

DAY 1 JESUS IS HOLY



Peter Followed Jesus
(Matthew 4:18-20;
Luke 5:1-11)

Today's Point:
Jesus is holy and that
changes everything!

Bonus Verse: Acts 2:21

NOTE: The ready-to-use Day 1 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) is designed to follow this suggested order of worship. Opening and Closing Rally are included in the same presentation, separated by a

“Closing Rally” slide. You may create customized presentations to match your own order of worship using the individual files provided on Disc 2.

Step 1: Opening Song

Play “Twists and Turns” as kids enter. Lead kids to join in singing and doing the motions. **Tip:** Instructional and performance choreography videos are located on Disc 1 of the Worship Rally DVD Set. Study these videos ahead of time so that you can use the choreography with kids during Worship Rally each day.

Step 2: Pledges, Motto, and Scripture

Lead the kids in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible, as well as the VBS motto and Scripture. Consider inviting older kids to participate as group leaders or enlist your pastor, VBS director, or Worship Rally leader to lead the kids through this part.

Step 3: Day 1 Song

Play “Our God Is Holy.” Lead kids to sing and do the motions.

Step 4: Skit

Opening Rally skit featuring T&T Tournament of Champions with Tripp and Tanner (see p. 11).

Step 5: Offering and Prayer

Explain what an offering is (see p. 6) and what type of offering will be collected during VBS (monetary, supplies, and so forth). Pray before receiving the offering. Play “Jesus, You’re All I Need (Instrumental)” during the offering. Slowly lower the volume to fade out the music if needed.

Step 6: Worship Rally Video

Show the Day 1 Worship Rally video (Disc 1 of DVD set).

Step 7: Closing Comments & Song

Comment: “God shows His power all around us every day—through things we don’t even think about like sunrises and sunsets, flowers and trees. Look around you today and try to count the things around you that only our holy God can do!”

Play “Twists and Turns” as kids are dismissed.

OPENING RALLY SKIT

This year's skit includes a game show host, Tripp, and his cohost, Tanner. The characters can be dressed like game show hosts or in regular clothes. The game players should be VBS leaders chosen prior to each session. Choosing the players prior to the skit will save time and alleviate hurt feelings over the game and/or laughter from the kids.

Stage set: *Table with two stations. Each station has two paper plates. Label each set of plates A and B. A clear bowl in the middle of the table is filled with Goldfish® crackers and a scoop. Tanner has two straws hidden in his pocket.*

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome to T&T Tournament of Champions! We are SO glad you are here. This fast-paced highly skilled challenge is brought to you today by the great folks at Skip Ahead Snacks! Be sure and tell *(insert names of your snack leaders)* Tripp sent you when you skip on over to snacks!

Tanner: I LOVE SNACKS!

Tripp: Oh, yes, and that's my cohost, Tanner. So Tanner, are you ready? *(Tanner answers enthusiastically and ramps up the audience to cheer too.)* Let's get today's contestants up on the stage. *(Introduce the players you have selected for today.)* Tanner, tell us about today's Champion Challenge!

Tanner: Well, we did say today's sponsor is Skip Ahead Snacks and they have provided us with this awesome bowl of *(holds up bowl)*—GOLDFISH CRACKERS! Our contestants will try to move as many goldfish crackers as possible from plate A to plate B in ONE MINUTE.

Tripp: *(nodding encouragingly to the contestants)* That sounds easy enough.

Tanner: But, wait! There's a TWIST! *(Tripp and contestants look shocked and worried.)* You can't touch the crackers. You can only use—a straw! *(Gives each contestant a straw. Places a scoop of goldfish crackers on each contestant's plate. Players assume start positions.)*

Tripp: Tanner, are you ready with the timer?

Tanner: Ready!

Tripp: *(to audience)* Can you help me count down to begin? Ready? THREE, TWO, ONE, GO!! *(Cue the countdown video.)*

(Audience cheers for the contestants or their team rep. Tanner yells, "TIME!" after one minute.)

Tripp: *(announces the winner with great enthusiasm and thanks the contestants as they leave)* Wow, Tanner, our first T&T Tournament of Champions was great!

