

A MET VBS ADVENTURE MANUAL



TREETOP TREATS



CROSSCUT CREEK

SNACKS

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CALENDAR

DAY 1

DAY 2

DAILY THEME

CREATED

PLANTED

BIBLE LESSON

THE FIRST TREES

Genesis 1-3

KNOCK, KNOCK!

Acts 12, Luke 11 & 18

**CROSS SECTIONS
(VERSES)**

Ephesians 6:1

Colossians 4:2

WOODLAND CREATURE



beaver



woodpecker

CHARACTER TRAITS

OBEDIENCE

Quickly and cheerfully
completing a task

PERSEVERANCE

Not giving up,
even if it's hard

**CUTTING EDGE
(CRAFTS)**

Chipper the Beaver



"Fir the Birds"



**LIMBER LUMBER YARD
(GAMES)**

Tree-Toppin' Time

Acorn Hunt

**TREETOP TREATS
(SNACKS)**



Chipper's Home



Forest Floor

CHIP'S TIPS

I.D. Tag

Leaf Picture

NDAR



DAY 3

ROOTED

THE FIRE FELLER

1 Kings 18

Jeremiah 17:7

DAY 4

WATERED

LIVING WATER

John 7

Psalm 37:7

DAY 5

PRUNED

PRISON PRAISE

Acts 16

John 15:2



Flying squirrel



Black bear



Wood frog

CONFIDENCE

Trusting in someone or something

PATIENCE

Waiting without losing hope

RESILIENCE

Recovering quickly from difficulty

Forest Friends



Let's Get Growing!



Nature Bookmark



Log Pile

Millrace Mayhem

Logger Frogger



Stumps & Wood Chips



Timber Treats



Leafy Delights

Clad in Plaid

Make a Waterwheel

Team Color

LET'S GET GROWING! (JER. 17:8)

however, due to circumstances, facilities, and timing, some items may change slightly.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us on a log-rolling, axe-throwing, heart-pounding adventure as we discover how to grow in God at...



DAILY THEMES



DAY #1 | CREATED

Wow! We're created in God's image! Our goal is to bring Him glory! Long ago, the first man and woman disobeyed God and ate fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, changing the course of history! All actions, whether good or bad, have consequences. The first step toward spiritual growth is recognizing that we're sinners in need of a Savior.



DAY #2 | PLANTED

"Knock, knock!" You don't have to wonder, "Who's there?" when you pray, because prayer is the life-line of communication that flows between us and God. Jesus's story about the persistent widow teaches us to pray without giving up! Just like a mighty tree grows from a tiny seed, God planted you where you are for a special purpose!



DAY #3 | ROOTED

The ultimate showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel illustrates the importance of trusting in the one true God! We must know what we believe and stand firm in the faith, even when we stand alone! Hang on to your hard hats, because this is one top-thrill competition you won't want to miss!



DAY #4 | WATERED

Just like trees need water to survive and thrive, we need Jesus, the Living Water, to nourish our souls so we can grow spiritually! It takes a long time for a tree to grow. In times of waiting, we can trust that God's plan is best!



DAY #5 | PRUNED

In their groundbreaking Prison Praise concert, Paul and Silas sang a song that literally brought the house down! This dynamic duo faced one trial after another, but that didn't stop them from praising God and sharing the gospel with others! Sometimes the pruning process hurts, but it produces abundant spiritual fruit in the end.



A DAY AT VBS

From the moment Loggers arrive at CROSSCUT CREEK, they are immersed in an incredible VBS experience overflowing with excitement and adventure!

SUN-UP RALLY

The high-energy Sun-Up Rally is loaded with lively, Scripture-based songs, dramatized Bible stories, a true-life hero story, character trait highlights, hilarious skits, and more! After this rally, the Loggers get chip-chopping into their Jobsite Rotation at CROSSCUT CREEK!

JOBSITE ROTATION

CUTTING EDGE (CRAFTS)

Creativity is in full bloom at Cutting Edge where Loggers use their God-given imaginations to create fancy woodpeckers, whimsical forest friends, beautiful nature bookmarks, and more!

