



Worship Guide



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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 Road Trip VBS, highlighted within the text. 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.

Closing Prayer

Each script includes a pre-written closing prayer time; however, feel free to invite volunteers to lead with their own 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

Some other elements your group may find useful to include are Announcements, Offering, Communion, Mission Updates, and Prayer Requests or a Prayer Wall. These elements are suggested here throughout as optional.



Closing Worship

Intro Video/Song “Road Trip”

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Travelers! What a great first day we’ve had on our Road Trip. 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 things started with a song!**

Praise Song “Now and Always”

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

Call to Worship

WL: **Wow! That was some great singing. Today, we heard about how Abraham and Sarah left their home to follow God. They trusted the promises God made to them and knew that, wherever they went, God would be with them on their journey. And that’s our Mile Marker today.**

Hey, let’s use that Mile Marker for our call to worship today. During our call to worship, we’ll hear awesome truths from the Bible and then we’ll have a chance to shout out an awesome truth about God. Here’s how it’ll work. I’ll say something, then I’ll hold out my hands to you. When I do, you’ll shout out today’s Mile Marker: **God is with us on the journey!**

Here we go! Abraham and Sarah were asked by God to leave their home and go on a trip. They trusted God and obeyed because they knew that... (hold out hands)

All: **God is with us on the journey!**

WL: **They believed God’s promises and continued to follow God’s path for them. All of God’s promises to them came true. Abraham and Sarah’s story proves to us that... (hold out hands)**

All: **God is with us on the journey!**

WL: **We can believe God and bravely follow where God leads because we know that...(hold out hands)**

All: **God is with us on the journey!**

WL: **That’s right! God is always with us. God will never leave us on our own. That’s a good reason to worship God. Let’s sing a worship song together now.**

Worship Song “No One Like You”



Bible Story

Abraham and Sarah
Follow God (Genesis
12:1-9)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with
you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us on the
journey!

Teacher Tip

- Praise Song: Use the **Music Video DVD** or streaming options at CokesburyVBS.com.
- Green Light Verse and Mile Marker Review: See the **FREE Resources** at CokesburyVBS.com for ASL directions.

Materials

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



Optional: Mission Moment/Update

Pause to share your VBS mission project updates and/or Mission Moment from the Missions Guide (available in the FREE Resources at CokesburyVBS.com).

Mile Marker Breakdown

WL: **Okay, Travelers! Let's see what you've learned today.**

Question 1: **How did God promise to bless Abraham?** (He'd become a great nation, all people would be blessed through him, he'd have many descendants)

Question 2: **Why did Abraham build altars to God?** (To help remind him and his descendants that God was always with him)

Great work, Travelers! Can we say today's Mile Marker together one more time?

All: **God is with us on the journey!**

Green Light Verse Review

WL: **No matter what kind of journey God takes us on, we don't have to be afraid. God will go with us. That's what our Green Light Verse says, remember? Let's try to say it together.**

All: **"The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9

Sharing Time

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

Today, we heard about how Abraham and Sarah said yes to God and started a new journey. They believed that God would bless them because they obeyed, and they were right! God never left them alone on their journey and some pretty amazing things happened through their lives because they let God lead the way! Let's let God lead the way in our lives, too, and trust that God will always go with us on the journey.

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Travelers 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: **Dear God, thank you for always going with us wherever we go. Thank you for the beautiful world you've given us to explore and for promising to never leave us alone. Help us to allow you to lead the way in our lives. Amen.**



Bible Story

Abraham and Sarah Follow God (Genesis 12:1-9)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us on the journey!

Materials

Prayer Wall

- Wall Background
- sticky notes
- writing implements

Offering/Communion

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



Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song “God’s with Us on the Journey”



Bible Story

Abraham and Sarah
Follow God (Genesis
12:1-9)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with
you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us on the
journey!

