

OPERATION

MISSIONS, MUSIC, AND MEMORY VERSES



Answers VBS
SPY U

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Your Mission

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to train special agents around the world to detect counterfeit religions and to know, love, and live for the one and only God.

At *Spy U*, the latest from Answers VBS, kids will be in training to become agents for the one true God. In this jam-packed week, the cadets will be trained in the following areas:

- Uncovering counterfeit gods and recognizing the only true God—the God of the Bible
- Finding that God is unique—one God in three persons
- Collecting clues to reveal how to become a child of God
- Cracking codes to discover attributes of God
- Discovering that God is not distant but personal, wanting to be their first love

Excitement and adventure await from the first minute of the day, when everyone gathers for the **All Agents Assembly**, which includes entertaining intros, catchy songs, a Mission Moment, and prayer.

Then the cadets rotate through five fun sites:

Mission Briefing at Spy U HQ, where God's Word is taught in hands-on ways.

Fast Action Games, where training challenges of the utmost fun are mastered.

Top Secret Snacks, where top level treats vanish in a hurry.

Truth Sleuth Science & Crafts, where cadets engage in hands-on science activities and crafts.

Operation: Missions, Music & Memory Verses, where kids can spend additional time learning songs and memory verses, and hearing about missions.

After training and mission assignments are completed, cadets regroup for the closing assembly, which includes more singing, contest results, and the highly anticipated daily drama. The drama is set in International City, a place that has drifted away from following the one true God. The Truth Mission Force is sent in to expose the truth about God. Agents Jordan Trace, Alex Cipher, and Riley Gizmo find foes in unlikely places as their assignment takes them through unexpected twists and turns.

All this adds up to one great, high-impact week! Ready, agents? Do you copy? The world awaits!

Our Goal

We are so thankful for how God has chosen to use the Answers VBS programs over the past years! 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?

Our primary goal has always been 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 softhearted 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, and Jesus said 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, we combine a biblically rich VBS with off-the-charts, irresistible fun. In a day and age when content sometimes suffers, we don't want to sacrifice rich teaching. But it's also crucial that the most exciting book in the world not come across as boring or irrelevant. 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 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. We're praying for you!

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Terms to Know

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

Cadets: Groups of children (individual classes) named after countries (Truth Team Canada, Truth Team Japan, etc.). They will “graduate” from Spy U at the end of the week and earn the title of “Junior Agents.”

Truth Team Leaders: Group leaders who guide the cadets from place to place during VBS. No teaching is required of this position.

Mission Briefing: The Bible and apologetics lesson time happening at Spy University HQ.

Agents: Teachers at Spy University HQ.

Truth Sleuth Science & Crafts: Rotation site where crafts are made and science activities are explored.

Top Secret Snacks: Indoor or outdoor location where snacks are served.

Fast Action Games: Indoor or outdoor site (outdoor is preferred) for recreation time.

Operation: Missions, Music & Memory Verses: Rotation site where kids can spend additional time learning songs and memory verses and hearing about missions.

Commit This to Memory: Time to learn and practice the daily Bible verse.

Animal Pals: Our friendly animal mascots that remind us of the main themes of each day.

Toddlers: 2–4-year-olds.

Pre-Primaries: 4–6-year-olds or children ages 4 through those who have completed kindergarten.

Primaries: 6–9-year-olds or children who have completed grades 1–3.

Juniors: 9–12-year-olds or children who have completed grades 4–6.

For multi-age K–6 groups, we recommend using the material for the Primaries.

Spy-tacular Tunes

Each of the sections in this guide can be used as stand-alone rotations or in combination with others. For example, you may choose to have a music and memory verse rotation, a missions and memory verse rotation, or do all three. Or you may want to include a memory verse review during snack time or play songs during craft time. Please choose the format that works best in your situation.

This section is for those who want to add a music rotation to their schedule. A Music Leader Download (including both contemporary and traditional) is included with the purchase of a Super Starter Kit and is available to purchase separately at AnswersVBS.com. This download contains files of hand motion videos and song lyric videos as well as MP3s of the music in stereo, split, and instrumental versions. Presentation images and printable song lyrics are included.

To help the children learn the VBS songs, choose the songs your kids will enjoy and repeat them throughout the week or use the suggestions below. We have included suggestions for both contemporary and traditional songs, but you can choose from one or the other or mix and match, depending on your preference. The theme song is fun to sing every day along with several other songs. You may also want to include the day's memory verse song.

