
CONTENTS

Worship Leader Guide

| | |
|--|-------|
| Overview Chart..... | 2-3 |
| Worship Guide Notes | 4 |
| Elements of Worship | 5 |
| Session 1: Jesus Builds the Team | |
| Closing Worship Service | 6-7 |
| Session 2: Shiphrah, Puah, and Miriam: God's Wonder Women | |
| Closing Worship Service | 8-9 |
| Session 3: Jethro Mentors Moses | |
| Closing Worship Service | 10-11 |
| Session 4: The Magnificent Magi | |
| Closing Worship Service | 12-13 |
| Session 5: Unexpected Heroes Give Paul a Basket Ride | |
| Closing Worship Service | 14-15 |
| Worship Service Celebration | |
| Order of Worship Outlines | 16 |



Hero Hotline:

Called Together to Serve God!

| | Bible Story | Hotline Tips | Music | Crafts |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Session 1 | <p>Jesus Builds the Team</p> <p>John 1:35-51</p> | <p>Heroes are called to... Follow Jesus!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Hotline Theme Song • If U Wanna Be A Hero | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costume Kit • Hotline Cuff • Hotline Comics |
| Session 2 | <p>Shiphrah, Puah, and Miriam: God's Wonder Women</p> <p>Exodus 1:8-2:10</p> | <p>Heroes are called to... Help Others!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold Up • Beat Like Yours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosaic Bible Art • Phone Booth Prayer Box • Helping Hero Medal • Basket of Blessings |
| Session 3 | <p>Jethro Mentors Moses</p> <p>Exodus 18</p> | <p>Heroes are called to... Work Together!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's Strive • Work Together | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Clay Heros • Hero Puppet Team • Work Together Painting |
| Session 4 | <p>The Magnificent Magi</p> <p>Matthew 2:1-12</p> | <p>Heroes are called to... Listen to God!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Good Life • Show Grace, Speak Truth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Signal Suncatcher • Magi's Guiding Star • Stars and Straws • Hero Shield |
| Session 5 | <p>Unexpected Heroes Give Paul a Basket Ride</p> <p>Acts 9:1-25</p> | <p>Heroes are called to... Show Grace!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Grace • That's What Makes A Hero | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String Art Cross • Hero Team Frame • Light Artwork |

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up. (Romans 14:19)



| Science | Recreation | Snacks | Notes |
|---|---|---|-------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetic Attraction • Sinking Soda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Quick-Change • Heroic Catch • Hero Headquarters • Preschool Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Your Own Fig Tree • Super Vision Sticks • Nathanael's Fig Tree Fruit Bars | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubbling Up • Super Straw | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Helping Toss • Don't Wake the Baby • Practice Makes Heroes • Preschool Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Heroes • Pretzel Power Lifts • Banana Boats | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Paper • Super Bubble Blower | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Together Tag • Find the Team • Quickening Questions • Preschool Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Campfire • Campfire Trail Mix • Work Together Pizza | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leak-Proof Bag • Looking for the Star | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided by a Star • Return Home Another Way • Heroic Attention • Preschool Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossal Courage Cookies • Veggie Treasures • Hero Ropes | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Ping-Pong Ball • Incredible Ice • Bonus Experiment: Liquid Light | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Tag • Team Up! • Build a Basket • Preschool Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvelous Mini Cakes • Cones of Power • Basket Snacks | |

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 Hero Hotline 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! Heroes 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

Jesus Builds the Team
John 1:35-51

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Follow Jesus!

Teacher Tip

- Praise Song: Use the **Music Video DVD** or streaming options at CokesburyVBS.com.
- Hotline Verse and Hotline Tip Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the **FREE Resources** at CokesburyVBS.com for ASL directions.

Materials

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

Closing Worship Service

Intro Song/Video "Hero Hotline"

All: Heroes are called to follow Jesus!

