



# Camp Discovery News

Key Theme: Jesus is at work through us.

Key Bible Verse: "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

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Adult Bible Study: 9:30am Sunday School: begins Sunday morning at approximately 9:20am with opening devotions in the Sanctuary.

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## From Pastor Frye

It is amazing how in just one week our gracious God can lead His children to discover so many wonderful things about Him. From the Treetops Storytelling the children learned how involved in our lives He chooses to be. And He gives us such outstanding gifts. Over five days each child learned to acknowledge: "Jesus gives me COURAGE, WISDOM, FAITH, and Jesus SAVES ME, and GIVES ME HIS LOVE TO SHARE." All of the Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks and games helped our "young campers" to **Discover** that "*Jesus Is At Work Through Us.*" We pray that each child may continue to know and experience God's forgiving love in Jesus and that the lessons they learned at **Camp Discovery** may guide and carry them throughout life.

It was our privilege at Holy Cross to welcome so many children during the week of Vacation Bible School. It is our desire to continue to be an important part of the lives of these children and their families. It is our hope and prayer that our Savior will graciously "spread His tent over them" in the course of their daily lives, and that those who may wish to learn more may join with us here in a lifetime of discovery.

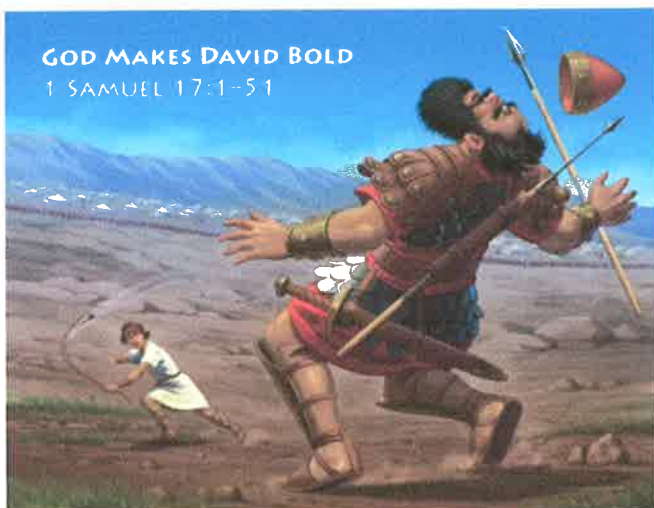
## From Pastor Stirdivant

Welcome to VBS Camp Discovery 2015! This year we find ourselves in the treetops and we discover all the great ways that Jesus is at work through us. But before Jesus gets to work through us, we must remember that He went through all the work FOR us. He came among us and saved us from sin. He died to pay the price for our separation from God the Father. He rose from the dead to welcome us as forgiven people into His eternal kingdom.

He was with the great believers of the past, like young David, brave Deborah, Daniel's faithful friends, poor blind Bartimaeus, and also humble Ananias. Some of them did great looking, amazing things, others were very "low-key" and did not have much human recognition. But all of them had in common a call to believe in the one, true God, and Jesus Christ our Savior, just like all of us!

Our vocations in life all look different from each other, but that difference is exactly the way God places us in this world to serve others and give to the world the joy that comes from believing in Jesus for eternal life! Have a great week and bring a friend to church and Sunday school to find out more!

Pastor Stirdivant

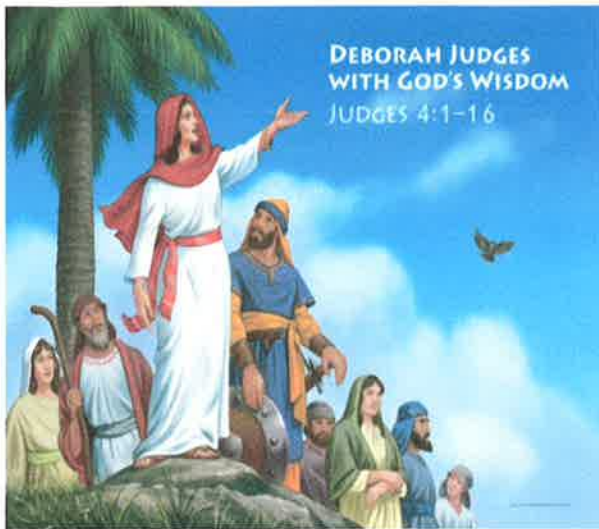


Day 1:

***"Be strong and courageous...God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9**

On the first day of VBS our Bible story was on David a shepherd who helped his family by caring for their sheep. The children discovered how God was at work through this shepherd. Shepherds care for sheep. They find healthy plants for the sheep to eat and water for them to drink, and they protect them from danger all day and all night. We discovered how God was at work through this shepherd! Jesus gives us courage!