Tanner: They sure "caught" a lot of fish. *(laughs at his own joke, mimics sucking on a straw to move the fish, then has a "sobering" thought)* Though I'd hate to catch a real fish that way. *(grimaces and shudders)* Ewwwww!

Tripp: I'm glad you mentioned that. It reminded me of Today's T&T Trivia Test!

Tanner: *(Another grimace and shudder)* I don't like tests.

Tripp: Don't worry, our Trivia Tests are Terrific! Today's T&T Trivia Test is to listen for how fish are part of today's Bible study. Are you ready?

Tanner: *(leads audience in cheering)* They sure are! And we'll find out next time we see them if they discovered our trivia answer. In the meantime, we better get these goldfish crackers back to *(snack leader's name)* in snacks before she misses them. *(grabs bowl and runs off stage)*

Tripp: *(surprised)* Wait! She knew you were borrowing them, right? *(hurries to follow Tanner)* TANNER!!!

(Worship Rally leader enters and continues leading kids through the rest of Worship Rally.)

DAY 1 CLOSING RALLY

Supplies and prep: Fishing hat, fishing pole, 2 scooter boards, small plastic balls, 2 laundry baskets, 4 safety helmets. Arrange balls in the center of the game area. Place a scooter and laundry basket for each team an equal distance on opposite sides of the balls.

Cue the Day 1 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) to the closing rally slide.

STEP 1: OPENING SONG

Lead children to sing “Twists and Turns” and do the motions.

STEP 2: SKIT AND GAME TIME

Tanner is off stage. He’s wearing a fishing hat and carrying a fishing pole.

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome back to T&T Tournament of Champions! Please help me say hello to my cohost, Tanner! *(Tanner enters in his fishing gear.)* Tanner? What in the world are you wearing? You look a little fishy to me.

Tanner: Thank you, Tripp! You like it? I was inspired by today’s story! I thought I’d try my hand at fishing. So, I’m fishing for answers from our audience to see if they know what fish had to do with today’s Bible story.

(Let children answer as a group or choose someone who seems eager to answer.)

Tripp: Fantastic! You’re right! Peter was a fisherman, but he and his crew had not caught any fish. Jesus told them to cast the nets back in the water. Peter and the other fishermen did what Jesus told them to do, and they caught so many fish that their nets began to tear and break. The boat even started to sink!

Tanner: Can you even imagine? Wow! Only Jesus could do something that big. I want to go on a fishing trip like that!

Tripp: Me too, Tanner! Now, let’s see what else our audience remembers.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the sea where Jesus was teaching?
(Sea of Galilee)

2. From whose boat was Jesus teaching? *(Peter’s)*
3. What was the new thing Jesus said Peter would fish for if he followed Jesus? *(people)*

Great job! Now, we have a game for our audience that seems hungry for some action! Let’s play ...

Tanner: Hungry Human Hippos!

PLAY HUNGRY HUMAN HIPPOS (REC CARD 3)

- Recruit and pair up four volunteers. (Feel free to use kids in this closing game!) Instruct players to put on a safety helmet. One player will lie down on his stomach on the scooter. He should hold the laundry basket in front of him, upside down. The other player from the pair will hold on to his feet and, on “Go!,” will push him to the center of the circle. The player on the scooter will attempt to trap as many balls in his laundry basket as he can.
- Once in the center of the game area, the player pushing the scooter will immediately run backward pulling his partner back to where they started. The player on the scooter will stand up and trade places with his partner. Balls captured should be set aside.
- Play until all balls are gone from the center of the game area. The pair with the most balls at the end of the game, wins!

Tripp: Our hungry human hippos were “fishing” in the game for the balls. Jesus told Peter and his brother they would no longer fish for actual fish but for people!

Tanner: I heard that earlier. Fish for people? What does that mean?

Tripp: Jesus wanted Peter to help share the good news of God’s love to all people. Jesus wants us to do the same thing today! That one encounter Peter had with Jesus changed his whole life! When we encounter Jesus, our life can be changed, too!