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Heroes!** I hope you have had an awesome time learning about a hero's duty to follow a great leader. **Now that you're back, we can begin our closing service! At our closing services, we will sing songs of praise and worship to God and share what we've learned. Let's get started by singing a song of praise together!**

WL: **When the disciples left their old lives behind for a new life with Jesus, they showed us that...** (Hold out hands)

All: **Heroes are called to follow Jesus!**

Praise Song "If U Wanna B A Hero"

WL: **As we sing, our leaders will do motions with the words. Let's see if you can follow along and do them, too!**

WL: **There is one leader who can show us exactly how to show God's love and serve others and that's why...** (Hold out hands)

All: **Heroes are called to follow Jesus!**

Call to Worship

WL: **Great singing, Heroes! Today, we discovered that before the disciples could become amazing Bible heroes, they had to choose to follow Jesus. These disciples were just ordinary people before they knew Jesus, but they went on to do extraordinary things because of the time they spent learning from him, the greatest leader of all time! That's why our Hotline Tip of the day is "Heroes are called to follow Jesus!"**

WL: **And just like the disciples became great Bible heroes once they spent time following the best leader, we, too, can become all we can be if we remember that...** (Hold out hands)

All: **Heroes are called to follow Jesus!**

Let's use this tip as our call to worship today! Whenever we do our call to worship, I will hold out my hands toward you. When I do, I want you to shout out today's Hotline Tip. Let's practice!

WL: **All heroes need a great leader to follow, and Jesus is certainly the best! Let's worship Jesus now by lifting our voices up together in song!**

Worship Song "Your Grace"

Optional: Missions 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).*

(Hold out your hands, palms up, and shout with Heroes)

Hotline Tip Breakdown

WL: Alright, Heroes! Let's see what you have learned today!

Question 1: What did John the Baptist's followers do when they saw Jesus walking by? (They followed him)

Question 2: What was the meaning of Simon's new name, Peter? (Rock)

Question 3: Jesus amazed Nathanael when he told him that he had seen him sitting under what? (A fig tree)

Great work, Heroes! Now, let's say our Hotline Tip with our special motions!

All: Heroes are called to...Follow Jesus!

Hotline Verse Review

WL: When we follow Jesus, we learn lots about being peacemakers and building one another up. Hey, that sounds like our Hotline Verse! Let's say it together!

All: "So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19

Sharing Time

WL: We've now come to our sharing time. This will be a chance for you Heroes to share something that you've learned today. Who would like to share something they've learned from the story of Jesus building his team? (Allow 2 or 3 Heroes to share) Awesome job, Heroes! Thanks for sharing!

WL: It's been a great day learning about Jesus and his team of followers! It's so amazing how these ordinary people went on to

do extraordinary things because of all they had seen and learned while spending time with Jesus. We can learn a lot from Jesus, too, when we choose to follow him! We can read all about him in our Bibles and spend time with him by praying. If we want to do extraordinary things for God, we need to follow Jesus' lead!

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Heroes 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 for being the ultimate leader. Thank you for choosing us to serve together and do great things when we follow you. Help us as we follow. Amen.

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Let's Strive"



Bible Story

Jesus Builds the Team
John 1:35-51

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Follow Jesus!

Materials Prayer Wall

- Cave Wall Background
- sticky notes
- writing implements

Offering/ Communion

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



Bible Story

Shiphrah, Puah, and
Miriam: God's Wonder
Women
Exodus 1:8–2:10

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the
things that bring peace
and the things that build
each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Help Others!

Teacher Tip

- Praise Song: Use the **Music Video DVD** or streaming options at CokesburyVBS.com.
- Hotline Verse and Hotline Tip Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the FREE Resources at CokesburyVBS.com for ASL directions.

