

Klondike Corner Snacks

COURSE OVERVIEW

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Title	B	I	B	L	E
Treasure Point Lesson Focus	Book of Books The Bible is the coolest book on the planet, unique in so many ways.	Incredible Impact The Bible's message has had an incredible impact on the earth.	Bedrock Base The Bible is the bedrock foundation to build our lives on.	Letter of Love The Bible has a thrilling theme running throughout its pages.	Exciting to Explore The Bible is exciting to explore! Let's learn it, love it, and live it.
Bible Passages	The Bible is One-of-a-Kind (Selected Verses)	Saul's Life is Transformed (Acts 9:1–22)	The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock (Matthew 7:24–29)	The Gospel is a Message with Love (Selected Verses)	Mary Loves to Soak in God's Words (Luke 10:38–42)
Bible Gem	All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . 2 Timothy 3:16	Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105	Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24	But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8	I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure. Psalm 119:162
Animal Pal	Blizzard the Polar Bear	Snowball the Arctic Hare	Spike the Narwhal	Shaggy the Musk Ox	Dash the Siberian Husky
Apologetics Focus	Did you know the Bible isn't like any other "religious" book?	Did you know the Bible's teachings have positively influenced cultures around the world?	Did you know science, history, and fulfilled prophecies confirm the Bible?	Did you know the earth didn't start out with polar ice caps?	Did you know we need the Holy Spirit to help us understand the Bible?
Discovery Pass Science and Crafts	Experiment: It's S'now Unique! Main Craft: Icebreaker Fishing	Experiment: Slip and Grip Main Craft: Northern Lightscape	Experiment: Solid Ground Main Craft: Lil' Log Cabin	Experiment: H2Ohhh!!! Main Craft: "White as Snow" Globe	Experiment: Arctic Exploration Main Craft: Amazing ACE Dogsled Race
Glacier Gap Games	Welcome to the Arctic Silly Snowmen	Snowball Fight Mad/Glad Game	Battle for the Base Make It or Break It	Circle Up Finding Your Way	Iditarod Race Broom Hockey
Klondike Corner Snacks	Scripture Scrolls Snowflake Cookies (Psalm 119:18)	Snow Ball Butterflies Tundra Transformers (Psalm 19:7)	Happy Hearts Ocean Jammers (Psalm 19:8)	Gold Nuggets Snow S'Mores (Psalm 19:10)	Treasure Treats Husky Puppy Chow (Psalm 19:11)
Cool Contests	Frosted Food Fun	Chilly Cheers	Polar Dress-Up Day	Bible Books Challenge	Mission Money Mania



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HANDY HELPS

LET'S WARM UP!

Beyond thrilling! Exciting to explore! Breathtakingly beautiful! Full of treasure! Words that describe the Arctic for sure, a fascinating region like no other in the world. But go back and read those words again—they can also be used to describe the coolest book on the planet—the Bible. It's mind-blowing to think that the God who made the universe wrote us a book—a book that is *beyond thrilling, exciting to explore, beautiful, and full of treasure*. Now if that isn't worthy of our attention, what is? We here at Answers VBS can hardly contain our excitement as we launch the newest VBS—*Operation Arctic*. Get ready for the thrill of exploring this one-of-a-kind treasure as we build on the following BIBLE acronym each day:

B Book of Books—The first day, we'll discover there's just no book like it, unique in so many ways!

I Incredible Impact—The second day, we'll explore the impact the Bible's teachings have had upon our world!

B Bedrock Base—The third day, we'll see there's no shifting sand here—we've got the Rock of God's Word to base our lives on!

L Letter of Love—The fourth day, we'll encounter the best love letter ever, written to us by God Himself!

E Exciting to Explore—The fifth day, we'll be challenged to learn it, love it, and live it!

Our explorers will begin warming up to the Word from the very first minute they arrive at *Operation Arctic*. The mission begins at **Snowfall Station** with the Opening Assembly, a high-energy opening with entertaining welcomes, rockin' songs, a mission moment, and prayer.

Then we're off to four fun rotation sites:

- **Treasure Point**, the Bible lesson location. Here, explorers discover what a gem God's Word is as they learn important Bible truths in fun and creative ways.
- **Klondike Corner**, the snack spot. Explorers won't want to pass up the cool treats that are waiting to melt in their mouths.
- **Glacier Gap**, the recreation location. At this spot, explorers discover that preparation is "snow" easy and games are filled with chills and thrills.
- **Discovery Pass**, the science, craft, music, mission, and memory verse spot. This location features a wide array

of activities to choose from: science experiments, crafts, songs to sing, memory verse games to play, and a mission time (for those who want to spend more time than is given during the Assembly).