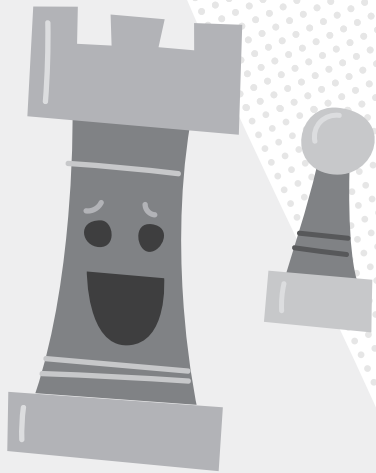
Tanner: That’s great news! Tune in tomorrow to hear another amazing thing that Jesus did in Peter’s life!

STEP 3: SONG

Sing the Day 1 song, “Our God Is Holy.”

STEP 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

DAY 2 JESUS IS TRUSTWORTHY



**Peter Walked to
Jesus on the Water**
(Matthew 14:22-33)

Today's Point:
Jesus is trustworthy
even when I doubt.

Bonus Verse:
Isaiah 41:10

Cue the Day 2 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or digital pack) or your own custom presentation.

Step 1: Opening Song

Play “Twists and Turns” as kids enter. Lead them to join in singing and doing the motions.

Step 2: Pledges, Motto, and Scripture

Lead the kids in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible, as well as the VBS motto and Scripture. Consider inviting older kids to participate as group leaders or enlist your pastor, VBS director, or Worship Rally leader to lead the kids through this part.

Step 3: Day 2 Song

Play “Do Not Fear.” Lead kids to sing and introduce the motions they will learn in music rotation. *Option: Repeat the Day 1 song.*

Step 4: Skit

Opening Rally skit featuring T&T Tournament of Champions with Tripp and Tanner (see p. 13).

Step 5: Offering and Prayer

Remind kids how the offering collected during VBS (monetary, supplies, and so forth) will be used. Pray and ask God to use the children’s offerings to help others learn about His love for them. Play “Jesus, You’re All I Need (Instrumental)” during the offering. Slowly lower the volume to fade out the music if needed.

Step 6: Worship Rally Video

Show the Day 2 Worship Rally video (Disc 1 of DVD set or in the digital pack).

Step 7: Closing Comments & Song

Comment: “We all feel afraid sometimes, but we can know that Jesus cares and is always with us. Listen in Bible Study today to hear how Peter found out just how trustworthy Jesus is!”

Play “Do Not Fear” as the children are dismissed.

OPENING RALLY SKIT

Stage set: Two tables (or one very long table) with two sets of seven disposable cups lined up side by side, right-side-up. Tanner has two new balloons that have not be blown up in his pocket.

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome to T&T Tournament of Champions! We are SO glad you are back for Day Two! Today's fast-paced, highly skilled challenge is brought to you by the great folks at Ready! Set! Rec! Be sure and tell *(insert names of Rec leaders)* Tripp sent you when you get set for Rec!

Tanner: I LOVE REC!

Tripp: You all know my cohost, Tanner. So Tanner, are you ready for another great Champion Challenge? *(Tanner answers enthusiastically and ramps up the audience to cheer too.)* Let's get today's contestants up on the stage. *(Introduce the players you have selected for today.)* Tanner, tell us about today's Champion Challenge!

Tanner: I am READY! I am SET! And I am ready to GO because today's sponsor, Ready! Set! Rec!, has provided us with all the game supplies we need for today's challenge. *(points to the table with the cups)* Our contestants will try to blow over as many of their teams' cups as they can in ONE MINUTE.

Tripp: *(nodding encouragingly to the contestants)* Oh, I think our contestants have got this!

Tanner: But, wait! There's a TWIST!

Tripp: Again? What crazy scheme do you have planned today?

Tanner: *(pulling the balloons from his pocket and giving one to each contestant)* You have to blow as many cups off the table

as you can using only the air from the balloon. *(dramatically)* AND you can only inflate the balloon once, so be sure you have enough air!

Tripp: *(Tripp encouraging the contestants)* You've got this! Take some deep breaths. You'll need a lot of wind! Tanner, are you ready with the timer?