Materials

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

Closing Worship Service

Intro Song/Video "Hero Hotline"

(Hands out)

All: **Heroes are called to help others!**

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Hi there, Heroes! So happy to see you've made it back. Now, we can begin our closing worship service! Let's start by singing a song of praise together!**

WL: **No matter who we are, God can always use us to do good in the lives of those around us because...**
(Hands out)

All: **Heroes are called to help others!**

Praise Song "Hold Up"

WL: **As we sing, try to follow along with the motions, too!**

WL: **Yes! Just like the women in today's story, we can trust that God will give us the boldness to lend a helping hand. Now, let's sing a song of worship to the God who helps us help others!**

Call to Worship

WL: **It is just super to sing praises to God together! Today's Bible story was all about wonder women who showed us that awesome heroes are awesome helpers! Now, we know that King Crab's powers grow stronger and stronger as he helps others and that we can only be great heroes if we learn how to help, too. This leads us to today's Hotline Tip: Heroes are called to... Help Others!**

Worship Song "Your Grace"

Optional: Missions 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).*

Now that we know our Hotline Tip, we can begin our call to worship. Remember, I will hold my hands out to you, and when I do, you can shout out our Hotline Tip of the day. Let's try it together. (Hold out hands, palms up, and say with Heroes)
Heroes are called to help others!

Hotline Tip Breakdown

WL: **Okay, Heroes! Let's see if you can remember what we've learned today!**

WL: **When the Egyptian midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, courageously saved the Israelite baby boys, they showed us that...** (Hands out)

Question 1: **Who were the wonder women in Moses' life and how did they each help him?** (His mother: Hid him from the Egyptians and sent him down the river in a basket; The Pharaoh's daughter: Picked him up from the river and chose him to be her son; Miriam: Watched him as he floated down the river and boldly offered to help the princess find someone to care for the baby.)

All: **Heroes are called to help others!**

WL: **The wonder women in Moses' life showed bravery and selflessness and proved that...**

Question 2: **The women in today's story, helped others even when it**

wasn't easy. What are some bold ways that we can help others? (Answers will vary.)

Great work, Heroes! Let's say our Hotline Tip together with our motions!

All: **Heroes are called to...Help Others!**

Hotline Verse Review

WL: Today's story reminds us to always keep our eyes open for ways that we can help our family, friends, neighbors, and even people we've never even met! We can look for opportunities to build others up, just like our Hotline Verse says! Let's say it together!

All: "So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19

Sharing Time

WL: We've reached the time in our service where our Heroes have the opportunity to share something you've learned today. Who has something to share? (Allow 2-3 Heroes to share) **Good job, Heroes! Thanks for sharing!**

WL: Today, we've heard an amazing story of Bible Heroes boldly helping others. God has made us each special with gifts and abilities that we can use to show God's love to others. We know that Moses could not have been the Bible Hero that he grew up to be if it hadn't have been for the wonder women who helped him along the way. God wants to use us to be special helpers in the lives of others, too.

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Heroes 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 for our many blessings. Please help us to see those in need around us and to use the gifts and abilities that you have given us to help others. Amen.

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Let's Strive"



Bible Story

Shiphrah, Puah, and Miriam: God's Wonder Women
Exodus 1:8-2:10

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up. (Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Help Others!

Materials

Prayer Wall

- Cave Wall Background
- sticky notes
- writing implements

Offering/ Communion

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



Bible Story

Jethro Mentors Moses
Exodus 18

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Work Together!

Teacher Tip

- Praise Song: Use the **Music Video DVD** or streaming options at CokesburyVBS.com.
- Hotline Verse and Hotline Tip Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the **FREE Resources** at CokesburyVBS.com for ASL directions.

Materials

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

Closing Worship Service

Intro Song/Video "Hero Hotline"

Welcome

WL: Hey there, Heroes! It's so good to see you all again. Now that you're back, we can get our closing service started with a song of praise!

Praise Song "Work Together"

WL: Remember, as we sing, our leaders will do motions with the words. See if you can follow along!

Call to Worship

WL: Great singing, everyone! It's so wonderful to hear all of our voices joining together in praise to God! The story of Jethro's advice to Moses reminds me that amazing things can happen when we work together and let others help us. I think this could solve Super Mom's problem. She needs to work with other heroes to help the citizens of Neutropolis! Super heroes can't do everything all on their own. Heroes are called to work together! That's today's Hotline Tip.

Let's use this tip to help us with our call to worship. Remember, I will speak and then hold my hands out towards you. When I hold my hands out, shout out today's Hotline Tip: Heroes are called to work together! Let's try it. (Hold out hands and say with Heroes)

All: Heroes are called to work together!