After finishing the day's rotations, everyone heads back to **Snowfall Station** for the Closing Assembly that includes more singing, a Creature Feature, contest results, and the greatly anticipated daily drama, which is a highlight of the kids' day. The drama begins in the city with a high-powered executive who is fed up with the rat race. He decides to move to the wilderness for a quieter, simpler existence. Little does he realize all that's in store—missing treasure, goofy bad guys, unexpected visitors, and plenty of action!

Sound fun? Then let's plunge on in to this cold *world* and God's wonderful *Word*! It promises to be a flurry of fun and excitement at *Operation Arctic*! Let's go!

OUR GOAL

It's been ten years since Answers in Genesis entered the world of VBS, and we are so thankful for how God has chosen to use these programs! But why did we decide to embark on such an undertaking in the first place, and why are we still at it, by God's grace, ten years later?

Our primary goal has remained the same all these years—to bring God glory by boldly and unashamedly proclaiming Him to a strategic group—young people! From both a biblical and statistical point of view, young people are a big deal! They're not only awesome—we love 'em!—but they're also dearly cherished by our Lord and tend to be soft-hearted toward spiritual things. Researchers generally agree most people become Christians when they're children, so it's apparent this age group is a huge mission field!

Children are loved by their Creator. Jesus said not to hinder the children but to let them come to Him (Luke 18:16). We want children to come to Christ and not be hindered in any way from doing so. To that end, our philosophy has always been to combine a biblically rich VBS loaded with substance with off-the-chart, irresistible fun. In a day and age when content sometimes suffers, it's critically important to us not to sacrifice rich content at the expense of fun. But it's also crucial that the most exciting Book in the world doesn't come across as irrelevant or dry. We want to reflect our creative, inspiring, joy-giving God who made laughter and fun!

So why do we do it? We want kids around the world to hear about and personally meet our awesome God and to

understand how they can receive eternal life through repentance and faith in Christ Jesus. We believe VBS is a great way to introduce them to God, as it is one of the biggest outreaches of the year for most churches.

We pray you will find that every prayer prayed, every minute invested, every dollar spent, and every word spoken will bring God glory as you reach kids for Christ. Just remember—VBS is worth it! May God richly bless your VBS.

YOUR ROLE

Your role as the Snack Coordinator is outlined in the following pages. Your responsibilities may include:

- Planning snacks for all age levels
- Overseeing others who help with snacks
- Organizing the snack donation sign-up
- Buying supplies that have not been donated
- Preparing daily snacks for VBS and/or overseeing others who are helping with snacks
- Monitoring which children have allergies and planning accordingly

- Coordinating the serving of snacks each day
- Overseeing the cleanup of the snack area(s) each day
- Making sure key lesson themes are reinforced through the snacks
- Praying over all aspects of this job before, during, and after VBS

This is *your* guide. Read it carefully and prayerfully, using our suggestions combined with the ideas the Holy Spirit brings to your mind.

So get ready! Get set! God is about to use you and your church to impact lives.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The content of *Operation Arctic* may be new to you. For a list of helpful articles on the topics covered in this VBS program, please visit AnswersVBS.com/oafaq.

TERMS TO KNOW

Throughout the VBS curriculum, various terms will be used. Here's a list of some of the most common terms to know.

- **Explorers:** Children at VBS. Explorers will be put in teams named after animals they may see on an Arctic exploration (e.g., polar bears, beluga whales, snowy owls, harp seals, caribou).
 - **Guides:** Team leaders who lead the teams from place to place during VBS. No teaching is required of this position.
 - **Exploration Leaders:** Teachers at the Treasure Point Lesson Time.
 - **Treasure Point:** Rotation site where Bible and apologetics teaching occurs.
 - **Snowfall Station:** Spot where everyone joins together for the opening and closing assemblies.
 - **Discovery Pass:** Rotation site where crafts are made, science experiments are performed, music is sung, memory verses are learned, and missions around the world are explored.
 - **Klondike Corner:** Indoor or outdoor site where snacks are served.
 - **Glacier Gap:** Indoor or outdoor site (outdoor is preferred) for game time.
 - **Bible Gem:** Daily memory verse.
 - **Animal Pals:** Friendly animal mascots used to emphasize the key point of each day's lesson.
 - **Creature Feature:** Daily time during the closing assembly when we marvel together at God's design of various Arctic animals.
 - **Toddlers:** Ages 2–4 years.
 - **Pre-Primaries:** Ages 4–6 years, or age 4 through children who have completed Kindergarten.
 - **Primaries:** Ages 6–9 years, or children who have completed grades 1–3.
 - **Juniors:** Ages 9–12 years, or children who have completed grades 4–6.
- For multi-age K–6th teams, we recommend using the material for the Primaries.