A note about the hand motion videos: Answers VBS teaches children that each person is made with great care and purpose in the image of God. Every child needs to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and be challenged to live for the one true God. Because of this, we desire that every child, of any ability, has a place at VBS. As an outworking of this belief, we have provided ASL hand motion videos for the contemporary songs and feature young people of different abilities in some of the hand motion videos. We invite you to use these opportunities to show your kids that every person has value and is welcome at your VBS and that we can all use our lives to stay hot on the trail of the one true God.

Contemporary Songs

Theme Song: "Spy U" (2:53)

Day 1 Song: "Uncovering Counterfeits" (2:46)

Day 2 Song: "There Is No One like You" (2:34)

Day 3 Song: "Only One Way to Life" (2:24)

Day 4 Song: "Cracking Codes" (2:45)

Day 5 Song: "Run to You" (2:42)

Any Day Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (2:58)

Traditional Songs

Theme Song: “Spy U” (2:13)

Day 1 Song: “One True God” (2:17)

Day 2 Song: “Finding Fingerprints” (2:07)

Day 3 Song: “Admit, Believe, and Forever Receive” (1:58)

Day 4 Song: “Cracking Codes” (1:42)

Day 5 Song: “Stay Boilin’ Hot” (1:47)

Each day, welcome kids to the song time. There are [trivia](#) and [joke](#) slides available (Resources/Presentation/Jokes and Trivia) to share as a fun way to begin class. As you introduce a new song, you can first explain the motions, or you can launch right into the song, and the kids will pick them up as they go along. If you are leading the motions on your own, lyric videos are available to play.

Materials

- ☐ Music Leader Download
- ☐ Music Station Poster (1240340)
- ☐ Device to play songs

Day 1

Today, at Spy U, you’ve been assigned to Operation One True God. This case makes an important impact on every person in the world. The God of the Bible is the one true God. We need to be on the lookout for counterfeits and worship only the true God. [Read 1 Kings 18:39. What do you know about the one true God?](#)

[Allow answers.](#)

Theme Song: “Spy U”

C: “Uncovering Counterfeits”

C: “There Is No One like You”

C: “Only One Way to Life”

T: “One True God”

T: “Finding Fingerprints”

Any Day Song: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (3:13)

Memory Verse Songs

Theme: Psalm 86:9

Day 1: 1 Kings 18:39

Day 2: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Day 3: John 17:3

Day 4: Psalm 145:8–9

Day 5: Mark 12:30

T: “Admit, Believe, and Forever Receive”

Day 2

Today, at Spy U, you’ll be briefed on the science of finding fingerprints. We all have unique prints, which reminds us that God our Creator is unique too. He is one God in three persons! He is the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We may not understand how God can be three in one, but we know he is because this is what the Bible teaches. [Read 2 Corinthians 13:14.](#)

Theme Song: “Spy U”

C: “There Is No One like You”

C: “Uncovering Counterfeits”

C: “Only One Way to Life”

T: “Finding Fingerprints”

T: “One True God”

T: “Admit, Believe, and Forever Receive”

Operation: Memory Verse

Materials

- ☐ Music Leader Download
- ☐ Memory Verse Sign (1220350)
- ☐ Memory Verse Posters
- ☐ Device to play songs

Day 1

To review the theme verse and today's memory verse, read the verse together from the poster (including references). Recite the verse together using a variety of funny voices (e.g., underwater, whisper, squeaky, pinched nose, rough/tough). Continue until you complete the verse. Repeat as time allows, letting older kids lead.

Theme Verse (All Ages)

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Psalm 86:10 (ESV)

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. Psalm 86:10 (KJV)

Juniors and Primaries

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God." 1 Kings 18:39 (ESV)

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. 1 Kings 18:39 (KJV)

Pre-Primaries and Toddlers

The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God. 1 Kings 18:39 (ESV)

The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. 1 Kings 18:39 (KJV)

Day 2

Juniors and Primaries

To review today's verse, read it together from the poster. Have the kids sit in a circle. Choose a student to say the first word in the memory verse. The next student must repeat the previous word and add on the next word. Continue moving around the circle, repeating and adding one word at a time to complete the verse. For example, the first person says, "The," then the second student says, "The grace," and so on until the entire verse has been recited. Repeat as time allows.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14 (KJV)

Pre-Primaries and Toddlers

To review today's verse, have students squat down in a circle.

Mission Moment

The mission focus of your VBS program provides children with a meaningful opportunity to support ministries that spread the gospel.

Check with your director about when to feature the Mission Moment—either during the assembly time or as a separate rotation.

This year, Answers VBS has once again partnered with Children's Hunger Fund (CHF) to give your VBS an easy, meaningful way to help provide meals and share the hope of Jesus with children in need.