WL: Moses was hard at work, trying to do everything on his own until Jethro reminded him that... (Hold out hands)

All: Heroes are called to work together!

WL: Moses found that when he let others help him, he was able to serve God and the people better because...(Hold out hands)

All: Heroes are called to work together!

WL: And Jethro's advice to Moses is good advice for us, too. Rather than getting tired and frustrated from trying to do everything on our own, it's important for us to remember that...

All: Heroes are called to work together!

WL: Great job! Now, let's join our voices together again to sing a song of worship to God!

Worship Song "Your Grace"

Optional: Missions 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).*

Hotline Tip Breakdown

WL: Alright, Heroes! Let's see what you have learned today!

Question 1: **Who came to visit Moses and the Israelites while they were camped out in the desert?**
(Moses' Father-in-Law, Jethro)

Question 2: **After Jethro watched Moses hard at work, what advice**

did he give to Moses? (He should choose helpers to assist him in leading the Israelites)

Question 3: **Why did Jethro think it was important for Moses to work together with others to lead the Israelites?** (So Moses would be able to serve God and God's people longer. Everyone, including Moses, would benefit from him staying happy and energized rather than burning out.)

WL: **Good work! Now, let's remember today's Hotline Tip and shout it out together. Don't forget the hand motions!**

All: **Heroes are called to...Work Together!**

Hotline Verse Review

WL: **Wow! You all are learning so much about what it takes to be a good hero! Remembering our Hotline Verse will certainly be helpful, too. Let's say it together!**

All: **"So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19**

Sharing Time

WL: **Now, it's time for one of my favorite parts of our service. It's time for some of our Heroes to share what they've learned today. Would anyone like to share something they've learned about working together?** (Allow 2-3 Heroes to share) **Awesome sharing! Thanks, Heroes!**

WL: **Today, we were reminded that God doesn't want us to do hard things all alone. God wants us to work together to do the things that God has called us to do. When we work together instead of on our**

own, we feel more energized for the work we are doing and less stressed out! We are able to serve God better when we let other people use their special gifts and abilities to help us!

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Heroes 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. Lord, thank you for being the true superhero. You do such amazing things! Please remind us to ask for help and to work together with others to do the amazing things you have called us to do. Amen.**

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Let's Strive"



Bible Story

Jethro Mentors Moses
Exodus 18

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Work Together!

Materials

Prayer Wall

- Cave Wall Background
- sticky notes
- writing implements

Offering/ Communion

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



Bible Story

The Magnificent Magi
Matthew 2:1-12

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Listen to God!

Teacher Tip

- Praise Song: Use the **Music Video DVD** or streaming options at CokesburyVBS.com.
- Hotline Verse and Hotline Tip Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the **FREE Resources** at CokesburyVBS.com for ASL directions.

Materials

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

Closing Worship Service

Intro Song/Video "Hero Hotline"

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Heroes! I hope you have had a great day of digging into the story of the Magi! Now that you're back, let's get this service started with a song of praise!**

Praise Song "Good, Good Life"

WL: **While we sing, try to follow along with the motions!**

Call to Worship

WL: **I love to hear the sound of your singing! Speaking of hearing, we learned today about the Magi hearing a special message from God. By listening, they were able to know what God wanted them to do next. Our friend, the Pigeon, is going to have to listen if she wants to know her hero assignment. Maybe she should start by taking off her noise-cancelling headphones!**

And that brings us to today's Hotline Tip. Heroes are called to... Listen to God! Let's use this Hotline Tip to help us with today's Call to Worship. Remember, I'll speak and then hold my hands out to you. When I do, you will shout out today's Hotline Tip. Let's try it. (Hold out hands, palms up, and say with Heroes)

All: **Heroes are called to listen to God!**

WL: **Good job! Let's get started. The Magi waited and listened for a sign from God that the king of the Jews**

had been born. When they saw the star, they jumped into action and showed us that... (Hold out hands)

All: **Heroes are called to listen to God!**

WL: **When the Magi heard in a dream that they should take another route home to avoid King Herod, they obeyed and showed us that... (Hold out hands)**