Materials

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



Closing Worship

Intro Song/Video “Road Trip”

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Hey there, Travelers! 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!**

Praise Song “Wherever You Go”

WL: **Remember, our leaders will do some motions along with the song! See if you can follow them!**

Call to Worship

WL: **It is just so fun to sing praises together! I hope you had lots of fun on our detour today and learned lots about the Israelites’ journey to the Promised Land. Their journey may have come with more twists and turns than they expected, but, thankfully, God never left them on their own. That’s why today’s Mile Marker is “God is with us when we go off course!” Let’s use it for our call to worship! In our call to worship, I’ll speak and then I’ll hold my hands out to you. When I do, respond with today’s Mile Marker: “God is with us when we go off course!” Let’s get started! God used Moses to rescue the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt. They weren’t led on the most direct path to the Promised Land. Instead, God used their journey through the desert to prove to us that... *(hold out hands)***

All: **God is with us when we go off course!**

WL: **And during their journey, the Israelites could see that they were not alone because of the pillars of cloud and lightning that God used to guide them. No matter where they went, they could see that... *(hold out hands)***

All: **God is with us when we go off course!**

WL: **And though we may not be desert wanderers, we may find ourselves on a path in our lives that looks different from the one we had planned. But no matter what, we can remember that... *(hold out hands)***

All: **God is with us when we go off course!**

WL: **That’s right! Sometimes, things may not go according to our plans, but we can trust that God knows best and won’t leave us to figure things out on our own. God is worthy of our trust. That’s a great reason to worship! Let’s sing a song to God now!**

Worship Song “Because of You”



Bible Story

The Israelites Take the Scenic Route
(Exodus 13:17-22)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we go off course!

Teacher Tip

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Materials

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- device for playing music



Optional: Mission Moment/Update

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Mile Marker Breakdown

WL: I wonder how much you Travelers have learned today. It's time to find out!

Question 1: **What was the reason that the Israelites were journeying through the desert?** (They had been rescued from slavery in Egypt and were being led to the land God had promised.)

Question 2: **How did the Israelites know that God was with them on their journey?** (God led them by pillars of clouds and lightning.)

Wow, Travelers! You learned a lot today. Let's finish this review time by shouting out our Mile Marker together, one more time.

All: **God is with us when we go off course!**

Green Light Verse Review

WL: It must've been scary for the Israelites to wander for so long in the desert with so many uncertainties. When we read all of the stories from the Exodus, we can see that God was always with the Israelites, even in their scariest moments. I think now would be a good time to remind ourselves of the truth found in our Green Light Verse. Let's try to say it together.

All: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Sharing Time

WL: We've made it to the time in our service where we want to hear from our Travelers. Would anyone like to share something they've learned or experienced on our detour today? (allow 2-3 Travelers to share) Thanks for sharing!

Did you know that the Israelites journeyed through the desert for forty years? Their trip wasn't that long because of how far away their destination was. Honestly, their destination wasn't that far. But God had lots to teach the Israelites and had lots of amazing miracles to do that we get to read about in our Bibles now. Lots of incredible things happened on the Israelites' detour and God used it to show everyone and the Israelites God's glory and love. God was with them even when they went off course and that is true for us today, too!

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Travelers 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.



Bible Story

The Israelites Take the Scenic Route

(Exodus 13:17-22)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we go off course!

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Materials

Prayer Wall

- Wall Background
- sticky notes
- writing implements

Offering/Communion

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



Closing Prayer

WL: Let's pray together. God, thank you for being with us wherever we go. Even when things aren't going according to our plans, we trust you to show us the way. Thank you for never leaving us on our own. Amen.

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Shine a Light"



Bible Story

The Israelites Take the Scenic Route
(Exodus 13:17-22)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we go off course!

Materials

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



Closing Worship

Intro Song/Video “Road Trip”

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Travelers! I hope you had a great time and are ready to close things out with a wonderful worship service. Do you remember how we get our service started? We sing a song of praise!**

Praise Song “I Got Joy”

WL: **Remember, our leaders will do some motions along with the song! See if you can follow them!**

Call to Worship

WL: **Wow! I can really feel the joy in my heart when we all sing praises together! Even Jesus’ mom, Mary, expressed her joy by singing praises to God. Today, we heard about her journey to see her cousin, Elizabeth, and about the way they rejoiced in how God was working in their lives. That’s why our Mile Marker for today is “God is with us when we’re joyful!” Let’s use it to help us with our call to worship. Remember, I will say something about what we learned today, then hold out my hands to you. When I do, you’ll respond by shouting out our Mile Marker. Here we go!**

