

DECORATING AND SUPPLIES

RANCH HAND TIPS

- Gather the crafts and recreation supplies only if preteen will not rotate to these sites.
- The *Bible Study Enhanced CD* (Pack Item 24) is referenced in the teaching plan as CD. For audio files, the track number is given next to the CD reference.
- Find more decorating ideas in the *VBS 2010 Decorating Made Easy* book.
- Use the suggestions for decorating teaching spaces tastefully. Plan to spend the majority of your preparation time on Bible teaching, not room decoration.

BUNKHOUSE DECOR

The Bible Study Bunkhouse is based on the concept of a bunkhouse that ranch hands might stay in on a working ranch. The following suggestions will get you started in the right direction.

- Create a 3-D fireplace mantle from insulation foam board. Place a faux fire in the “fireplace.”
- Use large sheets of brown paper or corrugated cardboard to create the illusion of wood paneling on a focal wall. Draw wood grain lines with a marker.
- Place colorful saddle blankets on the floor for preteens to sit on.
- Set cowboy boots and a hat near the door.
- Use rustic wooden lawn furniture as seating.
- Set rustic lanterns around the room and display horseshoes on the walls.
- Lean an old wagon wheel against the door.

EVERYDAY SUPPLIES

- Bibles
- VBX 2010 Activity Pak: Preteen* (one per preteen)
- VBX Preteen Bible Study Leader Pack* including “Instructions for Pack Items” (Pack Item 1) to provide information on how to display and prepare pack items and the *Bible Study Enhanced CD* (Pack Item 24) which contains music and data files for additional teaching helps.
- “Small Group Questions” (CD) *optional*
- CD player
- Pencils or pens (one per preteen)
- Scissors (one pair per preteen)
- Markers or colored pencils
- Hole punch
- Tape or wall tack to attach lightweight items to the walls
- Prepare any needed items from the “Bible Study Enhanced CD” (Pack Item 24)

DAY 1

EXCITE

- Leader Pack Items 2, 3, 4, and 5
- “Saddle Ridge Ranch” (Track 1)
- “Cowpoke Yodel” (Track 2)
- “Dinner Bell” (Track 3)
- “Night Sounds” (Track 4)
- Star Facts (CD)

- Sticky notes (two to three per child)
- Poster board. Draw a large question mark in the center of the board and tape the board to the focal wall.
- Construction paper (two sheets)
- Lunch bags (two)
- Stamp pad
- Theme stamp
- Flashlights (one per preteen)

EXPLORE

- Leader Pack Items 3 and 6
- “Dinner Bell” (Track 3)
- “Round ‘Em Up” (Track 5)
- Tear sheet (one). Tape the sheet to the focal wall.
- Markers. You will need brown, green, blue, and black.
- Colored candies or jelly beans (10 per preteen, in four different colors)
- Small plastic bags (one per preteen). Place 10 pieces of different colored candy in each bag.
- Craft Supplies
 - Clear, flat-bottomed glass gems (three per preteen)
 - Round, self-adhesive magnets (three per preteen)
 - Paintbrushes (one per preteen)
 - Decoupage medium
 - White paper

EXCEL

- Leader Pack Items 2 and 6
- “Dinner Bell” (Track 3)
- “Small Group Questions” (CD) *optional*
- Poster board. Cut the board into fourths. Divide today’s Bible verse into four phrases and print one phrase in each section of the poster board.
- Blank sheet of paper
- Small blue ball
- Piece of blue ribbon
- Toy shovel
- Plush bird or animal
- Name tag
- Pillow
- Plastic bone or picture of a bone
- Recreation Supplies
 - Playground balls (two)
 - Masking tape or rope to designate “Start” lines.

- Chairs or traffic cones (eight)

DAY 2 EXCITE

- Leader Pack Items 3 and 7
- "Saddle Ridge Ranch" (Track 1, instrumental)
- "Round 'Em Up" (Track 5)
- Chair or orange cone
- Inflated balloon
- Timer or watch with a second hand

EXPLORE

- Leader Pack Items 3 and 7
- "Bible Story Scavenger Hunt Clues" (CD)
- "Dinner Bell" (Track 3)
- "Night Sounds" (Track 4)
- "Round 'Em Up" (Track 5)
- Tear sheets (four). Print one of the following titles on each sheet: *Ways God provides for our physical needs; Ways God provides for us during tough times; Ways God provided for Joseph; Ways God provided for Joseph's family.*
- Craft Supplies
 - Cross cut from foam board (one per preteen)
 - Pinecones (each preteen will need enough scales to cover his cross)
 - Pull tab from soda can (one per preteen)
 - Paintbrushes (one per preteen)
 - Hot glue (teacher use only)
 - Several small bowls