Mission Moment at a Glance

- 3-minute daily videos—Short, fun, and educational videos designed to fit seamlessly into your VBS schedule.
- Fully prepared for you—Videos, lesson scripts, activities, slides, and printables all included.
- Stories kids can understand—Kid-friendly stories that teach biblical truths, while building empathy and compassion.
- Hands-on impact—Children collect coins to help provide meals for families facing hunger.
- Trusted mission partner—CHF works through local churches to deliver food and share the hope of Jesus.

Agents of Hope

Agents of Hope is a fun, engaging, and easy-to-use addition to your VBS program. During the Mission Moment, children will visit five different locations—Uganda, Nepal, Armenia, Peru, and the United States—and learn how God is working through his people to care for children living in poverty.

Through short daily videos (under three minutes each), students will meet boys and girls and hear their stories. These children face daily challenges such as hunger, limited access to education, and unstable living conditions. Along the way, your students will be reminded that true hope comes through salvation in Jesus Christ.

Each day, your group will join Seth, a Children's Hunger Fund team member who works with volunteers to prepare Food Paks for families in need. Through the daily videos, Seth introduces a mystery that unfolds throughout the week.

Children are invited to participate by collecting coins to help provide meals—for children just like the ones they meet in the videos.

How Your Giving Helps

When children collect coins, they help fill Food Paks—boxes of nutritious food that provide meals for families in need. Every coin collected helps meet a real need. Just 25¢ can provide one meal.

Food Paks are distributed through local partner churches in the US and around the world, where food is delivered directly to families. These partnerships create opportunities to build relationships and share the gospel alongside tangible help.

How Your VBS Can Partner with CHF (It's Easy!)

1. Watch the short daily Mission Moment video.
2. Collect coins using Coin Paks or printable coin banks.
3. Submit your donation.

That's it! Children's Hunger Fund takes care of the rest—getting food and the gospel to families who need it most.

Submitting Donations

After counting the coins, submit your donation in one of two ways:

- Online: childrenshungerfund.org/answersvbs
- By mail: Make checks payable to Children's Hunger Fund and write "Agents of Hope" in the memo (Children's Hunger Fund, P.O. Box 104556, Pasadena, CA, 91189-4556). Please include the [Donation Submission Form](#).

Download resources from AnswersVBS.com/spyuresources.

Available Resources

- [Short Daily Videos](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Student Activities and Printables](#)
- [Tracking Tools](#)

Coin Paks Available to Order

Your starter kit includes a sample Coin Pak bank so you can see how it works. You may choose the option that works best for your VBS:

- Order a Coin Pak for each child (free—just pay shipping).
- Use the printable Coin Pak banks included in your [Resource Download](#).

Both options make it easy for kids to remember their role in caring for others.

To order Coin Paks, visit childrenshungerfund.org/answersvbs. To place an order by phone, call Children's Hunger Fund at (800) 708-7589. Orders must be received at least 14 days prior to your VBS date.

Tracking Your Progress

To build excitement throughout the week, announce how many meals your students are helping provide each day. You can:

- Use the [Agents of Hope Power-Point slides](#) to display progress.
- Update the total number of meals provided each day.
- Host a friendly team challenge to see which group collects the most coins.

Tip: Recruit a few adult volunteers to help count or roll coins. Some local banks may offer coin-counting services.

Activities

Optional daily activities are included to help children better understand the challenges faced by those living in poverty. These simple, meaningful activities may include:

- Short object lessons
- Reflection questions and guided prayer

- Interactive moments that help kids connect learning to real life

Learn More

When you partner with Children's Hunger Fund, you're not doing this alone. We're grateful to walk alongside you—making it easy for your VBS to help provide food, share the gospel, and inspire children to live out their faith.

Discover more about the gospel-centered mercy ministry of **Children's Hunger Fund** at **childrenshungerfund.org**.

Materials Needed

EVERY DAY

- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Child safety scissors
- ☐ CHF [Slides](#)
- ☐ CHF [Videos](#)
- ☐ “[Map of the World](#)” activity sheet, 1 per child
- ☐ [Child Prayer Journals](#), 1 per child

DAY 1

- ☐ Printed [coins](#)
- ☐ Toy food or printed [food icons](#)
- ☐ Printed “[Promise](#)” and “[Provision](#)” cards (enough for each child to have three)

DAY 2

- ☐ Lego bricks (Preferably Duplo pieces, enough for 20–30 per group. Use more for the older groups, fewer for the younger groups.)
- ☐ Whiteboard and marker
- ☐ Two baskets/buckets per team

DAY 3

- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ [Picture cards](#)

DAY 4

- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ [Pathway cards](#)
- ☐ Open space

DAY 5

- ☐ 8 identical envelopes
- ☐ [Day cards](#)
- ☐ [Behind-the-Scenes cards](#)

Daily Summaries

DAY 1: Meet Edisa from Uganda

WHERE: Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. Approximately 41% of Uganda's population lives in poverty, and half of them are under 15 years old.

