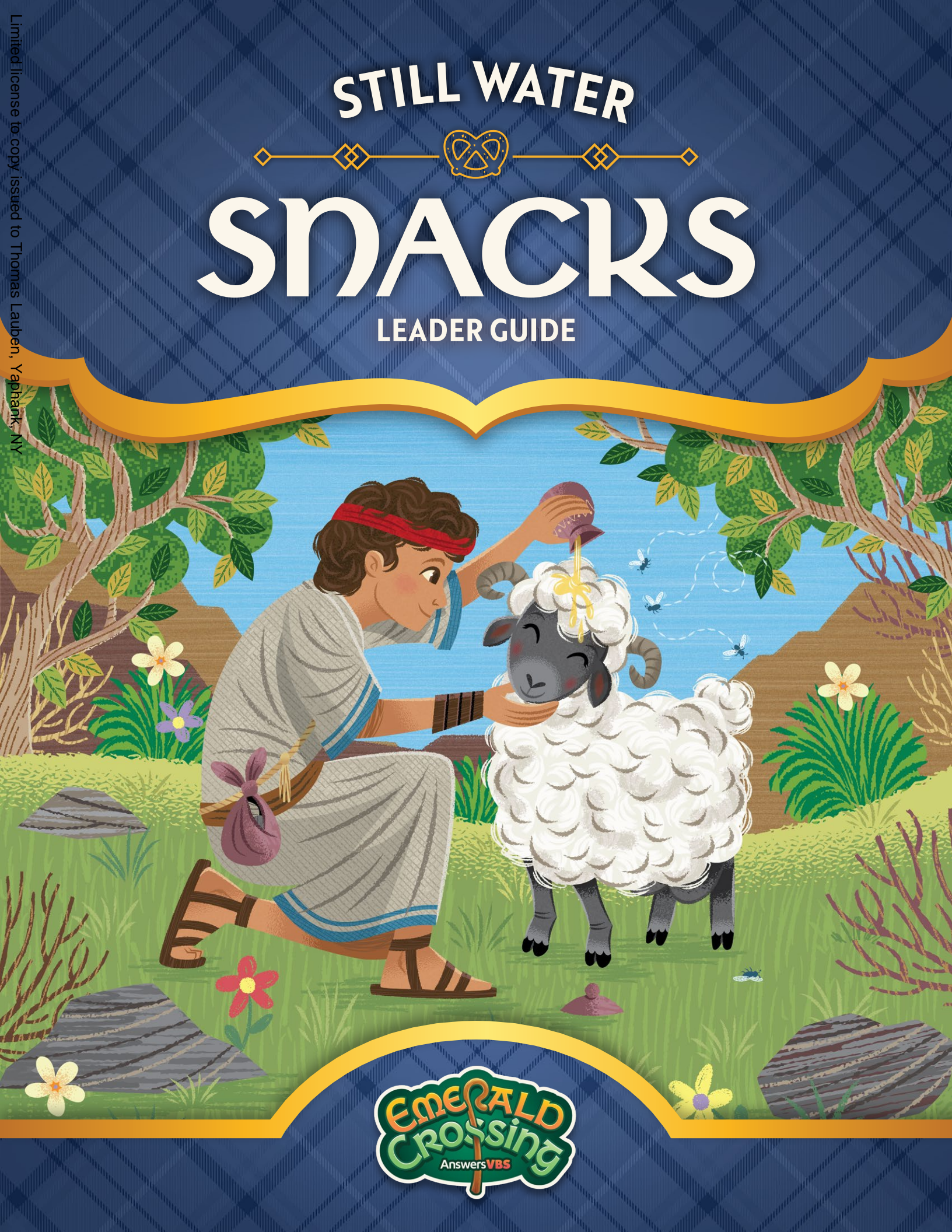


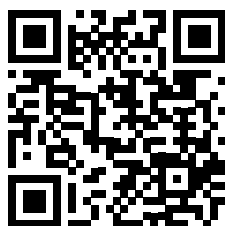
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## COURSE OVERVIEW

### Theme Verse: Psalm 23:1

|                              | Day 1   | Day 2  | Day 3   | Day 4   | Day 5   |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Titles</b>                | Lost to Found   | Wrong Path to Right Path   | Fearful to Peaceful   | Grumbling to Grateful   | Shaky to Sure   |
| <b>Locations</b>             | Sheep Farm in Donegal   | Green Pastures in County Galway  | Black Valley in County Kerry  | Enemy Territory in Dublin   | Higher Lands in County Antrim   |
| <b>Bible Passages</b>        | Psalm 23:1<br>1 Samuel 17:34–37   | Psalm 23:2–3<br>1 Samuel 17  | Psalm 23:4<br>1 Samuel 19–23  | Psalm 23:5<br>2 Samuel 9:3–7<br>1 Samuel 16:1–13                    | Psalm 23:6<br>1 Chronicles 22   |
| <b>Lesson Focus</b>          | Like David, I can be a child of God and have the Lord as my shepherd.                   | Like David, I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through his Word. | Like David, I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I am anxious or afraid. | Like David, I can have an attitude of gratitude in every situation. | Like David, I need to be on the lookout for God's goodness and mercy, my traveling companions through life. |
| <b>Apologetics Content</b>   | Is the Lord a distant God? Did he create the universe and then just sit back and watch? | Is the Bible a trustworthy guide to lead us through life?                  | Why do we even have hard times?   | Are good things because of "good luck" or a good God?               | What should rainbows remind us of?  |
| <b>Memory Verses</b>         | Psalm 23:1  | Psalm 23:2–3   | Psalm 23:4  | Psalm 23:5  | Psalm 23:6  |
| <b>Names of God</b>          | Shepherd  | Leader   | Comforter   | Provider  | Promise Keeper  |
| <b>Animal Pals</b>           | Mia the Connemara Sheep   | Guide the Border Collie  | Shadow the Raven  | Pesky the Woolly Aphid  | Shirley the Highland Cow  |
| <b>Celtic Corner Crafts</b>  | Baa-loved Sheep Keepsake Ornament—Shepherd's Staff                                      | S.O.A.P. Bible Puffball Zipper Pull  | "Don't Worry, Just Pray" Magnet<br>Night-Light in the Darkness              | Thankube Gratitude Attitude Game                                    | Psalm Scroll<br>Highland Cow  |
| <b>Celtic Corner Science</b> | Sink or Float<br>Wet Woolly   | Genetically You<br>Sling Fling   | Shadow Play<br>Fear Not   | Sticky Stuff<br>Overflow Your Cup                                   | Firm Foundations<br>Real Rainbows   |
| <b>Green Meadow Games</b>    | Gaelic Football<br>Lost Sheep Relay   | Shamrock, Riverdance, Viking<br>Strongman Challenges                       | Run, David, Run<br>Walk Through the Valley                                  | Raiders<br>My Cup Overflows Relays                                  | Psalm 23 Partner<br>Obstacle Course<br>Pot o' Gold  |
| <b>Still Water Snacks</b>    | Cross Trail Mix<br>Sweet Sheep  | Scene 23:2<br>Border Collie<br>Paw Print                                   | Stuffed Staff<br>Bird's Nest  | Piled-High Popcorn<br>Full Float                                    | Cow Patties<br>Spud Circles   |
| <b>Cool Contests</b>         | Guess the Rainbow Skittles  | Group Spirit Day   | Dress-Up Day  | Bible Challenge   | Mission Money Mania   |



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# Handy Helps

## Top o' the Morning to Ya!

It's early morning on the Emerald Isle. Gaze ahead as the sun rises on the cool, green pastures dotted with grazing sheep. Listen to the waves crash at the staggering Cliffs of Moher as their towering crags ascend majestically from the sea. Catch the earthy scent of sheep and cattle, fertile meadows, and dense forests. Step into a local restaurant and taste the rich flavors of a land known for its butter and potatoes. Run your hand over the soft wool of a pastured lamb or the rough, stony exterior of an age-old castle. Tune in as lively folk music entertains and delights all who listen.

From the lush meadows of its countryside to the cobblestone streets of its cities, there is something to delight the senses everywhere we turn in Ireland. So journey with us to *Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23*. Every stop along our path will teach us about the Good Shepherd and how he cares for his sheep. Like David discovered throughout his life, first as a shepherd and later as a king, we'll discover important truths such as:

- I can be a child of God and have the Lord as my shepherd.
- I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through his Word.
- I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I'm feeling anxious or afraid.
- I can have an attitude of gratitude in every situation.
- I need to be on the lookout for God's goodness and mercy, my traveling companions through life.