Tanner: Ready!

Tripp: *(to audience)* Can you help me count down to begin? Ready? THREE, TWO, ONE, GO!! *(Cue the countdown video.)*

(Audience cheers for their favorite or their team rep. Tanner yells, "TIME!" after one minute.)

Tripp: *(Announces the winner with great enthusiasm and thanks the contestants as they leave.)*

Tanner: Whew! I'm out of breath just watching that one. That was A LOT OF WIND!! *(out of breath)* and now I'm winded *(panting)* you know, out of breath.

Tripp: Well, while you catch your breath, I'll tell everyone about Today's T&T Trivia Test. What is something AMAZING that happened with Jesus and the wind?

Tanner: Oh that sounds amazing! I can't wait to find out! Guess it's time to blow on out of here.

Tripp: It sure is! See you later! *(Tripp & Tanner race off stage.)*

(Worship Rally leader enters and continues leading kids through the rest of Worship Rally.)

DAY 2 CLOSING RALLY

Supplies and prep: Rain slicker, life vest or inflatable lifesaver ring, giant tumble tower of wood blocks or a set made from 33 12-pack soda cardboard boxes. (Wrap boxes in colored paper if desired.) Lay 3 blocks side by side with long sides touching. Stack a second layer of blocks at a 90° angle to the first layer. Continue alternating layers, using all blocks.

Cue the Day 2 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) to the closing rally slide.

STEP 1: OPENING SONG

Lead children to sing “Twists and Turns” and do the motions.

STEP 2: SKIT AND GAME TIME

Tanner is offstage dressed in a rain slicker and life vest or inflatable life ring.

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Hello T&T fans! Welcome back to our Tournament of Champions! I’m Tripp and you know my cohost, Tanner!

Tanner: Ahoy mates!

Tripp: Okay—I’ll take the bait. Why are you dressed like this?

Tanner: To help me remember something. Hmm now, just to remember what that was! Oh yeah, I’m supposed to remember to remind you to remember to ask our group if they remember the answer to the question about today’s story.

Tripp: Thanks for remembering that, Tanner! Okay. (addresses audience) So, what was so AMAZING about the wind in today’s Bible story?

Right! The wind stopped immediately when Jesus commanded it to.

Tanner: But wait! There’s so much more! We’ll find out, but of course, we need to have fun doing it. So, now let’s play—It’s Going Down!

PLAY: IT’S GOING DOWN (REC CARD 6)

- Recruit two players. (Feel free to use kids in this closing game!) Explain that the first player will answer a question. Then he

will select one block to remove from the tower and place it on top, continuing the vertical/horizontal pattern. If a player needs help answering the question, he can ask the audience for assistance.

- The second player will then do the same. Players will continue alternating turns. As the tower gets taller and more unstable, the game will increase in difficulty. The person who causes the tower to fall is out.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

- Where did Jesus go after He sent the disciples and the crowd away? (to a mountain to pray)
- What did the disciples think they saw on the water? (a ghost)
- True or False: Peter swam to Jesus. (false)

Add questions as needed. Some can be Bible related, some just for fun, but be sure to include the Connection Questions.

Tanner: (thanks contestants for playing) I noticed that our players not only had to focus on the blocks they were trying to pull but the ones around it also.

Tripp: Right! Peter walked on water because of his trust in Jesus. When he took his eyes off Jesus and worried about the wind and the waves around him, he started to sink. Jesus was trustworthy even when Peter doubted, and Jesus will be trustworthy even when we doubt.

Tanner: That’s true, Tripp! I’m so glad to know that I can always trust Jesus to be there, even if I’m worried!

STEP 3: SONG

Sing the Day 2 song, “Do Not Fear.”

STEP 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL



DAY 3 JESUS IS FORGIVING



Peter Denied Jesus and Was Restored
(Luke 22:31-34,54-62;
John 18:15-18; 21:1-19)

Today's Point:
Jesus is forgiving even when I sin.

Bonus Verse:
Colossians 1:14

Cue the Day 3 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) or your own custom presentation.

Step 1: Opening Song

Play “Twists and Turns” as kids enter. Lead them to join in singing and doing the motions.

