

Virtual VBS Guide – “I’ve Got This! With Jesus”

Philippians 4:13, NLT

Welcome to UMI’s Virtual VBS Guide!

Your Virtual VBS Guide is a quick overview to review what items you can expect from the VBS curriculum, the must-haves the Director’s Plan Kit, the Teacher Resource Kit, and ideas to help you jumpstart and plan Virtual VBS. Plan a virtual “I’ve Got This! With Jesus” VBS.

Let us remember as we discover each of us can boldly say, “I’ve Got This! With Jesus” as you teach and discover the excellence in Jesus.

Remember to PRAY...PREPARE...and have FUN!

Introduce VBS: Director Video - If you are the Director of VBS, record a 2 min-ute-second video of you giving an overview of VBS “I’ve Got This! With Jesus” by welcoming and thanking the teachers, presenting teaching tips, highlighting the Bible lesson Scriptures, theme, delicious snacks, and fun games. Ask your pastor and teachers to each do a 30 second video or live stream about VBS. Make the videos short, fun, and pique their interest in VBS.

We have provided scripts you may want to share with your pastor, teacher, and VBS director. The scripts may be adapted. If you decide to use Zoom, try one of their background settings to help enhance your presentation.

Church Plans for Virtual VBS

The Christian Education Director, VBS director, and other leaders involved in VBS should meet and plan what are the goals and the best ways to have a Virtual VBS, discuss VBS themes, and the overall digital planning for Virtual VBS. Involve the Tech Team in the meeting to ensure that what is planned can happen. The Tech Team can provide valuable suggestions to help the church’s Virtual VBS run smoothly.

Revisit the participants who attended VBS last year and invite them to Virtual VBS. Create a new list that includes updated information and new attendees. Create a VBS invitation or post, and send it to church members and friends of the church through social media, texts, emails, and other forms of digital media. You will need to design a message that is shorter for phone communication.

UMI's "I've Got This! With Jesus," VBS program, shares how "Victory – Strength – Prayer – Praise" in Christ are blessings and opportunities for families, individuals, churches, and communities to declare who Jesus is in their lives. "I've Got This! With Jesus" serves as a model of encouragement we can follow to highlight practical strength builders we can use every day!

Begin by reading your VBS Virtual Playbook. This handy tool is a new feature that will allow you to plan and deliver an exceptional VBS student experience.

VBS Virtual Playbook

Your "I've Got This! With Jesus," Virtual Playbook gives you various how-to tools to help you plan a successful "I've Got This! With Jesus," creative ways to share excellence in Jesus. You will find the following ideas and more to guide you:

- > Sample Plans for Directors to organize your VBS using the *Teacher Resource Kit
- > How to recruit participants and plan for the number of participants this year
- > Host a planning team from previous years VBS teams to assist in contacting parents and families
- > Establishing with the church's Tech Team how to plan and incorporate the church's Social Media, Zoom, Google Hangouts, and more for conducting Virtual VBS.
- > Develop VBS leadership virtual planning meetings, and the information leaders need to gather
- > An outline on how to use Live Stream for teachers and leaders, practice from opening videos, welcoming participants, moving to the dance video, asking questions, and sharing challenges and solutions.

* "I've Got This! With Jesus" Teacher Resource Kits

These kits are helpful for teachers of each age level. It includes a teacher guide, one set per age-level of 10 student folders, the Heritage Focus Pack, the Life Application Poster, and a set of 10 Bible Verses Posters. The preschool and primary levels will have The Bible Storybook for visual understanding of the Scripture passages.

VBS Leadership

The course will be presented by using:

- Scripture text as the foundation for each lesson
- Course components for each age level
- Biblical personalities to illustrate how God equips His people to overcome and accomplish significant levels of success despite adversity

- An instructional DVD feature in the Teacher Resource KIT shares in-depth demonstrations of how to run a thriving Bible program. It will outline the basics of leading, teaching, and preparing your committee and staff for excellence. This video can be used as a promotional device with bonus features.
- Videos to introduce and outline the age-level lessons, snack suggestions, dance, and music.

All of the following items are available for you in print and already for you to order.

CURRICULUM

Teacher Guides

The “I’ve Got This! With Jesus,” Teacher Guides provides complete directions for leading children through biblical training. From preschool to teen levels will follow an easy six-step instructional process from lesson introduction to the lesson closing. A course summary with a daily planning sheet along with a snack and games section is included. Each teacher guide contains the “I’ve Got This! With Jesus” Closing Program for the finale. Adapt the finale program to create your closing. Include the download music and songs for your class and the closing program.

Student Folders

The student folders are instrumental in making the Bible lesson a reality for all age levels. Each lesson will have a Scripture reference, a Bible verse for memorization, a life-related story, and age-appropriate activities.

Adult Book

Just Like Us – Biblical Successful Models for Our Communities compiled and edited by Bennie Goodwin, PhD Goodwin examines twelve Old Testament biblical leaders, their leadership styles, and relationships with God. His insights into the lives of the leaders are to enrich your experience and empower you to inspire others. The curriculum consists of a leader’s guide, a student book, and a student workbook.

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The Bible Storybook

This visual aid contains easy-to-understand Bible stories for preschool and primary children. The pictures of biblical characters are reflective of the Black presence in the Bible. Teachers will need this vital piece of reinforcement for reading the Bible lesson to their students.

Heritage Focus Poster

The Heritage Focus Poster introduces ten personalities of African descent who have overcome tremendous obstacles to achieve excellence in their area of expertise. This product can be used to encourage students to excel in their gifts as they understand their rich heritage—the healthy and positive contributions of ten African Americans who reflect the themes highlighted in the lesson.

Life Application Poster

The “I’ve Got This! With Jesus,” Life Application Poster is available in your Teacher Resource Kit for preschool and primary students illustrate how they can accomplish all things with excellence, knowing that God is working through them. Display the posters for participants to see as you discuss the Life Application Poster.

The “I’ve Got This! With Jesus” Life Application Poster for the junior and teen students presents eight visionary propositions that will encourage young people to excel beyond their perceived limitations. Display the posters for participants to see as you discuss the Life Application Poster.

These fun posters can also be used for decorative purposes to reinforce desired Christlike qualities.

Bible Verse Posters

These posters reinforce Scripture memorization using colorful visuals. They can also serve as your “classroom” decorations. Teachers can utilize these posters to create games for the students that will aid in memory review.

Music

“I’ve Got This! With Jesus” Download and CD. Music is celebrated in the “I Got This With Jesus!” A download collection of songs that contains the theme song (sold separately). This collection of youth and children’s songs provides the music for teaching and singing all the songs for this course.

The ABC’s of Salvation Kit

This kit is a useful tool for an individual or a group study for leading children to Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. It includes a teacher booklet, “How Can I Be Saved?” leaflets for children, and three visual aids. **Order at umivbs.com.**