

Vacation Bible School Sunday

June 23, 2024



Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

L In the name of the Father, and of the (T) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Brief Order of Confession & Absolution

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**"Just as I have
loved you, you should
love each other."
(John 13:34)**

Song: Thanks, God

Thanks, God,
For all the good things you do.
Thanks, God,
You're my light and my truth.
Ooh

Thanks, God,
For the good things you've made.
Thanks, God,
For this heart that was saved.
Ooh
Thanks, God.

All the waves when they crash, when they roar,
So fun to ride one up to the shore.
Thanks, God.
All the wonders under the deep,
Down to the bottom where I'll never reach.
Thanks, God.

Oh, that you love me, I'm so amazed.
Makes me want to say

Thanks, God,
For all the good things you do.
Thanks, God,
You're my light and my truth.
Ooh

Thanks, God,
For the good things you've made.
Thanks, God,
For this heart that was saved.
Ooh
Thanks, God.

I'm diving into your love.
Watch me, here I,
I come.

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Watch me, here I,
I come.

Thanks, God,
For all the good things you do.
Thanks, God,
You're my light and my truth.
Ooh

Thanks, God,
For the good things you've made.
Thanks, God,
For this heart that was saved.
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Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

c And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let the children come to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Take them in your arms and bless them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Accept the praises which our children offer here, and move us all, with childlike faith and youthful enthusiasm, to celebrate with joy the blessings of your coming in our midst.

c **Amen.**

Song: One True God

Chorus

You are the one true God.
There will never be another.
You are the faithful God.
Forever we will praise your name.

Verse

Lord, your mercy is unending.
You forgive our every sin.
You're the hope when we are hopeless.
Lord, your love
Has drawn us in.
You brought us all together.
We are yours forever,
And together we will sing.

You are the one true God.
There will never be another.
You are the faithful God.
Forever we will praise your name.

You are the one true God.
You are the faithful God.
You are the one true God.
You are the faithful God.

**"We believe,
and we know you are
the Holy One of God."
(John 6:69)**

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Day One: God is a friend who's real. **Thanks, God!**

Bible Story: God shows himself to Elijah through ups and downs.
(1 Kings 18–19)



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Song: Count Your Blessings

Verse 1

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the
Lord has done.

Verse 2

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the
Lord has done.

(Repeat Chorus)

Chorus

Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God has done;
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God has done.

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Day Two: God is a friend who loves. **Thanks, God!**

Bible Story: God shows compassion to the people of Nineveh. (Jonah 1–3)

Song: I Have a Friend (Yo Tengo un Amigo)

I have a friend who loves me,
Who loves me, who loves me.
I have a friend who loves me,
And Jesus is his name.

He loves me; he loves me;
He loves me with such [a] tender love.
He loves me; he loves me,
And Jesus is his name.

Yo tengo un amigo que me ama;
me ama; me ama.
Yo tengo un amigo que me ama;
Su nombre es Jesus.

Que me ama; me ama; me ama;
Con tierno amor.
Me ama; me ama;
Su nombre es Jesus.

I have a friend who loves me,
Who loves me, who loves me.
I have a friend who loves me,
And Jesus is his name.
And Jesus is his name.
And Jesus is his name.

Finnley



Day Three: God is a friend we can trust. **Thanks, God!**

Bible Story: Jesus calms a storm. (Mark 4:35-41)

Song: God is a Friend We Can Trust

Chorus

God, God gives us peace in the trouble.
We struggle, he's there for us.
God, God is a Father who loves us,
A friend when we need him.
Our God is a friend we can trust.
God, God gives us peace in the trouble.
We struggle, he's there for us.
God, God is a Father who loves us,
A friend when we need him.
Our God is a friend we can trust.
Our God is a friend we can trust.
Our God is a friend we can trust.

Verse

We've all been let down.
We've all had a storm.
Everybody's had some hard times.
If you're hurtin' now,
If the thunder's loud,
You need a friend who sticks by your side.
You've got a friend who will always be with you,
Calming the winds and the rain.
We've all been let down.
We've all had a storm.
But only one friend is the way.

Chorus

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Ending

Lift your hands 'cause we can trust him.
God is a friend we can trust.
Lift your hands 'cause we can trust him.
God is a friend we can trust.