Step 2: Pledges, Motto, and Scripture

Lead the kids in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible, as well as the VBS motto and Scripture. Consider inviting older kids to participate as group leaders or enlist your pastor, VBS director, or Worship Rally leader to lead the kids through this part.

Step 3: Day 3 Song

Play “Make Your Move.” Lead kids to sing and introduce the motions they will learn in music rotation. *Option: Repeat the Day 2 song.*

Step 4: Skit

Opening Rally skit featuring T&T Tournament of Champions with Tripp and Tanner (see p. 15).

Step 5: Offering and Prayer

Remind kids how the offering collected during VBS (monetary, supplies, and so forth) will be used. Pray and thank God for sending His Son, Jesus. Play “Jesus, You’re All I Need (Instrumental)” during the offering. Slowly lower the volume to fade out the music if needed.

Step 6: Worship Rally Video

Show the Day 3 Worship Rally video (Disc 1 of DVD set or in the digital pack).

Step 7: Closing Comments & Song

Comment: “We all mess up. But the good news is that Jesus is always there and ready to forgive us. Listen today to hear about a time when Peter messed up BIG and yet Jesus still loved and forgave him.”

Play “Make Your Move” as kids are dismissed.

OPENING RALLY SKIT

Stage set: Table with two stations (one per team). Each station has a bowl of O-shaped cereal and a chenille stem.

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome to T&T Tournament of Champions! Can you believe it's already Day Three? Today's fast-paced, highly skilled challenge is brought to you by the great folks at Wild Card Crafts! Be sure and tell *(insert names of Craft leaders)* Tripp sent you when it's time to "DRAW" at Wild Card Crafts!

Tanner: I LOVE CRAFTS!

Tripp: Say hello again to my cohost, Tanner! So, Tanner are you ready for another great Champion Challenge? *(Tanner answers enthusiastically and ramps up the audience to cheer too.)* Let's get today's contestants up on the stage. *(Introduce the players you have selected for today.)* Tanner, tell us about today's Champion Challenge!

Tanner: Well, today's Champion Challenge may not seem too wild. Look at this happy little bowl of cereal. And look, a chenille craft stem. All you have to do is thread as many little cereal o's on your stem as you can in ONE MINUTE.

Tripp: *(nodding encouragingly to the contestants)* That's a piece of cake!

Tanner: *(serious at first)* No, Tripp. It's cereal. But wait! There's a TWIST!

Tripp: *(slapping forehead)* Are you kidding me? What is it this time?

Tanner: *(dramatically)* They can only use ONE HAND!

Tripp: *(to contestants)* I believe you are SINGLE-HANDEDLY the best contestants for this challenge. Are you ready? *(contestants agree)* Tanner, are you ready with the timer?

Tanner: Ready!

Tripp: *(to audience)* Can you help me count down to begin? Ready? THREE, TWO, ONE, GO!!

(Cue the countdown video.)

(Audience cheers for their favorite or their team rep. Tanner yells, "TIME!" after one minute.)

Tripp: *(announces the winner with great enthusiasm and thanks the contestants as they leave the stage)*

Tanner: Great job, contestants. And now, watch what I can do with the results of their challenge! *(Tanner takes each stem and twists the ends together to make two circles of cereal pieces.)* Ta-da! Two bird feeders!

Tripp: Great idea, Tanner. That cereal still has value! We now have a new purpose for things our contestants made. You have redeemed the cereal by giving it a new purpose!

Tanner: *(picking up the two bowls of cereal and pouring them into one bowl)* I have a new purpose for the rest of this cereal too. I'm hungry! *(to cereal)* Let's go find some milk so you can GET IN MY BELLY! *(races off stage)*

Tripp: *(watches Tanner race off then says to audience)* He really is hungry! But before I go see if he'll share that bowl of cereal, I want to tell you about Today's T&T Trivia Test. Today's Bible study is super important. Tanner found ways for the cereal to continue to have purpose after our game, rather than just toss it in the trash. God always has a purpose for us no matter what happens. Today, let's see if we can learn how Jesus provided forgiveness and purpose to one of His disciples. See you later. *(Tripp leaves the stage.)*

(Worship Rally leader enters and continues leading kids through the rest of Worship Rally.)