When Mary traveled to see Elizabeth, she was greeted with great excitement as her cousin celebrated God’s big plans for her and her baby. Elizabeth knew that...*(hold out hands)*

All: **God is with us when we’re joyful!**

WL: **Mary was surely having all sorts of feelings, but she sang praises to God anyway, rejoicing from the depths of her soul. Mary shows us that... *(hold out hands)***

All: **God is with us when we’re joyful!**

WL: **And, just like Elizabeth and Mary, we can be happy in our hearts, knowing that God is good no matter what and that... *(hold out hands)***

All: **God is with us when we’re joyful!**

WL: **That’s right. God’s goodness never changes, no matter what we’re going through. That means we can always have joy and that God is always worth praising. Let’s sing a worship song to God now.**

Worship Song “No One Like You”



Bible Story
Mary and Elizabeth’s Family Reunion
(Luke 1:39-56)

Green Light Verse
The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker
God is with us when we’re joyful!

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Optional: Mission Moment/Update

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Mile Marker Breakdown

WL: Let's see what you Travelers have learned today.

Question 1: **What amazing thing had God done for Elizabeth?** (She was going to finally have a baby in her old age.)

Question 2: **Why did Elizabeth say that Mary was blessed?** (God had chosen Mary to be the mother of God's son, who would save the people.)

Question 3: **How is joy different from happiness?** (Joy is in our hearts no matter what we're going through because we know that God is with us.)

Great work, Travelers! You really know your stuff. Let's see if you can remember our Mile Marker and shout it out, one more time.

All: God is with us when we're joyful!

Green Light Verse Review

WL: After Mary received such big news, she must've been feeling a lot of feelings. Maybe she was a little bit nervous to be the mother of God's son. But that didn't stop her from feeling joy deep in her heart because she knew that God would be with her no matter what. That sounds kind of like our Green Light Verse. Let's say it together.

All: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Sharing Time

WL: It's time for our Travelers to have a chance to share something from their day. Would anybody like to tell us something they learned or experienced on today's leg of our Road Trip? (allow 2-3 Travelers to share) Thanks for sharing!

Sometimes, life feels like a journey where we cross over big, sunny mountains and go down into deep, dark valleys. Today, we learned the truth that joy comes from knowing that God is with us no matter what. That means that even when things in our lives seem sad or scary, we can have joy because God is never, ever going to change. Once we realize how amazing that is, that joy wells up inside of us until it bursts! Then, we can't help telling others around us about our awesome God.

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

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

Optional: Offering/Communion

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Bible Story

Mary and Elizabeth's Family Reunion

(Luke 1:39-56)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we're joyful!

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- writing implements

Offering/Communion

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Closing Prayer

WL: Let's pray. God, thank you for the beautiful world you have created for us. It fills us with joy to know that you will never change and that you will always be with us. Help us to be bold as we tell others about this joy that you have brought us. Amen.

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Now and Always"



Bible Story

Mary and Elizabeth's Family Reunion

(Luke 1:39-56)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we're joyful!

Materials

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Closing Worship

Intro Song/Video “Road Trip”

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Hey there, Travelers! Good to see you back. By now, you know how we get our worship service started. Let’s sing a praise song together!**

Praise Song “Coming to Your House”

WL: **Our leaders will do some motions along with the song! Let’s see you follow along!**

Call to Worship

WL: **Great singing! I hope you felt encouraged today as you learned more about the story of Zacchaeus. Isn’t it amazing how his life totally changed once he met Jesus? Not only did he make things right with the people around him, he gained a friend who would never leave him. That’s why our Mile Marker today is “God is with us when we’re lonely!” Let’s use it for our call to worship. I’ll say something true that we learned today, then I’ll hold out my hands to you. When I do, you’ll respond by shouting out our Mile Marker. Let’s get started!**

Zacchaeus had made some bad choices that kept him from being friends with those around him, but when he met Jesus, everything changed. Zacchaeus shows us that... *(hold out hands)*

All: **God is with us when we’re lonely!**

WL: **Jesus showed Zacchaeus love and a new way to live. By showing Zacchaeus grace, Jesus taught us that...** *(hold out hands)*

All: **God is with us when we’re lonely!**

WL: **Now, we can know that God will meet us wherever we are, no matter what we’re feeling. So, we have confidence that...** *(hold out hands)*

All: **God is with us when we’re lonely!**

WL: **It is so great to know that we’re never alone. God always wants to be with us. That makes God the best friend of all. Let’s take a moment to sing a song of worship to our wonderful Creator and friend.**

Worship Song “Because of You”

Optional: Mission Moment/Update

Pause to share your VBS mission project updates and/or Mission Moment from the Missions Guide (available in the FREE Resources at CokesburyVBS.com).