LIMBER LUMBER YARD (GAMES)

Speed and agility are put to the test at the Limber Lumber Yard! It's non-stop motion as Loggers team up to clear log jams and race to cross the creek in time for the award ceremony. Oh! Be sure to watch out for flying squirrels!

SHARPENING SESSION (CLASS)

Here, Loggers discover how to apply to their daily lives what they've learned about growing in God. Interactive review games reinforce the daily memory verse, and everyone is given an opportunity to respond to the gospel message.

TREETOP TREATS (SNACKS)

Mm-mmm! Do you smell that delicious aroma?! A fresh batch of Leafy Delights just came out of the oven! At Treetop Treats, hungry Loggers fill their bellies with delicious Pepperoni Stumps, Wood Chips, and Trail Mix from the Forest Floor! There's plenty for everyone, so grab another hot cookie before you tackle the next tree!

TIMBER TIME (MERRILL TEAM)

During Timber Time, Loggers learn toe-tapping tunes that reinforce Biblical themes, put lumberjack skills to the test while playing review games, and discover new ways to grow in God!

SUN-DOWN RALLY

During the closing Sun-Down Rally, Loggers are rewarded for a job well done! But, be on the lookout for those pesky night-prowlers causing mayhem at the lumber mill! Don't get stuck clinging to a dead limb! Find out how you can grow in God at CROSSCUT CREEK!

WHY THIS PROGRAM?

People all around us are withering away from a lack of spiritual nourishment. Prayer, Bible reading, and church attendance—essential elements for spiritual growth—are sadly neglected in many homes and nearly non-existent in secular schools.

Developing a thriving relationship with God at an early age is invaluable! Paul told Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15)

We've got a lot of work to do!

LET'S
GET
GROWING!

SNACK INSTRUCTIONS



LOGGER TIP

Created for a Purpose

Hello, Loggers! Welcome to Treetop Treats!

Earlier, we learned that God created you for a special purpose! He also created beavers like Chip. Beavers live in homes made out of logs and sticks on a water source like a creek or river. Their home is called a beaver dam or lodge. Let's thank God for all the wonderful things He's created!

#1 | CHIP'S HOME

INGREDIENTS

CREEK CUPS

- _____ Berry blue gelatin pkgs. (6 oz. each)
- _____ Blueberries

BEAVER DAM COOKIES

- _____ Chow Mein noodles (12 oz.)
- _____ Butterscotch chips (12 oz.)
- _____ Milk chocolate chips (12 oz.)
- _____ Choco Rocks (can be purchased at Hobby Lobby in Baking Supplies)

OTHER

- _____ Parchment paper
- _____ Large trays or baking sheets
- _____ Plastic spoons
- _____ 7 oz. clear, plastic cups

DRINKS

- Apple juice
- Water

DIRECTIONS

CREEK CUPS

1. Make gelatin according to package instructions.
2. Pour ½ cup of gelatin into clear, plastic cups.
3. Add a tablespoon of blueberries.
4. Place prepared gelatin cups in refrigerator to set.

BEAVER DAM COOKIES

1. Line large trays/baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Place butterscotch chips and milk chocolate chips in microwave safe bowl.
3. Heat in microwave for 30 second intervals, stir, and repeat until mixture is smooth.
4. Add chow mein noodles and toss until noodles are fully coated with chocolate.
5. Scoop 2 tablespoons of the mixture into mounds and place on parchment-lined trays.
6. Let cookies harden before moving.
7. Plate and serve 1 Creek Cup and 1 Beaver Dam per person.

YIELD

CREEK CUPS | Eight - ½ cup servings per 6 oz. box

BEAVER DAM COOKIES | Approximately 50 cookies

BEAVER DAM COOKIES CAN BE REFRIGERATED.
TO KEEP BLUEBERRIES FROM FLOATING ON
TOP, ALLOW GELATIN TO THICKEN PARTIALLY
IN THE CUP BEFORE ADDING BLUEBERRIES.
DYE-FREE GELATIN IS AVAILABLE.