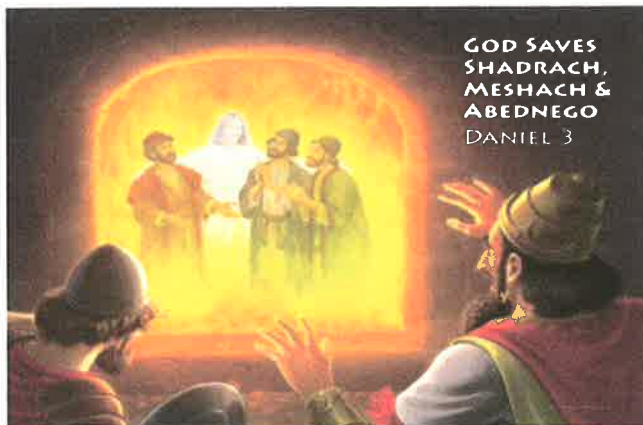
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**Day 2:**

**“The Lord gives wisdom...knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6**

**On our second day of VBS we learned the Bible story of Deborah a judge who helped God’s people with the wisdom God gave her. We discovered how God was at work through this judge! Jesus gives us His wisdom!**



**Day 3:**

**“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us.” Daniel 3:17**

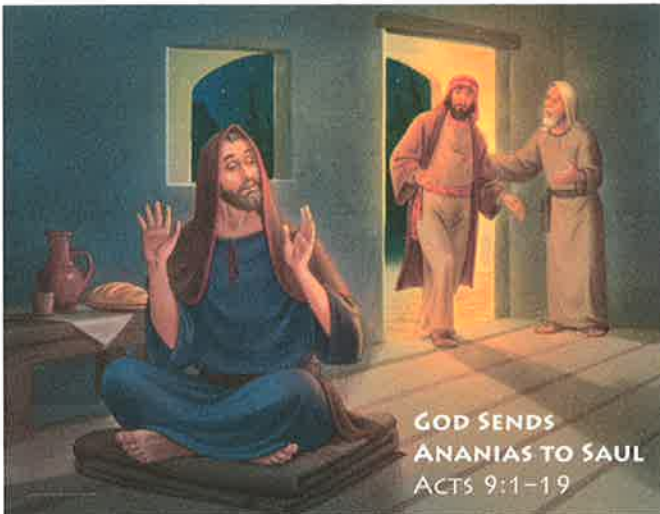
**Three young men in the Bible story today were captives. They were far away from their homeland. The king had them serving in his government, and they were living in a culture that didn’t honor the one true God. God works through us wherever we are, even as captives! In Bible times, when two countries went to war, the winning king would sometimes take people of the losing country captive. Those people might be put to work for that king. We discovered how God was at work through these captives! Jesus saves us!**



Day 4:

**"Faith... is the gift of God."** Ephesians 2:8

In the Bible story on the fourth day of VBS we learned of a humble blind man named Bartimaeus. He was a beggar. In New Testament times, blind people could not work and had to beg for food and money. Bartimaeus depended on the compassion and mercy of the people who passed by him on the road between Jericho and Jerusalem for the things he needed to live. We discovered how Jesus is at work through this humble beggar! Jesus gives us faith!



Day 5:

**"We love because He first loved us."** 1 John 4:19

In the Bible story on the fifth day we heard about a man named Ananias. We don't know a lot about Ananias. For example, we don't know how he made a living. But the Bible tells us that Ananias had the vocation of disciple. When Jesus gives us faith, He calls us to the vocation of disciple. A disciple of Jesus follows Jesus by studying and believing His Word. We discovered how Jesus was at work through his disciples! Jesus gives us His love to share!