Beauty and adventure await us each day at Emerald Crossing, where lads and lasses will gather at the **Emerald Isle Assembly**. This high-energy beginning includes wacky intros, lively songs, a Mission Moment, and prayer.

Then they're off to rotate through five fun sites:

**Flock Talk Time**, where Bible lessons are taught in creative, hands-on ways.

**Celtic Corner Science and Crafts**, where kids will create their own crafts and explore God's world through science activities.

**Still Water Snacks**, where kids enjoy scrumptious Irish fare.

**Green Meadow Games**, the rambunctious rec time where kids join in some lively competition.

**Top o' the Morning Missions, Music, and Memory Verses**, where kids sing songs, learn their memory verses, or go in-depth with the Mission Moment featuring Children's Hunger Fund.

Finally, everyone heads back to the **Emerald Isle Assembly** for the closing, where there's more singing, contest results, and the highly anticipated daily drama. Lads and lasses will be introduced to an Irish sheep farmer named Grandpa Fitz, who runs Stillwater Farm. Through some challenges, some fun, and a few big surprises, Grandpa Fitz shows how the Lord has been his comforter and guide his whole life.

So pull on your work boots, grab your walking staff, and get ready for a grand ol' time at *Emerald Crossing*!

### 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!

# Your Role

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

- Planning snacks for all age levels
- 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

- Making sure key lesson themes are reinforced through the snacks
- Overseeing the cleanup of the snack area(s) each day
- 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 *Emerald Crossing* may be new to you. For a list of helpful articles on the topics covered in this VBS program, please visit [AnswersVBS.com/emeraldfaq](http://AnswersVBS.com/emeraldfaq).

## Terms to Know

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

**Lads and Lasses:** Terms used when referring to children during VBS week.

**Travel Groups:** Groups of children (individual classes) named after animals that live in Ireland, such as Hedgehogs, Red Deer, Sheepdogs, and Irish Hares.

**Group Guides:** Group leaders who lead the travel groups from place to place during VBS. No teaching is required for this position.

**Flock Talk Time:** Bible and apologetics lesson time.

**Shepherds:** Teachers of the Flock Talk Time.

**Celtic Corner Science and Crafts:** Rotation site where crafts are made and science experiments are explored.

**Still Water Snacks:** Indoor or outdoor location where snacks are served.

**Green Meadow Games:** Indoor or outdoor site (outdoor is preferred) for recreation time.

**Top o' the Morning Missions, Music, and Memory**

**Verses:** Rotation sites where kids can spend additional time learning songs, memory verses, and missions.

**Good as Gold Memory Verse:** Daily Bible verse to learn.

**Animal Pals:** Our friendly animal mascots that remind us of the main theme 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 multiage K–6 travel groups, we recommend using the material for the Primaries.

## Top 20 Tips for Still Water Snacks

1. Pray! 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 Super Simple Options, Healthy Options, Toddler Options, and extra ideas listed in the Tip Corners, decide which snack you will serve each day. There are also Additional Snack Ideas at the back of the book.
3. Test each recipe ahead of time to learn how to prepare the snack efficiently. Check out [Pinterest.com/answersvbs](https://www.pinterest.com/answersvbs) for pictures of the snacks and fun ways to present them.
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 the Toddler Snacks list for suggestions to pair with other ideas in this book. When choosing other options, be mindful of small foods that may be choking hazards for young children (e.g., hot dogs, nuts, marshmallows, raisins or dried fruits, grapes, hard or very chewy candies, chunks of cheese or fruit, triangle-shaped chips, and popcorn).
6. Calculate your portions based on the daily snack supply list located on the back cover. (Additional Snack Ideas are not included on this list.) Make a snack donation list based on what you've chosen and share it with those in your ministry.
7. 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.
8. Check with local restaurants for donations of cups, napkins, and lemonade mix.
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 common allergens such as nuts (e.g., peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, and tree nuts), dyes (red, blue, and yellow), dairy items, berries, gluten, wheat, soy, eggs, and corn. Be vigilant and careful regarding all of this! Plan alternate snacks or ask parents to provide an alternative. It's also helpful to make a list of all the ingredients used in each snack so parents can see if there will be any problematic ingredients. Post the daily list in a visible spot (on the entry doors, at the snack location, or at the info counter) and in your Caretaker Handbook.
12. In addition, keep a list of children with allergies and monitor what is being served to them. Make sure all leaders and snack servers are aware of who has what allergies.
13. Enlist help for the preparation station in the kitchen and for the serving station in the refreshment area. If serving indoors, set up the serving station away from kitchen knives, hot pans, and potentially slippery floors. If serving outside, place a table in the shade.
14. Set up the space so it has kid appeal. Hang the "Still Water Snacks" sign. Post a sign announcing the featured food and drink of the day. Check "Decorating Decisions" in the *Director Guide* for decorating ideas. Play the VBS music.
15. Check the daily attendance for an accurate number of children. Make extra snacks for latecomers.
16. Use good hygiene. Adults must wash their hands before preparing food. Plastic food-prep gloves should be worn by food staff, and long hair should be pulled back. Children should take a quick bathroom break and wash their hands before snack time. Use wipes or hand sanitizer for quick hand cleanup.
17. Keep drinks cold in large coolers, such as 10-gallon coolers with a pouring spigot.
18. Pray and thank God for the snacks before eating.
19. While the children are eating, reinforce the day's lesson using the teaching tie-in given for each snack. (Make sure to have a Bible to read verses that are referenced.) Then use the Conversation Starters and Fun Facts for fun, guided conversations.
20. Place large, wheeled trash cans with trash bags in the area for quick cleanup.

# Toddler Snacks

## Day 1

### Sweet Sheep (per child)

- 1 mini powdered donut
- 2 pretzel sticks
- 1 chocolate wafer
- Small dab of white icing



Break each pretzel stick in half to create 4 small sticks. Carefully insert each halved pretzel stick into the bottom of the mini donut at an angle. Place a small dab of white icing where the “face” of the sheep will go. Immediately attach the chocolate wafer on the icing and press gently to secure.

### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at your sweet sheep. What do sheep say? Take responses. Do you know who takes care of sheep on a farm? A person called a shepherd. God is like our shepherd—he takes care of us! Let’s thank God for our snack sheep and for being the Good Shepherd to his people. Do so.

### Hay Bales (makes 8)

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 packet ranch seasoning mix
- 1 c. shredded parmesan cheese



Mix ranch seasoning into softened cream cheese. Divide into 8 portions and shape each portion into the shape of a hay bale. Roll in shredded cheese. Refrigerate.

### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at our snack. What does it look like? Take responses. It looks like a little bale of hay, doesn’t it? What kind of animals eat hay? Take responses. Sheep eat hay! This week, we’ll be talking a lot about sheep. Who created sheep? Take responses. God did, on day six of creation! Let’s thank God for sheep and for this snack. Do so.

## Day 2

### Border Collie Paw Prints (per child)

- 1 small flour tortilla
- 2 tbsp. marinara sauce (adjust for tortilla size)
- ¼ c. shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large pepperoni slice
- 4 small pepperoni slices



Spread marinara on each tortilla, covering evenly. Cover with shredded cheese. Add one large pepperoni to the center of each tortilla. Place the 4 small pepperoni evenly above the large pepperoni to create a paw print. Bake at 350° for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at your snack. It looks like a dog’s paw print, doesn’t it? Do any of you have a pet dog? Take responses. Our animal pal today is a dog called Guide the border collie. His job is to lead the sheep where they need to go. Guide teaches us that God is our leader, and we can trust him to show us where to go. God uses the Bible to guide us. Let’s thank God for this snack and for being a guide to us. Do so.

### Avocado Toast (per child)

- 1 slice of bread, toasted
- 1 tsp. oil or butter
- ½ avocado or premade avocado spread
- Pinch of salt



Spread the butter or oil evenly on the toast. Cover with smashed avocado or premade spread. Top with salt to taste.

### TEACHING TIE-IN

What color is our snack today? Take responses. Yes, it’s green. Can you think of something else that’s green? Take responses. There are lots of green fields (pastures) in Ireland where shepherds take good care of sheep. God tells us he is like a shepherd leading us to good places (green pastures) too. Let’s thank God for this green snack and for being a kind shepherd. Do so.