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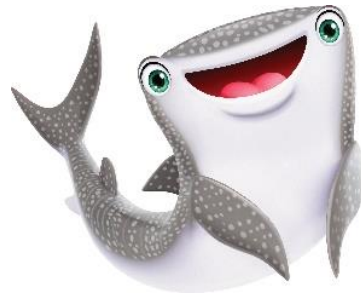
Day Four: God is a friend forever. **Thanks, God!**

Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life. (John 18–20)

Song: Forever God, Forever Love

Chorus

Can you feel it in your heart,
Deep down in your soul?
Let the love of God
Move you, change you.
Raise your eyes to see
The one who gave us all so much,
Forever God, forever love.



Verse

Praise the living God.
He is here, and he is real.
Worship him together, worship him forever.
Look at what he's done.
He gave it all for us.

(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

You will live forever,
Loving us forever.
You will live forever.
God, you are great.
(Repeat BRIDGE 3x)

(Repeat Chorus)

Waylon

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Gathering of Gifts

I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!
You've got a friend in me!
Let's have some fun with each other
Like we're one big happy family.

Yeah, let's slide left, left, left.
Slide left one more time.
Now turn to the right and
Give someone a high-five.

Now slide right, right, right
And get back to where you started.
Now jump up and down.
It's time to party, 'cause

I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!
You've got a friend in me!
Let's have some fun with each other
Like we're one big happy family.

Clap your hands.
Stomp your feet.
Now let's get down, down, down, down,

Now jump and sing with me, 'cause

I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!
You've got a friend in me!
Let's have some fun with each other
Like we're one big happy family.

Now let me hear you shout, hey!
Now shout it again, hey!
Yeah, let's do it all together, 'cause

VBS Musical Offering – One Big Family

We'll be doing it forever,
Together in eternity.

I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!
You've got a friend in me!

Let's have some fun with each other
Like we're one big happy family.

I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!
You've got a friend in me!

Let's have some fun with each other
Like we're one big happy family.



Prayer of the Church

*Each petition focuses on one of the "Bible Points" we learned this week. At the end of each petition, our response is **THANKS, GOD!***

Day Five: God is a friend for everyone. **Thanks, God!**

Bible Story: Lydia believes in Jesus. (Acts 16:11-15)

Song: Your Friend

There's a need in every one of us.
It's written in the code of who we are,
To know and love each other
With a love that only comes from God's own heart.
There's so much for you and me
When it's Jesus who we see.

I will be your friend
Because the Lord has shown us
A love that never ends,
A bond that can't be broken.
You can count on me.
Whatever you need,
I will be here for you.
No matter where or when,
I will be your friend.



Octavia

Benediction

Announcements

Dismissal

P Lord Jesus, you lead us! Now we go as....

C **Disciples making disciples.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Together at SCUBA we explored unfathomable faith! We got to explore what it means to dive deeper into a friendship with God. We praised God with some fun songs and learned about how God is always there for us. We made some great dive buddies and learned that we are the hands and heart of God to others around us.

Each day at VBS we collected items to be given to people and families in need. On Tuesday we collected over \$1,800.00 to support Helping Kids in Venezuela. We have been able to support this organization at VBS for many years and we were excited to continue to help again this year. On Wednesday, we brought in socks that will be shared with homeless people right here in Broward County through LifeNet4Families. Thursday, we collected School Supplies for kids in Haiti through Habitat for Children. Friday, we collected non-perishable food for families locally to be distributed through LifeNet4Families.

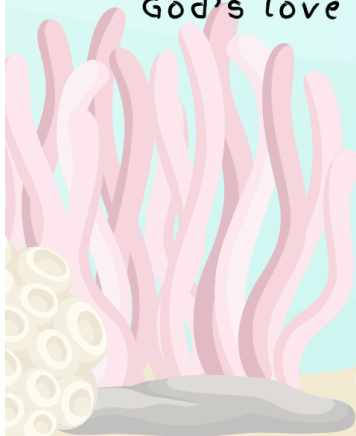
Thank you Volunteers

We never could have done it without our volunteers and all the generous donations from our congregation! Thanks so much!

Please consider helping out again next year at TRUE NORTH Vacation Bible School 2025!

God bless you as you enjoy your summer. Remember, we gather every Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. to receive God's love and grace and lift His name on high!

God's love is for you! Come receive it every Sunday!





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