All: **Heroes are called to listen to God!**

WL: **Just like the Magi, we can open our eyes and ears and wait for God to give us a calling because... (Hold out hands)**

All: **Heroes are called to listen to God!**

WL: **God has amazing things for each of us to do throughout our lives. If we pay close attention, God will make these callings known to us. In the meantime, we can get ourselves ready by spending time learning about God and worshipping God! Let's sing a worship song to God now!**

Worship Song "Your Grace"

Optional: Missions 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).*

Hotline Tip Breakdown

WL: **Okay, Heroes! Let's see what you have learned today.**

Question 1: **How did the Magi know where to find the new king of the Jews?** (They had studied and waited for a long time, and they followed a bright star that had appeared.)

Question 2: **Why was King Herod upset when the Magi explained their mission to him?** (He was unsettled by the idea of a new king. He did not want any royal competition.)

Question 3: **After the Magi visited Jesus, what message did they hear from God in a dream?** (They should not tell Herod about Jesus' whereabouts and they should take another route home.)

Great **work!** Now, let's all say today's Hotline Tip together!

All: **Heroes are called to...Listen to God!**

Hotline Verse Review

WL: **Our Hotline Verse is really helping us remember how to be Heroes! Let's say it together!**

All: **"So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19**

Sharing Time

WL: **Let's hear more about what you all have learned today at Hero Hotline Headquarters! Would any of our Heroes like to share?** (Allow 2-3 Heroes to share) **Awesome job! Thanks, Heroes!**

WL: **Today, we heard how the Magi listened and waited for their calling**

to visit the newborn king, Jesus. They heard a special warning from God and didn't hesitate to obey. We can be like the Magi, too. We can patiently wait and listen for God to reveal our next mission! We can know that God has good plans for us and will speak to our hearts and guide us. We just have to listen and obey!

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Heroes 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 for loving us and for calling us to missions in our world. Help us to look and listen for your calling. Amen.**

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Let's Strive"



Bible Story

The Magnificent Magi
Matthew 2:1-12

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Listen to God!

Materials

Prayer Wall

- Cave Wall Background
- sticky notes
- writing implements

Offering/ Communion

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



Bible Story

Unexpected Heroes Give
Paul a Basket Ride
Acts 9:1-25

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the
things that bring peace
and the things that build
each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Show Grace!

Teacher Tip

- Praise Song: Use the **Music Video DVD** or streaming options at CokesburyVBS.com.
- Hotline Verse and Hotline Tip Review: See the **Bible Adventure Video DVD** or the **FREE Resources** at CokesburyVBS.com for ASL directions.

Materials

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

Closing Worship Service

Intro Song/Video "Hero Hotline"

Welcome

WL: Welcome back, Heroes! I'm so glad you're here! Let's get started by singing a song of praise together!

Praise Song "Show Grace, Speak Truth"

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

Call to Worship

WL: Today, we heard a story about someone who was once the bad guy in the story becoming good. Saul's story reminds us that because God forgives us of the wrong things we have done, we should forgive others. The other heroes need to show the Smell-Caster grace! Grace means that you don't get the bad consequences you may deserve, and you get the good results, even though you may not deserve them. And this brings us to our Hotline Tip of the day. Heroes are called to... Show Grace! Let's use this Hotline Tip in our call to worship! Remember, I'll speak and then hold my hands out to you. When I do, you will shout out today's Hotline Tip. Let's try it. (Hold out hands, palms up, and say with Heroes)

All: Heroes are called to show grace!

WL: When Saul had an encounter with Jesus, Ananias was told by God to visit him and restore his sight. Though this was scary for Ananias, he boldly believed that God had changed Saul's heart and showed us that...

All: Heroes are called to show grace!

WL: When some people in Damascus saw how God had changed Saul and chose to help Saul escape from danger, they showed us that...

All: Heroes are called to show grace!

WL: In the letters that Saul went on to write to churches all over the world, he instructed people to forgive others in the same way that Jesus forgave them. These verses in the Bible remind us that...