## Day 3

### Bread Staffs with Butter (per child)

- 1 slice of bread
- 1 tsp. Kerrygold or other butter
- J-shaped cookie cutter



Cut each bread slice into three J's, using the cookie cutter. Toast the bread, if desired, then spread with softened Kerrygold butter (a staple in Ireland) or substitute any other butter. Place the J's upside down on the plate to resemble shepherds' staffs.

#### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at our snack today. What does it look like? Take responses. Yes, it looks like shepherds' staffs! Shepherds use their staffs to keep their sheep safe. They use the hooked part to pull their sheep close. God is like a shepherd too! He takes care of his people and is always near. Even though you can't see him, he is near you. Isn't that great? Let's thank God for this snack and for God always being near. Do so.

### Mini Birds' Nests (makes 8)

- 1 c. pretzel sticks
- 1 c. chow mein noodles
- ½ c. butterscotch baking chips
- 2 tsp. butter
- Toddler-safe soft candy for birds' eggs



Slightly crush pretzels and chow mein noodles in a bowl. Melt butter and butterscotch chips together using 30-second intervals in the microwave or using a double-boiler on the stove. Once the butter and chips are melted, pour over pretzel/chow mein mixture, then stir to combine. Spoon mixture into a greased mini muffin tin, making a well in the middle of each portion, like a bird's nest. Place a soft candy in the middle for a bird's egg. (This is pictured with a Robin Egg candy for older kids. Trade that out for something like an M&M or two.) Refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes.

#### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at our snack. What does it look like? Take responses. It looks like a bird's nest, doesn't it? Have you ever seen a bird's nest? Many birds lay eggs in nests, and then their babies hatch out of the eggs. Who created all those baby birds? Take responses. God did!

Our animal pal today is a bird called Shadow. Can you say *Shadow*? Do so. Shadows remind us of hard and sad things that might happen in our lives. The good news is that God is with us even in sad times. Let's thank God for this snack and for being with us all the time. Do so.

## Day 4

### Shamrock "Biscuits" (one cookie per child)

- Premade sugar cookie dough
- Green sugar sprinkles
- 1 container of white icing
- Shamrock cookie cutter



Roll out the premade sugar cookie dough and cut with a shamrock cookie cutter. Bake according to package directions. Once cooled, lightly ice with white icing and dip in green sugar sprinkles.

#### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at our snack. What does it look like? Take responses. Your cookie (or "biscuit" as it is called in Ireland) is in the shape of a shamrock. Shamrocks are tiny plants that grow with the grass. God gives sheep good things to eat like grass and shamrocks. He gives us good things to eat too. Can you name one of your favorite foods to eat? Take responses. Let's thank God for this snack and for being our good provider. Do so.

### Bug Bites (see packaging for serving size)

- Kellogg's or Keebler  
Grahams Bug Bites

Serve a portion to each child. Note: At the time of this writing, these were easily found at Walmart or on Amazon.



#### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at your snack. What does it look like? Take responses. That's right, a bug! Our animal pal is a bug called a woolly aphid. Woolly aphids can be pesky little bugs. They remind us that sometimes hard things happen in life or things bug us. But even when hard things do happen, we can still give thanks to God. Let's all say, "God is good!" and then we'll thank God for this snack. Do so.

## Day 5

### Mini Cow Patties (per 1 or 2 children)

- 1 package premade chocolate Rice Krispies treats
- Marshmallow cream
- Chocolate icing



Shape each Rice Krispies treat into round, flat patties, about 1 inch across. Put a dollop of marshmallow cream on top of each patty. Mix the remaining marshmallow cream and chocolate icing together and swirl on top to fully cover, making it look like a cow patty. Serve 1-2 per child depending on size.

### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at your snack. It looks like something called a cow patty, which reminds me of a cow. What sound does a cow make? *Take responses.* Our animal pal is a cow named Shirley. She teaches us that *surely* God's goodness and mercy will be with us all of our lives if we are God's children. It's for sure. God promised it, so it will happen. Let's thank God for this snack and for being a promise keeper. *Do so.*

### Jello Jigglers (1–2 footprints per child)

- Jello mix in various colors
- Boiling water
- Footprint cookie cutter

Prepare Jello Jigglers according to package directions and cut into footprints. Serve 1–2 per child depending on size.



### TEACHING TIE-IN

Look at your snack. What does it look like? *Take responses.* Yes, it looks like a foot! What's something your feet follow? Maybe your feet follow your parents when they're walking ahead of you or they follow your friends when you're running around the backyard. The Bible says that God's goodness and mercy (loving-kindness) follow us all our lives if we're his children. Let's thank God for this snack and for being a good, merciful God. *Do so.*

# DAY 1

## Cross Trail Mix

### Ingredients (8 half-cup servings)

- 1 c. oyster crackers
- ½ c. mini pretzels
- ½ c. veggie straws
- 1 c. Cheez-Its
- ½ c. M&M's
- ½ c. mini chocolate chips

### Emerald-ade Drink Ingredients

- Limeade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Measuring cups
- Large mixing bowl
- Mixing spoon
- Baggies or fun cups to serve trail mix in
- Themed napkins and drink cups
- Pitchers or coolers

### Prep

1. Place all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and stir until fully combined.
2. Scoop into individual baggies or cups to serve. Give each person a napkin on which to make their cross.
3. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

### Teaching Tie-In

Before eating, say: **Our snack today is called Cross Trail Mix and comes with a challenge. Take a minute to open up your napkin and see how many ingredients in the trail mix you can place on it to make the shape of a cross. And go!**

**How did you do? Take responses. Why do you think we're talking about a cross today at snack time? Take responses. Today, we'll be learning about how Jesus Christ died on a cross for us and rose from the dead so we can know him forever.**

Thank God for the snack. While the kids eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about what they've learned during the VBS day so far.

### Conversation Starters

- Do you know anything about Ireland? Do you think you'd like to visit there someday? Where else would you like to travel to?
- Would you want to own a sheep? What other animal would you like to own?
- The Bible says God is like a shepherd. What do you think that means?

### Tip Corner

- Any combination of crunchy and/or sweet snacks can work as long as they can be made into a cross shape.
- Themed napkins and cups can be in colors of Ireland—greens, whites, oranges—or can have a cross on them.



## Super Simple Option

**Sour Cream and Onion “Crisps”**—Purchase sour cream and onion potato chips (or “crisps” as they say in Ireland) at your local grocery store. Share that potatoes have been a main crop of Ireland and are a popular food that comes in many forms—mashed, baked, even chips! What’s your favorite way to eat a potato? Aren’t you thankful God created potatoes?

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Sheep Feed**—Mix together items reminiscent of the diet of a sheep like Harvest Snaps pea snacks, dried apples, pumpkin seeds, blueberries, and veggie straws.

## Tiny Taste of Ireland

This daily feature gives the kids a chance to try some food they might taste in Ireland. It’s fun to give them just a bite of each.

**Irish Soda Bread with Dipping Oil**—Purchase Irish Soda Bread at your local grocery store or search online

for a recipe and make your own. Serve with a dipping oil made by mixing Italian seasoning and salt with ½ c. olive oil (or more to taste).

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Irish soda bread became popular during the Irish Potato Famine in the mid-1800s because it was cheap and didn’t need yeast, which was scarce at the time. Still today, in some areas of Ireland, people like to cut a cross on top of the bread loaf. The cross has special meaning to Christians, but that wasn’t why people did this. They were superstitious and wanted to let the “fairies” out. Does God want us to be superstitious?** No. He doesn’t want us to believe false ideas but instead to trust him and look to him for salvation and comfort.

## Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with teaching tie-ins.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.

| Day 1 Overview  |                                |                                     |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lost to Found   |                                |                                     |
| Lesson Focus  | Bible Passages                 |                                     |
| Like David, I can be a child of God and have the Lord as <i>my</i> shepherd.                            | Psalm 23:1; 1 Samuel 17:34–37  |                                     |
| Memory Verse  | Animal Pal                     | Cool Contest                        |
| Psalm 23:1  | Mia (My-a) the Connemara Sheep | Guess the Rainbow Skittles          |
| Science and Crafts  | Treats                         | Games                               |
| Experiments: Sink or Float / Wet Woolly<br>Crafts: Baa-loved Sheep / Keepsake Ornament—Shepherd’s Staff | Cross Trail Mix<br>Sweet Sheep | Gaelic Football<br>Lost Sheep Relay |

# DAY 1

## Sweet Sheep

### Ingredients (per child)

- 1 mini powdered donut
- 2 pretzel sticks
- 1 chocolate wafer
- Small dab of white icing

### Emerald-ade Drink Ingredients

- Limeade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Plate or flat working surface to assemble
- Butter knife
- Themed plates, napkins, and cups
- Drink pitchers or coolers

### Prep

1. Break each pretzel stick in half to create 4 small sticks.
2. Carefully insert each halved pretzel stick into the bottom of each mini donut at an angle for “legs.”
3. Place a small dab of white icing where the “face” of the sheep will go.
4. Immediately attach the chocolate wafer on the icing and press gently to secure.
5. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack. As everyone munches, say: **Today, we're learning about sheep and shepherds. What's one thing you've learned today about sheep that you didn't know? Take responses. Does anybody remember our animal pal's name today? Take responses. It's Mia (My-a) the sheep! Mia reminds us we need to belong to the Good Shepherd so we won't be lost from God. How is a person lost from God? Take responses. Our sin separates us from our holy God. We are lost in our sin. We need to repent of our sin and believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose from the grave. We can be part of God's family.**

As students eat, share the conversation starters or talk about what they've learned so far today at VBS.