TOP 20 TIPS FOR KLONDIKE CORNER SNACKS

1. Pray! Study God's Word and the VBS lessons! This is your most important preparation. Give all concerns to the Lord, and watch *Him* do great things.
2. After reading the daily snack choices, including the additional ideas listed in the Tip Corner, Super Simple Options, Healthy Options, and Toddler Options, decide which snack you will serve each day. Keep in mind that the Toddler snack ideas can also be fun choices for older kids and vice versa. There are also yummy additional snack ideas at the back of the book you may want to incorporate. Test each recipe ahead of time to learn how to prepare the snack efficiently. Also, check out [Pinterest.com/AnswersVBS](https://www.pinterest.com/AnswersVBS) for great pictures of the snacks and fun ways to present them at meetings and VBS.
3. Calculate your portions based on the snack supply list. (See back cover for the main snack options. The other ideas in this book are not included on the back cover supply list.) Make a snack donation list based on what you've chosen, and share it with those in your organization.
4. Don't forget to include VBS workers in your calculations! Offer munchies for adult and teen helpers to grab on the run.
5. Plan two snacks per day for Toddlers. (See "Toddler Snacks" on page 7.)
6. Don't use small objects that may be choking hazards for young children (e.g., whole grapes, peanuts, marshmallows, raisins, or round candies).
7. Check with area restaurants for donations of cups, napkins, or lemonade mix.
8. Set up a collection area for incoming supplies. Label the supplies for VBS to prevent hungry people from opening unlabeled food. Stockpile your items in a safe place.
9. Assess your stock often. As VBS approaches, purchase what has not been donated.
10. Prepare as much as you are able to ahead of time. Use zippered baggies when possible to hold individual snacks for each child.
11. Be aware of allergies. Some common allergies include nuts (e.g., peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, and tree nuts), red dyes, milk, eggs, berries, gluten, and wheat. Keep a list of children with allergies and monitor what is being served to them. Plan alternate snacks, or ask parents to provide an alternative. It's also good to make a list of all the ingredients used in each snack so parents can see if there will be any problem ingredients. Post the daily list in a good spot (on the entry doors, at the snack location, at the info counter) and/or in your Caretaker Handbook.
12. Class time directions include optional suggestions for kids' hands-on involvement. Decide if you have the time and space to have the kids involved in snack preparation or if it is more practical for the snack workers to prepare the snacks completely beforehand. If involving the kids, see the Class Time Directions each day for their role.
13. Enlist help for the preparation station in the kitchen and the serving station at the refreshment area. If involving the kids in preparation, the ratio should be 1 adult (including group guides) for every 6–8 children at the serving station. Provide a sample snack and adequate table space for the children to work on.
14. Set up the serving station away from kitchen knives, hot pans, and potentially slippery floors. Serving outside can make cleanup easier. Place a table inside a canopy. Decorate the space so it has kid appeal, and hang the "Klondike Corner Snacks" sign. Play the VBS music CD. Post a sign announcing the featured food and drink of the day. Check "Decorating Decisions" in the *Director Guide* for more decorating ideas.
15. Check the daily attendance to get an accurate number of children. Make extra for latecomers.
16. Use good hygiene. Adults must wash their hands before preparing food, and children should take a quick bathroom break and wash their hands before refreshment time. Rubber gloves should be worn by food staff, and long hair should be pulled back. Use wipes or hand sanitizer for quick hand cleanup.
17. Keep drinks in large coolers (e.g., ten-gallon coolers with a pour spigot) so they will stay cold.
18. Pray and thank God for the refreshments before eating.
19. Reinforce the day's lesson while the children are eating, using the teaching tie-in given for the snacks. Important—make sure to have a Bible to read the featured Bible verse to them each day! Try to engage the kids in discussion about the topic. Adjust to fit the age level.
20. Place large, wheeled trash cans with trash bags in the area for quick cleanup.