Bible Story

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus
(Luke 19:1-10)

Green Light Verse

The **LORD** your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we’re lonely!

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Mile Marker Breakdown

WL: Alright, Travelers! It's time to see what you've learned today.

Question 1: **Why was Zacchaeus up in a tree?** (He wanted to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he passed by.)

Question 2: **What happened once Jesus noticed Zacchaeus in the tree?** (Jesus told him to come down so that they could spend time together.)

Question 3: **How did Zacchaeus' life change after he met Jesus?** (He shared the kindness he received from Jesus by paying back more than he had taken from the people and giving to the poor.)

Good job, Travelers! Let's remind ourselves of our Mile Marker one more time. Say it with me!

All: **God is with us when we're lonely!**

Green Light Verse Review

WL: **When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he met a friend who would be with him wherever he went. I wonder if Zacchaeus knew our Bible verse, Joshua 1:9. Let's say it together now.**

All: **"The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9

Sharing Time

WL: **It's time for one of my favorite parts of our worship service. We want to hear from our Travelers. Would anyone like to share something they've learned or experienced on our Road Trip today?** (allow 2-3 Travelers to share) **Great sharing, everybody!**

Zacchaeus' story shows us that Jesus wants to be our friend, no matter what we've done in our past or how we're feeling. Zacchaeus' choices made him feel far away from the people around him. Jesus knew that he was lonely and showed him grace by having dinner with him and showing him a new way to live. Jesus showed us that we are never alone, even if we are feeling lonely. God is always right there, ready to offer us friendship and grace.

Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

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Optional: Offering/Communion

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Bible Story

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus
(Luke 19:1-10)

Green Light Verse

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

God is with us when we're lonely!

Materials

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- Wall Background
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- writing implements

Offering/ Communion

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Closing Prayer

WL: Let's pray. God, thank you for being with us, even when we feel lonely. We know we are never alone because you will never leave us. Help us to live your way and show love to others, just like Jesus. Amen.

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "God's with Us on the Journey"



Bible Story

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus
(Luke 19:1-10)

Green Light Verse

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Mile Marker

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Closing Worship

Intro Song/Video “Road Trip”

Welcome

Worship Leader: **Welcome back, Travelers! I hope you had a great day and are ready for our final closing worship service. Let’s kick things off by singing out a song of praise!**

Praise Song “I Got Joy”

WL: **Our leaders will do some motions along with the song! Let’s see you follow along!**

Call to Worship

WL: **Don’t you just love singing praises together? Today, we heard about how Paul was able to make friends while sharing the good news of Jesus. I’m sure he and his friends loved singing together, too. They continued to share Jesus wherever they went. That’s why our Mile Marker today is “God is with us near and far!” Let’s get ready for our call to worship. I’ll say something about what we’ve learned today, then I’ll hold my hands out to you. When I do, shout out our Mile Marker. Here we go!**

When Paul encountered God, his life was changed and he began sharing the good news of Jesus. Paul traveled all over to tell the gospel story and showed us that...
(hold out hands)

All: **God is with us near and far!**

WL: **Along the way, Paul met new friends, Priscilla and Aquila. Their lives were changed when Paul told them the good news about Jesus and then they began to travel to share the gospel as well. As Priscilla and Aquila traveled, they learned that...**
(hold out hands)

All: **God is with us near and far!**

WL: **Just like Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila, we can go where God leads, sharing the good news wherever we go and making friends along the way. As we do, we can know, without a doubt, that...**
(hold out hands)

All: **God is with us near and far!**

WL: **Though life may take us different places, we’ll never have to go alone. God will be with us on our journey, and God will always be worthy of our worship. Let’s sing a song to God now.**

Worship Song “Wherever You Go”



Bible Story

On the Road with Paul
(Acts 18:1-11)

Green Light Verse

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(Joshua 1:9)

Mile Marker

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Optional: Mission Moment/Update

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Mile Marker Breakdown

WL: I'm ready to see what all our Travelers have learned on the last leg of our Road Trip today.