### Conversation Starters

- Do you know anything about Ireland? Do you think you'd like to visit there someday? Where else would you like to travel to?
- Would you want to own a sheep? What other animal would you like to own?
- We talked about being lost from God. How can you be found?

### Tip Corner

- You can use a mini Oreo instead of the chocolate wafer for the sheep face, but it may require more icing to secure its weight.



- If the pretzel sticks need extra support, dip the tip of the pretzels into the icing before inserting them into the donut.
- The more evenly you space the pretzel legs toward the edges of the mini donut, the better it supports the weight and stands up. You may even want to use a little thicker pretzel sticks.
- Serve 1–2 of these per child as you see fit.
- Sheep-themed napkins or plates are fun today.

## Super Simple Option

**Sheep Grass**—Purchase Harvest Snap pea snacks from your local grocery to represent grass—a main diet item for sheep.

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Ewe-gurt Creations (Vanilla Yogurt Sheep)**—Make a 2D sheep by putting a large dollop of thick vanilla yogurt on a plate. Use a nut-free granola or crushed rice cake to cover the yogurt as wool and a blackberry as the face. Break two pretzel sticks in half and insert them into the yogurt as legs. You can also make this savory by using cottage cheese and sesame seeds as the face.

## Tiny Taste of Ireland

This daily feature gives the kids a chance to try some food they might taste in Ireland. It's fun to give them just a bite of each.

**Irish Soda Bread with Dipping Oil**—Purchase Irish Soda Bread at your local grocery store or search online for a recipe and make your own. Serve with a dipping oil made by mixing Italian seasoning and salt with  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. olive oil (or more to taste).

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Irish soda bread became popular during the Irish Potato Famine in the mid-1800s because it was cheap and didn't need yeast, which was scarce at the time. Still today, in some areas of Ireland, people like to cut a cross on top of the bread loaf. The cross has special meaning to Christians, but that wasn't why people did this. They were superstitious and wanted to let the "fairies" out. Does God want us to be superstitious? No. He doesn't want us to believe false ideas but instead to trust him and look to him for salvation and comfort.**

## Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with teaching tie-ins.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.

# DAY 2

## Scene 23:2

### Ingredients (per child)

- 1 graham cracker
- White icing
- Green and blue food coloring
- A few white candy beads

### Green or Blue Smoothie Ingredients

In a blender, mix together (makes approximately 1 quart and serves 5 children):

- 1 c. spinach
- ½ c. ice
- 1 banana
- ½ avocado
- ½ c. milk
- Dash of cinnamon
- 2 tsp. honey
- (Optional) blue spirulina powder to make it blue

### Basic Supplies

- Mixing bowls
- Mixing spoon
- Butter knife
- Themed napkins, cups, and plates
- Drink pitcher or cooler

### Prep

1. Separate white icing into two bowls.
2. Using food coloring, make one bowl of icing blue and the other green.
3. Spread the green icing over each graham cracker, leaving a small area in the middle for the blue.
4. Using the blue icing, create still water on each graham cracker.
5. Use your butter knife to smooth out the blue icing and create the texture of grass on the green icing.
6. Distribute a few candy beads over each graham cracker as sheep in the grass.
7. Prepare the smoothie and pour into cups.

### Teaching Tie-In

Thank God for the snack, then share the following while everyone is munching: **Have you ever been to the ocean?** Take responses. **Does it have still water or moving water?** Take responses. **Well, today we're learning about green pastures and still water.** When we follow the lead of our Good Shepherd, we will be on the right path, which is pictured as green pastures and still water. How does God lead us? Take responses. **One main way is through his Word, the Bible.** But if we ignore it and do our own thing, we'll be heading down the wrong path. What are some ways we can be on the wrong path? Take responses. **If we learn the Bible, love it, and live by it, we'll be on God's good path.**

As students eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about what they've learned so far today at VBS.



## Conversation Starters

- If you could take a walk anywhere in the world, where would you choose to walk?
- Do you like to play Follow the Leader? What's an interesting motion the leader could do?
- The Bible says God is our leader. What do you think that means?

## Tip Corner

- Pressing the tip of the butter knife gently up and down on the green icing can create the effect of grass.
- Using a piping bag or snipping the corner of a zippered baggie can make the distribution of the icing easier, especially for the blue water.
- Search online for "Pearl white candy beads" or check the cake decorating section of stores like Michael's.
- Plates that are grass-themed or water-themed would be fun today.

## Super Simple Option

**Green Pastures/Still Water Pops**—Purchase green and blue popsicles to remind kids of the green pastures and blue still waters of our passage today.

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Green and Blue Kabobs**—Assemble fruit kabobs on a skewer by alternating green and blue fruits. For example, use a green apple slice, blueberry, kiwi chunk, blackberry, and green grape.

## Tiny Taste of Ireland

**Irish Boxy (Irish Potato Pancake)**—Find a traditional boxty recipe online *or* use the following recipe: Mix 1½ c. raw grated potatoes with 1 c. all-purpose flour and 1 c. leftover mashed potatoes. In a separate bowl, mix 1 large egg, 1 tbsp. skim milk, and salt and pepper to taste. Combine both mixtures. Grease and heat a skillet or griddle on medium-high heat. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls, like a pancake, and brown on both sides. Serve warm.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Ireland is known for potatoes. Irish boxty, which is like a potato pancake, became popular because it was a good way to use up leftover cooked potatoes. All of God's created things are good and useful—even leftovers!**

## Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with teaching tie-ins.

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| Day 2 Overview  |                                       |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Wrong Path to Right Path  |                                       |   |
| Lesson Focus  |                                       | Bible Passages  |
| Like David, I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through his Word.                  |                                       | Psalm 23:2–3; 1 Samuel 17                               |
| Memory Verses   | Animal Pal                            | Cool Contest  |
| Psalm 23:2–3  | Guide the Border Collie               | Group Spirit Day  |
| Science and Crafts  | Treats                                | Games   |
| Experiments: Sling Fling / Genetically You<br>Crafts: S.O.A.P. Bible / Puffball Zipper Pull | Scene 23:2<br>Border Collie Paw Print | Shamrock, Riverdance,<br>Viking<br>Strongman Challenges |

## DAY 2

# Border Collie Paw Print

### Ingredients (per child)

- 1 small or medium flour tortilla
- 2 tbsp. marinara sauce (adjust for tortilla size)
- ¼ c. shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large pepperoni slice
- 4 small pepperoni slices

### Green or Blue Smoothie Ingredients

In a blender, mix together (makes approximately 1 quart and serves 5 children):

- 1 c. spinach
- ½ c. ice
- 1 banana
- ½ avocado
- ½ c. milk
- Dash of cinnamon
- 2 tsp. honey
- (Optional) blue spirulina powder to make it blue

### Basic Supplies

- Spoon or butter knife
- Themed plates, cups, and napkins
- Drink pitcher or cooler

### Prep

1. Spread marinara on each tortilla, covering evenly.
2. Cover with shredded cheese.
3. Add the large pepperoni to the center of each tortilla.
4. Place the 4 small pepperoni evenly above the large pepperoni to create a paw print.
5. Bake at 350° for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.
6. Prepare the smoothie and pour into cups.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack. As kids are munching, share the following: **Look at our Border Collie Paw Print snack. Does anyone have a dog at home? If so, what's its name? Take responses. Have you ever looked at your dog's paws?**

God designed border collies' paws so they aren't overly large, allowing them to move quickly as they round up the sheep. Their paws also work like shock absorbers and give them extra traction so they can stop fast. All these features help them be great sheep herders.