WHO: Edisa lives with her mother and her siblings in a slum community. She is used to going to bed hungry whenever her mother's small jobs are not enough to feed the four of them. In a very poor community like theirs, jobs are hard to find and pay very little.



When a man from a local church came to their home with food, Edisa could hardly believe it! He said it was because Jesus loves them and wants to know them. He said he would come back with more food, and he did! Edisa looks forward to seeing people from the church and hearing more about Jesus.

DAY 2: Meet Uma from Nepal

WHERE: Nepal is a landlocked country in the Himalayas, nestled between China and India. It is estimated that up to 250,000 people work in Nepal's brickyards, with between 30,000 and 60,000 of them being children.

WHO: Uma has spent the last few years living in the brickyard with her family. Her parents work very hard, so she doesn't understand why they owe so much money to the brickyard owner.



This job was supposed to provide a better future for them. And now that she is older, she will have to start working in the brickyard soon. That is sad news for Uma, who has dreams of learning to write and going to school. She knows she can't do that if she is working all day in the brickyard.

When a pastor came to Uma's house and brought them a box of food, that was a great day. Uma didn't know what it meant at first, but he came back a few weeks later. He talked to them about God and how

Daily Mission Scripts

Day 1: Edisa (Uganda)

SHOW: AGENTS OF HOPE SLIDE

This week, we are learning all about the one true God, and this is very important. So important, in fact, that we want children around the world to know about God too. Sadly, many of them don't have enough food to eat. What's even worse is that some of them have never heard about God. We are partnering with Children's Hunger Fund to help provide meals for children who don't have enough to eat. Not only can you help provide them with meals, but you can also help them learn about the one true God!

SHOW: AGENTS OF HOPE—EDISA SLIDE

Are you ready to meet the first child? *Pause for participation.* Wonderful! Today, we'll meet a little girl named Edisa (pronounced E-dee-sa), who lives in Uganda.

SHOW: VIDEO 1—EDISA

Country: Uganda

Problem: Extreme Hunger

Edisa's mother has a hard time finding food for her children. Many people try to take advantage of those who are struggling, just like the first man who told Edisa's mother she had to give her money to the church in order for God to bless her. Thankfully, the local church stepped in, providing her family with food and telling them about the one true God who doesn't ask for offerings to earn his blessing.

Sadly, there are many hungry children around the world, just like Edisa. But the good news is that you can help! Want to learn how? *Pause for participation.* Great! This week at VBS, we'll be collecting coins to put in these Coin Paks. *Show Coin Pak.* Take this home today and tell your family and friends about Edisa and her family. Ask them to help you collect coins for meals. Just 25 cents can provide a healthy meal for a hungry child.

SHOW: DAILY COUNT DAY 1 SLIDE

Using the coins you collect, food can be packed into a Children's Hunger Fund Food Pak. A Food Pak is a box or bag of food that can

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feed a family for several days. Local pastors and church volunteers use these Food Paks to build relationships with families and share the message of Jesus Christ.

Bring back the coins you collect this week, and we can count how many meals you helped provide. You can help deliver hope to families in need around the world.

DO MISSION ACTIVITY: COUNTERFEIT BLESSINGS

1. Give each child 3 printed coins.
2. Tell them their coins represent choices people have to make. They can choose Offer A and receive a Promise card. Or they can choose Offer B and receive a Provision card. This is not a blind choice. They should know if they are choosing Promise or Provision.
3. Once everyone has paid their coin and received their card, everyone who received a Provision card will also receive a piece of toy food or a printed food icon.
4. Repeat twice more until they have used all three coins.

TALKING POINTS

- Who has a lot of Promise cards?
- Who received food/provision?
- If you were really hungry today, which one would feed you: promise or provision?
- Promises don't feed people. In Edisa's story, someone promised wealth if her mother gave her money to the church, but that wasn't right. Later, someone came with food and told them about the one true God, who doesn't ask for anything in return for his blessing.
- How did it feel to choose without knowing what you would get?
- Why do you think it might be tempting for someone who is hungry to give in to the promise of riches?
- If most people choose Provision: It shows great discernment to choose Provision over Promise. Food is immediate, tangible, and necessary. The true gospel shows up in love and action.
- If most people choose Promise: I'm glad you chose honestly. This message sounds good, and that's why people believe it. This message uses God's name, but if a family is hungry today, what do they actually need first? Food. Promise doesn't answer that need today.

Send each child home with an **EDISA PRAYER JOURNAL**.