Question 1: **Once Paul had his life changed by Jesus, what did he begin to do?** (He traveled and shared the gospel.)

Question 2: **What did Paul and his friends Priscilla and Aquila do together?** (They worked with leather throughout the week and preached the good news on the Sabbath.)

Question 3: **How do you think Paul and his friends felt when it was time to part ways and continue sharing the story of Jesus in different places?** (Varied responses, example: They may have been a little sad, but they knew that God would go with them, that their friendship didn't have to end, and that they couldn't help continuing to share the good news with others.)

Great work! Let's remind ourselves of today's Mile Marker one more time. Shout it out with me.

All: **God is with us near and far!**

Green Light Verse Review

WL: **Paul is known for the way he devoted his life to traveling and telling others about Jesus. Even when tough things happened or when he had to part ways with his friends, he knew that God was still with him. Just like our Green Light Verse reminds us. Let's say it together now!**

All: **"The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9

Sharing Time

WL: **Now, let's take some time to hear from you, Travelers. Would anyone like to share something they learned or experienced on our Road Trip today?** (Allow 2-3 Travelers to share) **Amazing work! Thanks for sharing!**

As our time together comes to an end, we can know that our adventure with God is just beginning. Paul and his friends were brought together by the good news of Jesus, just like us. They enjoyed their time together, but knew they had work to do. The story of Jesus had to be shared, and that meant going their separate ways to share it. When our Road Trip ends, we don't have to be sad. We have work to do. It's our job to share the good news of Jesus wherever we go. And we know that God will be with us no matter what, near and far.



Bible Story
On the Road with Paul
(Acts 18:1-11)

Green Light Verse
The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)

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Optional: Prayer Time/Wall

If desired, allow Travelers 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. God, we thank you for being with us on our journey. Help us to be brave as we share the love of Jesus wherever we go. We are so glad that you will always be with us. Amen.

Optional: Announcements

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

Sending Forth Song "Shine a Light"



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Materials

Prayer Wall

- 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

Worship Leader: **We gather today to worship the God of Abraham. Just as God called Abraham to a new land while promising to make him a great nation, God calls us to trust in the promises of Scripture with great faith that...**

All: God is with us on the journey!

WL: **We worship the God who showed great power to free the Israelites from captivity in Egypt. Just as the path to the Promised Land held challenges and tests of faith, our lives hold moments that feel unsteady. Nevertheless, we have faith that...**

All: God is with us when we go off course!

WL: **We worship the God of Mary who gave her the great blessing of being the mother of God's own son. Just as Elizabeth and Mary were able to give praise to God in the midst of their overwhelming feelings, we, too, can praise in any circumstance, knowing that...**

All: God is with us when we are joyful!

WL: **We worship the God of Zacchaeus who shows immeasurable grace. Just as Zacchaeus found friendship and a desire to live a new way when he encountered Jesus, we can also find companionship and a path to reconciliation through our Savior because...**

All: God is with us when we're lonely!

WL: **We worship the God of Paul who changes lives. Just as Jesus gave Paul a new beginning, meaningful friendships with people like Priscilla and Aquila, and a purpose to share the good news throughout the world, Jesus also offers us a meaningful, Gospel-centered life in him. No matter where life takes us, we can share the light of Jesus, knowing that...**

All: God is with us near and far!

Praise and Worship

"Road Trip"

"I Got Joy"

Prayer

Scripture: The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Sermon

Song of Response "Because of You"

Offertory "Wherever You Go"



VBS Leader Recognition

Sending Forth

WL: May you go in peace, knowing that the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go.

Closing Song

“Shine a Light”



Worship Service Celebrations

Order of Worship Outlines

Contemporary

Opening Song “Road Trip”

Praise and Worship

“I’ve Got Joy”

“Wherever You Go”

Prayer/Prayer Song “No One Like You”

Scripture: The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Message

Song of Response “Because of You “

Prayer

Closing Song “Shine a Light”