Today, our animal pal is Guide the border collie. Guide's job on the farm is to show the sheep where to go. Guide reminds us that God guides us all along the path of life in



**the way we should go! What's one way he does that?** Take responses.

As students eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about what they've learned so far today at VBS.

## Conversation Starters

- Do you like dogs?
- Have you ever met a border collie? What do you know about them?
- If you could take a walk anywhere in the world, where would you choose to walk?
- The Bible says God is our leader. What do you think that means?

## Tip Corner

- This does not have to be cooked to serve, but it stays together better (and probably tastes better too).
- You could make a sweet version of this by using cookies, icing, and chocolate wafers or melted chocolate to create the paw print.
- Dog-themed plates or napkins would be fun today.

## Super Simple Option

**GoGo Applesauce with Apple Jacks**—Purchase GoGo SqueeZ or generic applesauce pouches and serve with dry Apple Jacks cereal. Apples are a favorite food among sheep. Some apples are also green, which reminds us of green pastures with still water.

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Baa Baa Blue Chips & Guac**—Serve blue corn chips with homemade or store-bought guacamole to continue the green/blue theme of the day. Guacamole can be easily whipped together by mashing avocado with salt, red onion, cilantro, and lime juice.

## Ting Taste of Ireland

**Irish Boxty (Irish Potato Pancake)**—Find a traditional boxty recipe online *or* use the following recipe: Mix 1½ c. raw grated potatoes with 1 c. all-purpose flour and 1 c. leftover mashed potatoes. In a separate bowl, mix 1 large egg, 1 tbsp. skim milk, and salt and pepper to taste. Combine both mixtures. Grease and heat a skillet or griddle on medium-high heat. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls, like a pancake, and brown on both sides. Serve warm.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Ireland is known for potatoes. Irish boxty, which is like a potato pancake, became popular because it was a good way to use up leftover cooked potatoes. All of God's created things are good and useful—even leftovers!**

## Toddler Options

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# DAY 3

## Stuffed Staff

### Ingredients (4 servings)

- 1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 2 mozzarella cheese sticks
- 8 tbsp. marinara sauce

### Golden Lemonade Drink Ingredients

- Lemonade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Baking sheet
- Small condiment cups and lids
- Spoon
- Themed plates, napkins, and cups
- Drink pitcher or coolers

### Prep

1. Lay out the crescent roll dough. Pinch together every two rolls at the seams to create rectangles. Use one rectangle for each staff (4 staffs per 8-pack).
2. Slice the cheese stick in half lengthwise and place in the center of each rectangle, oriented vertically.
3. Roll into a staff shape with the cheese in the middle, making sure the cheese is covered. (The hook part won't have cheese in it.) Pinch the ends together.
4. Bake according to package directions.
5. Divide marinara sauce into condiment cups to serve with the crescent rolls.
6. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack, then share the following while everyone is munching: **What is something a shepherd always has with him?** Take responses. **Yes, a staff!** Our snack today looks like a staff, which is something shepherds use to keep track of their sheep. A shepherd may use it to guide his sheep to greener pastures or to pull back a sheep that's straying off the right path. With his staff, a shepherd can make sure his sheep stay

with him and don't wander where they shouldn't go. It's the same with Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He's always with us, watching over us, and giving us direction through his words in the Bible. Can you think of a command in the Bible that will help you stay on the right path if you obey it? Take responses.

As students eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about what they've learned so far today at VBS.

### Conversation Starters

- Have you ever gone hiking on a path? Where?
- What's an example of getting on the wrong path in life? What are some bad things to stay away from?
- What's an example of walking on the right path? What are some good things to do?



- The Bible says God is our comforter. What do you think that means?

### Tip Corner

- If desired, staffs can be brushed with butter and Italian seasoning before baking.
- You can make your own crescent dough if preferred, following the rest of the recipe above.

### Super Simple Option

**Pretzel Rods**—Purchase packaged pretzel rods and serve by themselves or with cheese, ranch, or another dip. Talk to the kids about rods and staffs and the purposes they served and still serve for shepherds.

### Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Pretzel “Rods” and Hummus**—Purchase pretzel rods and serve with homemade or store-bought hummus. Talk to the children about rods and staffs, which shepherds use to lead, guide, count, and protect their sheep. It’s the

same with Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He’s always with us, watching over us, and giving us direction through his words in the Bible.

### Tiny Taste of Ireland

**Irish Shortbread**—Find a recipe online or buy Irish shortbread at a grocery store, an international food store, or online.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Irish shortbread isn’t a bread, but a crumbly, yummy cookie. It used to be eaten in Ireland only on special occasions, but now it’s well-loved and often eaten. It’s made with lots of rich Irish butter. Yum!**

### Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with teaching tie-ins.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.

## Day 3 Overview

### Fearful to Peaceful

| Lesson Focus   |                              | Bible Passages                             |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| Like David, I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I am anxious or afraid.                                  |                              | Psalm 23:4; 1 Samuel 19–23                 |  |
| Memory Verse   | Animal Pal                   | Cool Contest                               |  |
| Psalm 23:4   | Shadow the Raven             | Dress-Up Day                               |  |
| Science and Crafts   | Treats                       | Games                                      |  |
| Experiments: Shadow Play / Fear Not<br>Crafts: “Don’t Worry, Just Pray” Magnet / Night-Light in the Darkness | Stuffed Staff<br>Bird’s Nest | Run, David, Run<br>Walk Through the Valley |  |

# DAY 3

## Bird's Nest

### Ingredients (4 nests)

- 1 c. pretzel sticks
- 1 c. chow mein noodles
- ½ c. butterscotch baking chips
- 2 tsp. butter
- 12 small candy eggs or jelly beans

### Golden Lemonade Drink Ingredients

- Lemonade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Mixing bowls
- Spoons
- Muffin tin
- Muffin tin liners or nonstick spray
- Themed napkins and cups
- Drink pitcher or cooler

### Prep

1. Slightly crush pretzels and chow mein noodles in a bowl.
2. Melt butter and butterscotch chips together using 30-second intervals in the microwave or using a double-boiler on the stove.
3. Once the butter and chips are melted, pour over pretzel/chow mein mixture, then stir to combine.
4. Spoon mixture into a prepared muffin tin, making a well in the middle of each portion, like a bird's nest.
5. Refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes. Place a few candy eggs or jelly beans in the center of each nest.
6. Prepare the drink according to package directions.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack, then share the following while everyone is munching: **What does your snack look like today?** Take responses. **That's right, a bird's nest!** Birds make all kinds of nests. Some float, some look like

a cup, some are underground, some are in a cliff, some dangle down. God made different varieties for different reasons.

Our animal pal today is a bird called a raven. A raven's nest looks kind of like this snack—it's basket-like and made out of twigs. A big difference, though, is . . . it's big! It can be as big as five feet across and two feet high.

Our raven's name is Shadow. Shadow reminds us of hard and sad times we might go through in our lives. But when we go through something sad, God promises he is with us. Isn't that comforting?

As students eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about what they've learned so far today at VBS.



## Conversation Starters

- Do you think a nest would be cozy? What's the coziest spot in your home?
- Our animal pal is a bird today. Do you have a favorite bird? Would you ever want to own a bird? Why or why not?
- The Bible says God is our comforter. What do you think that means?

## Tip Corner

- You can make these treats in advance. Cover them and refrigerate.
- Robin Eggs candy can be purchased online or in some grocery stores. Easter is a good time to look for these.
- Bird-themed napkins or cups would be fun today.

## Super Simple Option

**Peppermint Staffs**—Purchase peppermint sticks and distribute to children to remind them of the shepherd's staff. Christmas is a good time to look for these.

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**“Rods” of Veggies**—Cut assorted vegetables, such as carrots, celery, and cucumbers, into stick shapes (rods) and serve by themselves or with ranch dip. Challenge kids to think of how rods and staffs were used by shepherds in the Bible.