Day 1

SNOWFLAKE COOKIES

Cookie Ingredients (serves 36)

- Your favorite sugar cookie recipe or store-bought sugar cookie dough or the following recipe:
- 1 C. butter
- 2 C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 t. vanilla
- 1 C. sour cream
- 1 t. salt
- 2 t. baking soda
- 5½ C. flour

Icing Ingredients (serves 36)

- Your favorite vanilla icing recipe or store-bought icing or the following recipe:
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 2 large egg whites or 3–5 T. meringue powder
- ½ t. vanilla
- ¼–½ C. water

Glaze Ingredients (serves 36)

- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 6 T. whole milk
- 6 T. corn syrup
- 1 t. vanilla
- Optional: blue food coloring, white or light blue sugars, and/or white or light blue sprinkles

Glacier Punch Drink Ingredients

- Blue-colored powdered drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

Basic Supplies

- Mixing bowls and mixer



- Optional: paddle attachment on mixer (if making icing from scratch)
- Spatula
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Rolling pin
- Snowflake cookie cutter(s)
- Cookie sheet(s)
- Optional: parchment paper or vegetable oil spray
- Plastic squeeze bottles or piping bags (see Tip Corner)
- Small paper plates, cups, and napkins, 1 each per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

Pre-Prep

1. If making cookies using our recipe, put parchment paper on the cookie sheets or spray them. In a mixer, cream the butter and sugar, then add the eggs and vanilla. Add the sour cream. Combine salt, soda and flour, and add to the wet mixture. Roll dough to ¼–½ inch thick and cut into snowflake shapes using the cookie cutters. Place on cookie sheets and bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes.
2. If making icing using our recipe, combine the sugar, egg whites (or meringue powder), and vanilla in the bowl

of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mixing on low speed, add a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ C. water. Mix until the icing holds a ribbonlike trail on the surface of the mixture for 5 seconds when you raise the paddle. Put icing in a plastic squeeze bottle or a piping bag and outline the cookies. (See Tip Corner.)

3. If making glaze using our recipe, mix the ingredients together and stir until blended. Put in a plastic squeeze bottle or piping bag and fill inside the outlined area on each cookie.
4. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

Teaching Tie-In

Today's snack is a snowflake cookie. You know, each snowflake is unique. And like snowflakes, the Bible is a unique book. There is no other book like it—a true treasure from God! Let's pray that God will open our eyes this week and help us see the wondrous things in His Word, as it says in Psalm 119:18!

Pray for the Snowflake Cookie snack and eat. As everyone munches, talk together about favorite winter activities they've experienced. Do they like to play in the snow? What do they like to do? Have they ever gone ice skating or skiing? Have they ever caught a snowflake on their tongues? Re-emphasize that each snowflake is unique just as they are each a unique creation of God, and the Bible is God's unique Book of books.

Class Time Directions

If using store-bought frosting, have kids frost and decorate their own snowflake cookie. (You may want to include white or light blue sugars or sprinkles.)

Tip Corner

- Plastic squeeze bottles or zippered storage bags snipped on an angle at one bottom corner work well for piping bags.

- Make sure to check out the Super Simple Options, the Healthy Options, and the Toddler Options that follow. Any of these can work for Day 1 or other days or meetings.
- Juice boxes or water bottles can be substituted any day if you prefer individual drinks. They are more expensive but require no prep and no cups.

Super Simple Options—Grab and Go

Polar Pops—Serve popsicles or freezer pops. If serving freezer pops, you may want to cut the plastic top off and put them in a galvanized pail for quick grab and go.

God's Word Scramble—Put Alpha-Bits cereal into individual snack baggies. As kids are munching, have them try to spell words with their cereal (Bible, God's Word, etc.).

Healthy Options

Glacier Grapes—Take grapes off the stems, wash, and let air dry. Put in the freezer. Shortly before serving, take them out and put some in a small cup for each child. For an extra-special presentation, you can serve them in mini organza drawstring favor bags, found online.

Icicles—Serve white string cheese sticks, such as mozzarella.

Toddler Options

- Check the toddler snacks section for suggested snacks and teaching tie-ins. Keep in mind, however, that most of the above Day 1 suggestions can work with slight modifications.
- If serving Polar Pops, cut part of a mini cup off so it's shorter and put it over the stick so it can catch drips.
- If serving Glacier Grapes, cut into thin slices and don't freeze.
- If serving Icicles, cut/pull the string cheese into long thin strings, then cut the strings into bite-sized pieces.