All: Heroes are called to show grace!

WL: We are called to show grace to others because God has shown grace to us! Let's sing and worship our God who forgives us and teaches us to forgive others.

Worship Song "Your Grace"

Optional: Missions 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).*

Hotline Tip Breakdown

WL: **Alright, Heroes! Let's see what you've learned from today's story!**

Question 1: **What happened to Saul on the way to Damascus?** (He saw a bright light, heard Jesus speaking to him, and was made blind)

Question 2: **Why were many people confused when Saul began teaching about Jesus in Damascus?** (They had heard that he wanted to arrest the people who believed about Jesus)

Question 3: **How did Saul's friends help him escape from danger in Damascus?** (They lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall)

WL: **Great job! Now, let's shout out today's Hotline Tip together!**

All: **Heroes are called to...Show Grace!**

Hotline Verse Review

WL: **Showing grace is an important part of being a peacemaker, which is exactly what our Hotline Verse encourages us to be. Let's say our verse together!**

All: **"So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19**

Sharing Time

WL: **It's time for us to hear from our Heroes! Would anyone like to share something they've learned today?** (Allow 2-3 Heroes to share) **Good work! Thanks for sharing!**

WL: **Each day at Hero Hotline Headquarters, we have been hearing about what makes a great hero. Today, we've heard about grace. Sometimes, it is easy to**

forget how much God has done for us. When we forget how God has forgiven us, we often forget to forgive others. I'm sure it was hard for the people in today's story to forgive Saul for all the mistakes that he had made in his past, but when they saw how God had changed him, I bet they were reminded of all the times that God had forgiven them for their mistakes. The grace that we have been given from God is the best gift we could ever receive. That's why heroes are called to give that same grace to others!

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Heroes 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 for forgiving us when we have wronged you. Help us to forgive others when they wrong us. Protect these Heroes in their worlds and help us each to show grace, like you have shown grace to us. Amen.**

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Let's Strive"



Bible Story

Unexpected Heroes Give Paul a Basket Ride
Acts 9:1-25

Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
(Romans 14:19)

Hotline Tip

Heroes are called to...
Show Grace!

Materials Prayer Wall

- Cave Wall Background
- 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

WL: **We gather today to worship the One who came to earth to show us how to live. As ordinary people became followers of Jesus, they were equipped to do extraordinary things for the kingdom. These unlikely heroes showed us that...**

All: **Heroes are called to follow Jesus!**

WL: **We worship the One who gave two midwives, a mother, and a sister in Egypt the courage to boldly help the vulnerable and oppressed. These wonder women showed us that...**

All: **Heroes are called to help others!**

WL: **We worship the One who uses others to speak great wisdom into our lives. As Jethro encouraged Moses to gather helpers to support and strengthen him, God is reminding us that...**

All: **Heroes are called to work together!**

WL: **We worship the One who speaks to us when we faithfully wait and listen. The Magi never ceased to listen and obey as God revealed their next steps. They remind us that...**

All: **Heroes are called to listen to God!**

WL: **And we worship the One who has shown us each amazing grace and strengthens us to show grace to others. As the friends in Saul's story offered him forgiveness from his mistakes, we are reminded that...**

All: **Heroes are called to show grace!**

Praise and Worship

"Hero Hotline"

"If U Wanna B A Hero"

Prayer

Scripture: So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.

Romans 14:19

Sermon

Song of Response: "Let's Strive"

Offertory: "Show Grace, Speak Truth"

Communion: "Your Grace"

VBS Leader Recognition

Sending Forth: May you strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up and may the God who equips the ordinary strengthen you for extraordinary Kingdom work. Go in peace.

Closing Song: "Beat Like Yours"

Contemporary

Opening Song: "Hero Hotline"

Announcements & VBS Recognition

Praise & Worship

"Hero Hotline"

"If U Wanna B A Hero"

"Work Together"

Prayer/Prayer Song: "Your Grace"

Scripture:

So, let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up. Romans 14:19

Message

Song of Response: "Let's Strive"

Prayer

Closing Song: "Beat Like Yours"