## Tiny Taste of Ireland

**Irish Shortbread**—Find a recipe online *or* buy Irish shortbread at a grocery store, an international food store, or online.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Irish shortbread isn't a bread, but a crumbly, yummy cookie. It used to be eaten in Ireland only on special occasions, but now it's well-loved and often eaten. It's made with lots of rich Irish butter. Yum!**

## Toddler Options

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## DAY 4

# Piled-High Popcorn

### Ingredients (servings vary depending on cup size)

- Premade bags of popcorn OR
- ½ c. popcorn kernels
- 3 tbsp. cooking oil
- ¼ c. melted butter
- Salt to taste

### Sparkling Orange Drink Ingredients

- Orange Crush or orange drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Large saucepan with lid
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Mixing spoons
- Fun cups to put popcorn in with a plate to put under each cup
- Scoop or cup that's larger than the cups the popcorn is in
- Themed napkins and drink cups
- Drink pitchers and coolers

### Prep

1. To make your own popcorn, cover the bottom of a large saucepan with oil.
2. Add the popcorn on high heat. Cover with a lid and shake occasionally. Once popping begins, shake constantly.
3. Once all the kernels are popped, pour into a mixing bowl and cover with melted butter and salt to taste.
4. Toss to coat.
5. If using drink mix, prepare it according to package directions.
6. At snack time, give each child an empty cup and a paper plate to hold under it. The leader should use a scoop or a larger cup to scoop the popcorn into each child's cup so it overflows the cup a little and lands

on the plate. Each leader can have a large bowl or zippered baggie from which to scoop the popcorn.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack, then share the following while everyone is munching: **Can you think of anything that uses oil?** Take responses. **Back in Bible times, when a man was chosen to be king, his head would be anointed (covered) with oil. Also, shepherds would use oil on sheep's heads to keep bugs away.**

**Well, today we're eating something made with cooking oil—our piled-high popcorn. It reminds us that God fills our cup to overflowing. How many of you think that sounds good to have an overflowing cup of popcorn?**



This passage in Psalm 23 isn't talking about overflowing popcorn, of course, but it does remind us that God fills our lives with good things. What are some good things God has given you?

As we eat our big bowls of popcorn, let's share ways God has overflowed our lives with blessings. Do so.

As students eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about things learned so far today at VBS.

### Conversation Starters

- Can you think of three things you're thankful for that start with the letter \_\_\_\_ (choose any letter)?
- Our animal pal today is a bug. Do you like bugs? What's the peskiest insect you can think of? What should our attitude be when something bugs us?
- Do you have any stories you'd like to share about something overflowing? God's goodness overflows to us just like physical things overflow sometimes in our lives!

### Tip Corner

- Popcorn seasonings are easily accessible if you would like to make your popcorn a specific flavor, like cheese, ranch, or even pickle!

### Super Simple Option

**Store-Bought Popcorn**—Purchase packaged popped popcorn and serve in small (green) cups or bowls.

### Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Annie's Fruit Snack Bugs**—Annie's Bees, Bugs & Butterflies can be purchased at your local grocery store. Serve to the kids and connect what they're eating to our animal pal today, Pesky the woolly aphid.

### Ting Taste of Ireland

**Bread Pudding**—Find a recipe online *or* use the following recipe: Preheat oven to 350°. Tear 6 slices of day-old bread into small pieces. Place bread in an 8 x 8-inch baking pan. Drizzle with 2 tbsp. unsalted, melted butter and sprinkle with ½ c. raisins. In a bowl, whisk together 2 c. milk, ¾ c. white sugar, 4 large eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla, and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Pour the wet mixture over the bread, making sure bread is fully submerged. Bake until golden brown, about 45 minutes.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Many people in Ireland enjoy eating bread pudding, which is a yummy dish made with leftover, stale bread. Sometimes it's eaten for breakfast and other times for dessert.**

### Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with teaching tie-ins.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.

| Day 4 Overview  |                                  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Grumbling to Grateful   |                                  |  |
| Lesson Focus  |                                  | Bible Passages                               |
| Like David, I can have an attitude of gratitude in every situation.                         |                                  | Psalm 23:5; 2 Samuel 9:3-7; 1 Samuel 16:1-13 |
| Memory Verse  | Animal Pal                       | Cool Contest                                 |
| Psalm 23:5  | Pesky the Woolly Aphid           | Bible Challenge                              |
| Science and Crafts  | Treats                           | Games  |
| Experiments: Sticky Stuff / Overflow Your Cup<br>Crafts: Gratitude Attitude Game / Thankube | Piled-High Popcorn<br>Full Float | Raiders<br>My Cup Overflows Relays           |

# DAY 4

## Full Float

### Ingredients (about 20 servings)

- ½ gallon rainbow sherbet
- Two 2-liters orange soda

### Basic Supplies

- Ice cream scoop
- Clear punch cups and fun straws or spoons
- Themed napkins

### Prep

1. Scoop sherbet into cups.
2. Pour orange soda over the sherbet.
3. Place a straw (cut in half) or spoon in the cup.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and thank God for the snack, then share the following while everyone is eating:

**When is your favorite time to drink floats? Maybe at the pool or the movies or a hot summer day? Take responses.** Well, today we're eating full floats as a reminder from Psalm 23 that tells us our cup overflows. Though that passage isn't talking about overflowing ice cream and soda like we're eating, it does remind us that God gives us so much more than we could ever imagine. What's something good God has given you? As we eat our full floats, let's share ways God has overflowed our lives with blessings. Do so.

As students eat, share the conversation starters below or chat about things they've learned so far today at VBS.

### Conversation Starters

- Can you think of three things you're thankful for that start with the letter \_\_\_\_ (choose any letter)?
- Our animal today pal is a bug. Do you like bugs? What's the peskiest insect you can think of? What should our attitude be when something bugs us?

- Do you have any stories you'd like to share about something overflowing? God's goodness overflows to us just like physical things overflow sometimes in our lives!

### Tip Corner

- The ingredient quantities can be adjusted depending on what size cup you use.
- Rainbow sherbet is a fun and thematic addition today. But you can use any flavor combo of sherbet/ice cream and soda. Try any sherbet combined with a fruity soda or Sprite or make a classic root beer float.
- Sherbet/ice cream can be scooped into the cups in advance and put in the freezer. Pull them out when it's time to eat and pour the soda on top.



- To add a fun element of seeing the carbonation “overflow,” group guides, snack leaders, or even older children can pour their own soda at snack time instead of preparing it ahead of time. For easier cleanup, place their cup on a tray before “overflowing” their drink.

### Super Simple Option

**Pudding Cups**—Purchase pudding cups and serve with a big, “overflowing” dollop of whipped topping. Add green sprinkles for extra flair.

### Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Cheese and Cracker Table**—As we learn about preparing a table from Psalm 23, kids will prepare their own “table” by putting a cracker on top of four cheese cube “legs” or small dollops of spray cheese.

## Tiny Taste of Ireland

**Bread Pudding**—Find a recipe online *or* use the following recipe: Preheat oven to 350°. Tear 6 slices of day-old bread into small pieces. Place bread in an 8 x 8-inch baking pan. Drizzle with 2 tbsp. unsalted, melted butter and sprinkle with ½ c. raisins. In a bowl, whisk together 2 c. milk, ¾ c. white sugar, 4 large eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla, and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Pour the wet mixture over the bread, making sure bread is fully submerged. Bake until golden brown, about 45 minutes.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Many people in Ireland enjoy eating bread pudding, which is a yummy dish made with leftover, stale bread. Sometimes it’s eaten for breakfast and other times for dessert.**

### Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with teaching tie-ins.

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# DAY 5

## Cow Patties

### Ingredients (see packaging for serving size)

- Ding Dongs, 1 per person OR
- Premade chocolate Rice Krispies treats
- 1½ tbsp. marshmallow cream, per person
- 1 tbsp. chocolate icing, per person

### Green Berry Rush Drink Ingredients

- Hawaiian Punch Green Berry Rush, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Kitchen knife
- Mixing bowl and spoons
- Themed plates, napkins, and cups
- Drink pitchers and cooler

### Prep

1. Shape each Rice Krispies treat into round, flat patties, about 3" across.
2. Put a dollop of marshmallow cream on top, about 1 tbsp.
3. Mix remaining marshmallow cream and chocolate icing together and swirl on top to fully cover, making it look like a cow patty.

### Teaching Tie-In

Pray and share the following while everyone eats: **Does anyone know what today's snack is?** Take responses. **It may taste yummy, but in real-life cow patties are pretty stinky and yucky!** Today, as we eat these cow patties, it makes me think of our animal pal, Shirley the Highland cow. Cows are such important animals because of all the food products they give us. Can you think of some foods you eat that come from cows? Take responses. I'm sure thankful God created cows!

Even more than those yummy foods we get from cows, our animal pal today reminds us that *surely* God's goodness and mercy (loving-kindness) will be with us all throughout our lives if we're his children. Always be on the lookout for God's mercies, which are new every morning!

As the students eat, share the conversation starters below.

