorers) We will shine the light of hope! Great job! Here we go.**

WL: **When Mary saw that Jesus had been raised from the dead, she**

**could not keep this news to herself. She ran to tell everyone about what she had just witnessed. In the same way, as we choose to share the good news about Jesus with others... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of hope!**

WL: **Jesus rose from the dead, just like he said he would. As we live with the knowledge that God keeps all God’s promises... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of hope!**

WL: **Just like Mary, our life can change from an encounter with Jesus. As we choose to tell everyone we know about our experience with the risen Savior... (hold out hands)**

All: **We will shine the light of hope!**

WL: **Yes! We will shine the light of hope and point others to this Savior who loves them and has the power to save and heal! Let’s sing a song of worship to our amazing God.**

## Worship Song “Here I am to Worship”

## Optional: Mission Moment/ Update

*Pause to share your VBS mission project updates and/or Mission Moment from the **Mission Leader** guide (available in the **FREE Resources** at [CokesburyVBS.com](http://CokesburyVBS.com))*

## Pathfinder Review

WL: **Alright, Explorers! Let’s see what you learned on your last search!**

Question 1: **When Mary first visited Jesus' tomb, what did she see?**

*(The stone was rolled away and Jesus' body was missing.)*

Question 2: **When Mary saw the risen Jesus, she didn't quite recognize him at first. Who did she think he was?** *(a gardener)*

Question 3: **After realizing that she was talking to Jesus and that he had been raised from the dead, what did Mary do?** *(She ran to tell the disciples what she had witnessed.)*

**Great job, Explorers! Let's say today's Pathfinder together. Don't forget the motions we learned earlier!**

All *(with ASL)*: **Arise! Shine with Hope!**

## Signal Verse Review

WL: **Our entire time on Adventure Island has been dedicated to learning how to shine our lights and point others to God. Our Signal Verse has been a great guide. Let's say it together right now!**

All: **Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shone upon you. Isaiah 60:1.**

## Sharing Time

WL: **It's time for you to share what you've learned on your search today. Who would like to share something they learned about the light of hope?** *(allow 2-3 Explorers to share)* **Awesome job! Thank you to everyone who has shared this week. Keep letting your light shine!**

WL: **Well, Explorers, have you enjoyed your time here on Adventure Island? Thank you for all your help finding the Infinity Lanterns! When we go out into our**

**communities and share the light of love, trust, faith, joy, and hope, we can help guide others to the true light of the world, Jesus! So arise, Explorers! Go shine your light!**

## Optional Prayer Time/Wall

*If desired, allow Explorers to voice prayer requests via raised hands or a Prayer Wall (see sidebar).*

## Optional Offering/Communion

*If desired, take up an offering and/or observe Communion together as VBS music plays.*

## Closing Prayer

WL: **Let's pray together. Lord, thank you that you are the Light of the World. Thank you that we can reflect your light. Thank you for the lights of Love, Trust, Faith, Joy, and Hope. Please help us to shine those lights wherever we go, so that others may see you. Amen.**

## Optional: Announcements

*If desired, take this time to present announcements and hand out Take-Home Pages.*

## Sending Forth Song "Everywhere"



## Bible Story

**Mary at the Tomb**

John 20:1-18

## Pathfinder

Arise! Shine with Hope!

## Materials

### Prayer Wall

- 🕒 Island Wall Covering
- 🕒 sticky notes
- 🕒 writing implements

## Offering/Communion

- 🕒 Complete Music CD or MP3 tracks
- 🕒 device for playing music



# Worship Service Celebrations

## Order of Worship Outlines

### Traditional

#### Call to Worship

Worship Leader: Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shown upon you!

**All: Arise! Shine!**

WL: God created the world and every one of us as an act of love. We are called to love creation and each other as the Creator loves us.

**All: Arise! Shine with Love!**

WL: God called Moses to trust the purpose God had for his life. We are called to put our trust in God and follow where God is leading.

**All: Arise! Shine with Trust!**

WL: When hearing about Jesus, four men had so much faith that he could heal their paralyzed friend that they did whatever it took to get their friend to Jesus. We are called to that same radical faith in our God's ability to save and heal.

**All: Arise! Shine with Faith!**

WL: Jesus told parables about the proper response to the return of something that was once lost. We are called to celebrate with joy in our hearts as we see others embracing the love of Jesus.

**All: Arise! Shine with Joy!**

WL: When Mary was met by the resurrected Lord, she was filled with hope and left excitedly to share the good news with others. We are called to share the good news of hope that comes from our God conquering the grave.

**All: Arise! Shine with Hope!**

#### Praise and Worship

"Discovery on Adventure Island"

"Your Light Has Come"

#### Prayer

#### Scripture:

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shone upon you. Isaiah 60:1.

#### Sermon

**Song of Response:** "Arise and Shine"

**Offertory:** "Running"

**Communion:** "Here I Am to Worship"

#### VBS Leader Recognition

**Sending Forth:** May our God go with you as you brighten the pathways of life with love, trust, faith, joy, and hope, and guide others to the one who is the greatest source of light.

**Closing Song:**

"Everywhere"

### Contemporary

**Opening Song:** "Discovery on Adventure Island"

#### Announcements & VBS Recognition

#### Praise & Worship

"Little Night Light"

"You Reign Forevermore"

"I Feel Like Dancing"

**Prayer/Prayer Song:** "Running"

#### Optional Science Moment

Liquid Lanterns (**Science Leader** pages 26-27)

#### Scripture:

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shone upon you. Isaiah 60:1.

#### Message

**Song of Response:** "Arise and Shine"

#### Prayer

**Closing Song:** "Your Light Has Come"