EXCEL

- Leader Pack Items 2, 8, and 9a-j
- "Dinner Bell" (Track 3)
- "Round 'Em Up" (Track 5)
- "Wildlife Hunt Cards" (CD)
- Lunch bags (one per preteen)
- String (two 18-inch lengths per preteen)
- Zip-locking bags (one per preteen)
- Strips of paper (five per preteen)
- Potato sticks (enough to cover the Bible verse cards in each bag)
- Recreation Supplies
 - Chairs (two)
 - Blindfolds (two)
 - Large metal tubs (two)
 - Shoes (four pairs)

DAY 3 EXCITE

- Leader Pack Items 3 and 10
- "Dinner Bell" (Track 3)
- "Round 'Em Up" (Track 5)

- Sticky notes (six per preteen)
- Paper cups (one per preteen). Place the cups throughout the room on the floor.
- Cotton balls (one per preteen)
- Cotton swabs (one per preteen)
- Assistant (Enlist a person to assist you. Give him a copy of the Bible story. Ask him to act out the actions as you tell the story.)

EXPLORE

- Leader Pack Items 11 and 12
- "Like Jesus" (Track 6, instrumental)
- "Response Cards" (CD)
- Heavyweight paper (10 sheets)
- Plastic bottle caps (10)
- Craft Supplies
 - 4-by-6-inch cardboard (one per preteen)
 - 4-by-6-inch heavyweight paper (one per preteen)
 - 4-by-6-inch sheets of lined paper (10 per preteen)
 - Paper fasteners (two per preteen)
 - Craft sticks (one per preteen)
 - Theme-related stickers or stamps

EXCEL

- Leader Pack Item 2
- "Dinner Bell" (Track 3)
- "Like Jesus" (Track 6, instrumental)
- "What's Your Brand?" (CD)
- "Day 3 Review Questions" (CD)
- Alphabet-shaped cereal or pasta
- Large bowls (two)
- Recreation Supplies
 - Branding irons (two new toilet bowl plungers)
 - White powder
 - Flat containers (two)
 - Large stuffed animals (two)

DAY 4 EXCITE

- Leader Pack Items 3, 13, and 14
- "Saddle Ridge Ranch" (Track 1, instrumental)
- "Slide Show Scripture Reading" (CD)

EXPLORE

- Leader Pack Items 2, 14, 15, and 16
- "Round 'Em Up" (Track 5)
- Timer or watch with a second hand
- Index cards. Print one to two words of today's Bible verse on each card. Make one set per group. Keep a set of blank cards as well.

- Craft Supplies
 - 1-by-12-inch strips of denim (two per preteen)
 - 1-by-12-inch strips of white sheet or cloth (one per preteen)
 - Thin cord (two 6-inch strands and one 8-inch strand per preteen)

EXCEL

- Leader Pack Item 17
- "Day 4 Review Questions" (CD)
- Balls of yarn (one color per team)
- Giant Game Floor Mat. Place one card from Pack Item 17 into each pocket.
- Sunglasses (two pair)
- Foam plates (10 per team). Cut the center out of each plate to create a ring.
- Newspaper
- Recreation Supplies
 - Foam balls (several)
 - Sidewalk chalk or masking tape

DAY 5 EXCITE

- Leader Pack Items 3, 18, and 19
- "Round 'Em Up" (Track 5)
- Index cards (one per preteen)
- Cowboy hats (two)
- Chairs or traffic cones (eight)
- Stopwatch

EXPLORE

- "Go To It! Do It! Assignment Sheets" (CD)
- Tear sheets (three)
- Craft Supplies
 - Bubble packing 16-by-20-inch pieces (one per preteen)
 - Materials to fill the bedroll (clean candy, gum, or chip wrappers; fabric scraps; ribbons; bows; tissue paper; balloons; cotton balls; and so forth)
 - Colored duct tape

EXCEL

- Leader Pack Items 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, and 23
- Cowboy hat (one)
- Paint card samples with six colors per card (two per preteen)
- Fabric ribbon (10-inches per preteen)
- Recreation Supplies
 - Buckets (two per team, one filled with water for each team)
 - Zip-locking bags (one per team with holes poked in it)

Note: For official theme-related LifeWay VBS die cuts, visit www.accucut.com/lifeway or call 1-800-288-1670.