### Conversation Starters and Fun Facts

- What's your favorite animal? What's your favorite food?
- What's one of your favorite things you did this week at VBS?
- What's one of your favorite things you learned this week at VBS?
- What's an action step you can take when you feel anxious? Take responses. Praying more, reading the Bible, saying memory verses, reminding yourself of God's character and ways he's been good to you each day, thinking of something other than "good luck" to say, reciting Psalm 23 every day.
- Can you say all of Psalm 23?



## Tip Corner

- You could make the chocolate Rice Krispies treats and form the mixture into patties and chill them.
- Instead of the marshmallow-icing mixture, you could melt chocolate chips with butter (or coconut oil) in the microwave, using 30-second increments, to make an easy chocolate shell for the cow patties.
- The marshmallow-icing mixture is easiest to swirl onto the patties using a piping bag or snipped zippered baggie.
- Cow-themed plates, napkins, or cups would be fun today.

## Super Simple Option

**Lucky Charms**—Purchase Lucky Charms cereal and serve dry or with milk. Kids can enjoy this tasty treat while learning about Ireland and how “good luck” isn’t real. Instead, we can know that our good God is the giver of all blessings in our lives.

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Smashed Potato Patties**—Preheat oven to 400°. Cover red skin or golden potatoes in oil and salt, then place on a baking sheet. Roast for 20–25 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Immediately after removing from the oven, smash each potato down with the bottom of a glass cup

or plate. Mix ½ c. sour cream, 1 tsp. softened butter, and 1 tbs. ranch seasoning and serve with the potatoes.

## Tiny Taste of Ireland

**Barmbrack**—Find a recipe online or use the following recipe: Soak 2½ c. dried fruit in 1½ c. hot black tea for at least two hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350° and heavily butter a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Mix 2½ c. flour, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. nutmeg, and ½ tsp. baking soda. In a separate bowl, whisk together 1 large egg, 1½ c. sugar, ¼ c. lemon marmalade, ½ tsp. grated orange zest, and the tea-soaked fruit. Gently mix in the dry ingredients and pour into the loaf pan. Bake for about 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for at least 2 hours and serve at room temperature.

Explain the following as the kids eat: **Barmbrack is a popular sweet bread made around harvest time. Often, a ring or some other object is hidden in it to supposedly give clues to a person’s future—whether they’re going to have “good luck” or “bad luck.” But is there any such thing as luck? We learned today God is in control—not luck.**

## Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks for suggested snacks and teaching tie-ins.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.

| Day 5 Overview  |                             |  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Shaky to Sure   |                             |  |
| Lesson Focus  |                             | Bible Passages                                     |
| Like David, I need to be on the lookout for God’s goodness and mercy, my traveling companions through life. |                             | Psalm 23:6; 1 Chronicles 22                        |
| Memory Verse  | Animal Pal                  | Cool Contest                                       |
| Psalm 23:6  | Shirley the Highland Cow    | Mission Money Mania                                |
| Science and Crafts  | Treats                      | Games  |
| Experiments: Firm Foundations / Real Rainbows<br>Crafts: Psalm Scroll / Highland Cow                        | Cow Patties<br>Spud Circles | Psalm 23 Partner<br>Obstacle Course<br>Pot o’ Gold |

# DAY 5

## Spud Circles

### Ingredients

(4–6 servings, depending on potato size)

- 3 potatoes, cleaned
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- Salt
- 1½ c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 slices cooked and crumbled bacon
- Sour cream

### Green Berry Rush Drink Ingredients

- Hawaiian Punch Green Berry Rush, 1 quart for every 5 children

### Basic Supplies

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- Knives and cutting board
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Themed plates, cups, and napkins
- Drink pitchers or cooler

### Prep

1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Slice potatoes into ¼-inch-thick rounds.
3. Liberally cover the potato rounds in olive oil and sea salt.
4. Spread the rounds evenly on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes, flipping them over halfway through.
5. Sprinkle cooked rounds with shredded cheese and bacon and bake 10 more minutes.
6. Top with a dollop of sour cream. Serve 2–4 rounds per child.

### Teaching Tie-In

Before eating, pray and thank God for the snack, then say:  
**Did you know one of the most popular foods in Ireland**

**is the potato? What's your favorite way to eat a potato?**  
*Take responses.* I'm glad God created potatoes. They taste amazing and can be prepared in so many different ways. But did you know potatoes have lots of good vitamins and minerals in them? They're easy to grow, and they are one of the world's largest crops!

In Ireland during the mid-1800s, people mostly ate potatoes. Then there was a horrible famine—a time when there wasn't enough food. A bad disease wiped out most of the potato crops. It was a hard time for the people.

We've learned this week that even in hard times, God is with us and is still caring for us. It's been a great week learning about our Good Shepherd.

Share the conversation starters and fun facts below.



## Conversation Starters and Fun Facts

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## Tip Corner

- An easy way to coat potatoes in oil is to place them in a large zippered baggie and pour in the oil and salt, then seal the bag and shake it.
- Sea salt is nice to use.

## Super Simple Option

**Letter Cookies or Cereal**—Purchase letter-shaped cookies or cereal. (At the time of this writing, letter-shaped cookies were available at Aldi and Alpha-Bits Cereal was making a comeback in the fall of 2025.) As kids grab a cookie, challenge them to think of something good about God that starts with that letter. Talk about goodness and mercy following us.

## Healthy Option

See pictures on page 29.

**Green Smoothie**—In a blender, mix 1 c. spinach, ½ c. ice, 1 banana, ½ avocado, ½ c. milk, and a dash of cinnamon. (Optional: Add 2 tsp. honey for extra sweetness.)

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# Healthy Alternatives at a Glance

## Daily

Instead of sugary drinks, offer ice water every day. Download drink label patterns from [AnswersVBS.com/emeraldresources](http://AnswersVBS.com/emeraldresources).

## Day 1

**Sheep Feed**—Mix together items reminiscent of the diet of a sheep, such as Harvest Snaps pea snacks, dried apples, pumpkin seeds, blueberries, and veggie straws.



**Ewe-gurt Creations (Vanilla Yogurt Sheep)**—Make a 2D sheep by putting a large dollop of thick vanilla yogurt on a plate. Use a nut-free granola or crushed rice cake to cover the yogurt as wool and a blackberry as the face. Break two pretzel sticks in half and insert them into the yogurt as legs. (You can also make this savory by using cottage cheese and sesame seeds as the face.)



## Day 2

**Green and Blue Kabobs**—Assemble fruit kabobs on a skewer by alternating green and blue fruits. For example, a green apple slice, blueberry, kiwi chunk, blackberry, and green grape.



**Baa Baa Blue Chips & Guac**—Serve blue corn chips with homemade or store-bought guacamole to continue the green/blue theme of the day. Guacamole can be easily whipped together by mashing avocado with salt, red onion, cilantro, and lime juice.



## Day 3

**Pretzel "Rods" and Hummus**—Purchase pretzel rods and serve with homemade or store-bought hummus. Talk to the children



about rods and staffs, which shepherds use to lead, guide, count, and protect their sheep. It's the same with Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He's always with us, watching over us, and giving us direction through his words in the Bible.

**"Rods" of Veggies**—Cut assorted vegetables, such as carrots, celery, and cucumbers, into stick shapes (rods) and serve by themselves or with ranch dip. Challenge kids to think of how rods and staffs were used by shepherds in the Bible.



## Day 4

**Annie's Fruit Snack Bugs**—Annie's Bees, Bugs & Butterflies can be purchased at your local grocery store. Serve to the kids and connect what they're eating to today's animal pal, Pesky the woolly aphid.



**Cheese and Cracker Table**—As we learn about preparing a table from Psalm 23, kids will prepare their own "table" by putting a cracker on top of four cheese cube "legs" or four small dollops of cheese spray.



## Day 5

**Smashed Potato Patties**—Preheat oven to 400°. Cover redskin or golden potatoes in oil and salt, then place on a baking sheet. Roast for 20–25 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Immediately after removing from the oven, smash each potato down with the bottom of a glass cup or plate. Mix ½ c. sour cream, 1 tsp. softened butter, and 1 tbsp. ranch seasoning and serve with the potatoes.



**Green Smoothie**—In a blender, mix 1 c. spinach, ½ c. ice, 1 banana, ½ avocado, ½ c. milk, and a dash of cinnamon. (Optional: Add 2 tsp. honey for extra sweetness.)