### **From Camper Carl**

What a blessing it has been to see Christ Jesus at work through His people at Holy Cross 2015 VBS. His work will continue through us ("Jesus at work through us") with our mission offerings. We are supporting the Lutheran Church in Siberia with this year's VBS offerings. Their work is Christ Centered and the need is great for children and adults alike.

This week we have learned how Jesus gives us courage, wisdom and knowledge and saves us from our sinful condition then empowers us with His Holy Spirit to share this with others.

Please ask your children about what they have learned and experienced this week? We cordially invite you to join us in Worship Services at Holy Cross anytime.



## **SPLASH'N DASH GAMES**

***"Be strong and courageous God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9***

At Splash'n Dash Games the week was about extreme energy, excitement and a little bit of silliness. It gave the kids a fun time moving and reinforcing the Bible story they studied for the day.



## **Chester The Squirrel**

**During the week of VBS the children were introduced to Chester the Squirrel. Chester was a collector. Some squirrels collect nuts but our Chester collected BOOKS! He wants to become a librarian someday!**

**The first day Chester brought his animal books. Chester was scared! Our Bible story taught us Jesus is with us all the time and gives us courage! Jesus works through us and we help others!**

**The second day, Chester brought his number and alphabet books so we could learn from them. We learned that wisdom is a gift that comes from God. God's wisdom is a book called the Bible. The Lord gives us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so we can help others, just as Deborah helped God's people.**

**The third day, Chester had a big problem! He was collecting books and he got stuck in a plastic pipe. We helped him and saved him from that bad situation. In our Bible story that morning we learned about 3 men who were also in a bad situation. God saved them! Jesus saves us! Hooray for God!**

**The fourth day we visited Chester, we discovered he was making his OWN book. He was drawing pictures of all the animals he had seen at camp. When we asked him where the bear was, he said "there were NO bears at camp"! We knew there were because we saw a bear in the tent! But Chester didn't believe us. In our Bible story that morning, we learned about a man named Bartimaeus who couldn't see. God gave him faith to believe in Jesus! Jesus gives us faith! We can't see Jesus, but we believe that Jesus is our Savior.**

**The last day, Chester was all excited! He ran into his old friend Rocky the mountain goat. Rocky is a fantastic mountain climber! Chester thought it was amazing and wanted to tell us about it! Jesus gives us His love to share! Its exciting news, and we want to tell our family, our friends, and our neighbors about Jesus, and we want to help them too! Chester told his friend Rocky about Jesus! Jesus is at work through us!**

# CAMPFIRE SNACKS



## Why Campfire Snacks?

Camp Discovery was an active place, and kids get hungry! Campfire Snacks were a favorite place for nourishment, conversation, and connections. Mealtimes for Christians are always a great time for prayer, conversation, and growing in faith and fellowship.

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35*



# WILDERNESS CRAFTS



God has created us, His people, to create, to remember our God and His Word and mighty acts, to praise our God, and to share with others the Good News that Jesus gives amazing grace! One of the favorite sites of VBS was Crafts, where kids and adults used their God-given creative gifts to remember God's presence and promises.

*Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded. Exodus 35:10*



# S'MORE FUN SONGS

The people of God have always used music to sing God's Word and praise His name and mighty deeds. VBS was a great place for kids to gather to sing praise to our triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who has delivered us through the person and work of the Son, Jesus Christ.

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Psalm 98:4*

**Things the children and staff enjoyed about VBS:**

**The games Chester Boomerang Jesus Singing fun crafts Storytime**

**Creative snacks Smiling faces Going in the tent Wonderful weather**

**I haven't heard those Bible stories in a long long long time Taking pictures**

**Kids returning from last year Sand art Teamwork Goliath Friends**

**Music More activities Impressed how VBS program is so connected**

**My mom worked with Chester Children blowing kisses Marshmallows**

**Enjoyed the smile on kids faced through the eye of the camera lens as they learn about Jesus Fun Pastors teaching the Bible Stories with great interaction**

**Helping the children with crafts Caring staff Hugs Well behaved children**

**A great program Sponges on our backs Eating fun snacks Bible verses**

**Can I hang my craft on my Christmas tree? Going fast and fun Courage**

**Well organized ECC teachers were wonderful helpers Pastor's teaching**

**What a sweet bunch of loving kids and they are attentive Great props**