# Additional Snack Ideas

The snacks suggested here are great additional ideas to use for meetings, training workshops, the carnival, or VBS week itself. For meetings, make card labels for each snack on the food table. Serve food on Irish-themed plates or on plates the colors of an Irish flag. See [Pinterest.com/answersvbs](https://www.pinterest.com/answersvbs) for great pictures of thematically decorated snack tables.

**Still Water Snacks:** Serve any of the snacks suggested in this book for meetings or after events, as well as during VBS week.

**Tiny Taste of Ireland:** Try some traditional foods of Ireland, such as Irish soda bread, barmbrack, bread pudding, and of course, anything made of potato!

**Sheep Grass:** Purchase Harvest Snaps pea snacks from your local grocery store to represent grass—a main diet item for sheep.

**Shamrock Shakes:** Look online for an easy shamrock shake recipe.

**Rainbow Fruit Board:** Create a show-stopping fruit tray by assembling colorful fruits in the shape of a rainbow.

**Rainbow Sour Straws:** Rainbows are an icon when people think of Ireland, so weave them into snack time with fun candy like rainbow Sour Straws or Skittles, available at your local grocery store.

**Irish Flag Veggie Tray:** Assemble a veggie tray that looks like an Irish flag, using green veggies (celery or broccoli), white vegetables (peeled cucumbers or cauliflower), and orange veggies (carrots or orange peppers).

**Toffee:** Originating in England, toffee is now popular all over the UK, so serve up any of your favorite toffee desserts such as a toffee bar, toffee pudding, toffee trifle, toffee candy, or toffee cheesecake—the possibilities are endless!

**Irish Cheese and Crackers:** Find some Irish cheese at your grocery store to serve alongside crackers as a yummy, quick snack.

**Irish Stew:** Irish stew is always a favorite with its meaty, nourishing flavor. This can be a great option for a volunteer meeting that falls over a mealtime or a VBS concession stand.

**“Crisps”:** Potatoes are a staple in Ireland, so serve up your favorite varieties of potato “crisps,” or chips (as Americans call them) as an easy, salty snack.

**Irish Sausage “Staffs”:** For another easy, great option for a mealtime or concession stand, simply purchase Irish sausages (also called Irish bangers) and serve warm. Add in some French toast sticks and call them “rods”.

**Irish Apple Cake:** You can find many different recipes for Irish apple cake online, so whip one up and serve as a sweet treat.

**Apple Crumble:** Apple crumble is a staple dessert in Ireland. Serving this to your volunteers not only gives them a taste of Ireland, but it is sure to satisfy their sweet tooth!

**Scones:** Make or purchase scones in a variety of flavors for your volunteers to enjoy.

**Still Waters:** Make a drink bar with water (can include flavored or sparkling water), tea, cider, iced coffee, or any other drinks of interest that can be found in Ireland.







# Leading a Child to Christ

AnswersVBS presents many opportunities to share the gospel, and every teacher should be ready to explain how to be saved, whether it's one-on-one or with a small group. Use the following steps as a guide to explain salvation, ask questions, read scripture, and pray with and for students.

**Pray.** Salvation is God's work, not ours. We cannot bring about salvation for anyone, but we can ask God to prepare a child's heart to receive the truth.

**Explain.** Prepare a clear presentation of the gospel. Avoid abstract phrases like "asking Jesus into your heart" and instead use clear biblical language, such as "becoming a child of God." You may want to use the following three key words to share how to receive eternal life:

- » **Admit** you have sinned (disobeyed God's commands). Ask God to forgive you of your sins. The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23).
- » **Believe** Jesus, God's Son, died in your place and rose again, paying the penalty for your sins (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10).
- » **Receive** the gift of eternal life by telling God you want to be his child (John 1:12).

**Ask.** To encourage discussion and to gauge understanding, ask open-ended questions, such as the following:

- » What is sin?
- » Can you think of specific sins you have done?
- » Are you bothered by your sin?
- » Who is Jesus?
- » Why did Jesus have to die?
- » Why did Jesus rise from the dead?
- » When you receive the gift of eternal life, is there anything else you have to do? Emphasize that salvation is not based on what we do but is a gift from God through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**Respond.** When children demonstrate a basic understanding of salvation, encourage them to talk with their parents about what it means to become a child of God (if parents are believers). If they come from a non-Christian home, encourage them to express belief in Jesus through prayer, confessing sin and asking Jesus to save them.

Some children may not be ready to make a decision. For children who have previously made a decision, they may need reassurance or want to confess sin.

- » Read Romans 10:9-10 and John 10:28-29 with those who need assurance, encouraging them to trust in God's promises.
- » For those wanting to confess sin, read 1 John 1:9 and remind them that God forgives when they repent (turn from sin).

**Celebrate.** Rejoice together! Read Luke 15:10.

**Grow.** Explain that children of God receive the Holy Spirit, who helps them understand and obey the Bible. Share practical ways for them to grow in faith and follow Jesus:

- » Read the Bible and obey what it says. (Provide a Bible.)
- » Pray every day. Prayer is talking to God.
- » Attend a church that teaches that the Bible is God's true Word.
- » Tell others about Jesus.

As you faithfully teach and guide children in the gospel, trust God to work in their hearts. Continue to pray for them and encourage them as they grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Christ.

# Supply List

## Day 1

### CROSS TRAIL MIX (8 HALF-CUP SERVINGS)

- 1 c. oyster crackers
- ½ c. mini pretzels
- ½ c. veggie straws
- 1 c. Cheez-Its
- ½ c. M&M's
- ½ c. mini chocolate chips

### SWEET SHEEP (PER CHILD)

- 1 mini powdered donut
- 2 pretzel sticks
- 1 chocolate wafer
- Small dab of white icing

### EMERALD-ADE DRINK INGREDIENTS

- Limeade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

## Day 2

### SCENE 23:2 (PER CHILD)

- 1 graham cracker
- White icing
- Green and blue food coloring
- A few white candy beads

### BORDER COLLIE PAW PRINT (PER CHILD)

- 1 small or medium flour tortilla
- 2 tbsp. marinara sauce (adjust for tortilla size)
- ¼ c. shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large pepperoni slice
- 4 small pepperoni slices

### GREEN OR BLUE SMOOTHIE INGREDIENTS

(1 QUART FOR EVERY 5 CHILDREN)

- 1 c. spinach
- ½ c. ice
- 1 banana
- ½ avocado
- ½ c. milk
- Dash of cinnamon
- 2 tsp. honey
- (Optional) blue spirulina powder to make it blue

## Day 3

### STUFFED STAFF (4 SERVINGS)

- 1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 2 mozzarella cheese sticks
- 8 tbsp. marinara sauce

### BIRD'S NEST (4 NESTS)

- 1 c. pretzel sticks
- 1 c. chow mein noodles
- ½ c. butterscotch baking chips
- 2 tsp. butter
- 12 small candy eggs or jelly beans

## GOLDEN LEMONADE INGREDIENTS

- Lemonade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

## Day 4

### PILED-HIGH POPCORN (SERVINGS VARY DEPENDING ON CUP SIZE)

- Premade bags of popcorn OR
- ½ c. popcorn kernels
- 3 tbsp. cooking oil
- ¼ c. melted butter
- Salt to taste

## SPARKLING ORANGE DRINK INGREDIENTS

- Orange Crush or orange drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

## FULL FLOAT (ABOUT 20 SERVINGS)

- ½ gallon rainbow sherbet
- Two 2-liters orange soda

## Day 5

### COW PATTIES (SEE PACKAGING FOR SERVING SIZE)

- Ding Dongs, 1 per person OR
- Premade chocolate Rice Krispies treats
- 1½ tbsp. marshmallow cream, per person
- 1 tbsp. chocolate icing, per person

## SPUD CIRCLES

(4-6 SERVINGS, DEPENDING ON POTATO SIZE)

- 3 potatoes, cleaned
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- Salt
- 1½ c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 slices cooked and crumbled bacon
- Sour cream

## GREEN BERRY RUSH DRINK INGREDIENTS

- Hawaiian Punch Green Berry Rush, 1 quart for every 5 children

## Basic Supplies

- Mixing bowls, stirring spoons, and whisks
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Knives and cutting boards
- Butter knives for spreading
- Drink pitchers or coolers
- Plate or flat working surface for assembly
- Baking sheet
- Small condiment cups and lids
- Muffin tin and muffin tin liners or nonstick spray
- Large saucepan with lid
- Ice cream scoop
- Clear punch cups and fun straws or spoons
- Parchment paper
- Snack-sized baggies
- Themed plates, napkins, spoons, and/or cups for serving