DAY 3 CLOSING RALLY

Supplies and Preparation: *Timer, 2 play bowling sets, VBS 2023 Giant Inflatable Game Cube (9781087779812), paper, marker. Set up bowling pins in the normal pyramid position. Write one instruction per paper and insert into cube (regular, backward; using two hands; while saying the VBS motto, with your feet, free style). Set a “Start” line.*

Cue the Day 3 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) to the closing rally slide.

STEP 1: OPENING SONG

Lead children to sing “Twists and Turns” and do the motions.

STEP 2: SKIT AND GAME TIME

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: And we’re back! T&T Tournament of Champions continues to amaze and astound as our contestants compete in games full of twists and turns.

And speaking of amazing and astounding, help me welcome back my cohost, Tanner!

Tanner: You know what amazes me, Tripp? The story we heard today about Jesus and the astounding love and forgiveness He had for Peter.

Tripp: Jesus definitely loved Peter through some twists and turns, didn’t He? Let’s ask our audience if they can tell us how Jesus provided forgiveness and purpose to one of His disciples in the Bible story today.

(wait for audience response)

(Tripp continues) Exactly! Even though Peter messed up time and time again, Jesus forgave him. Let me see what else you remember from today’s Bible story.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. What did Peter hear after he had denied Jesus three times?
(rooster crow)
2. What miracle happened when Peter and his friends went fishing? *(They caught so many fish that the nets got so heavy they could not pull them in.)*
3. True or False: Peter was too embarrassed and stayed in the boat so he didn’t have to talk to Jesus. *(false)*

Tanner: That REALLY is good news, Tripp! I know it’s hard to believe, but I may mess things up every now and then. Makes me glad that I can reset and have a do-over—which reminds me of today’s game, “Roll & Bowl!”

PLAY: ROLL & BOWL (REC CARD 9)

- Recruit four players. Each player will roll the cube to determine how he will bowl.
- Teams will not reset the bowling pins until they have knocked over all their pins. Then they can bowl again. Set a timer (based on your time constraints). The team that knocks over all the pins the most times wins.

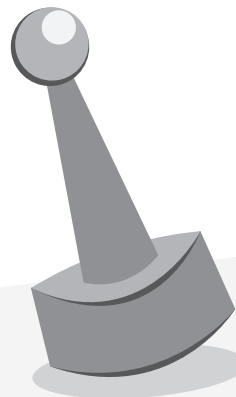
Tripp: Peter denied Jesus three times, and Jesus forgave him. Like our bowlers, Peter got an opportunity to “reset” his life and start following Jesus even closer.

Tanner: Good point, Tripp! Even followers of Jesus mess up sometimes. Jesus is faithful to help us get back on the right path. He doesn’t give up on us! But it all starts when we trust Jesus as Savior and Lord. You remember, Tripp, ABC! Admit to God that you’re a sinner, believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. OH WAIT! I just happen to know a song about that!

STEP 3: SONG

Sing the Day 3 song, “Make Your Move.”

STEP 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL



DAY 4 JESUS IS WORTH FOLLOWING



Peter Spoke Boldly about Jesus
(Acts 3:1–4:24)

Today's Point:
Jesus is worth following even when it gets tough.

Bonus Verse: Acts 4:12

Cue the Day 4 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) or your own custom presentation.

Step 1: Opening Song

Play “Twists and Turns” as kids enter. Lead them to join in singing and doing the motions.

Step 2: Pledges, Motto, and Scripture

Lead the kids in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible, as well as the VBS motto and Scripture. Consider inviting older kids to participate as group leaders or enlist your pastor, VBS director, or Worship Rally leader to lead the kids through this part.

Step 3: Day 4 Song

Play “Jesus You're All I Need.” Lead kids to sing and introduce the motions they will learn in music rotation. *Option: Repeat the Day 3 song.*

Step 4: Skit

Opening Rally skit featuring T&T Tournament of Champions with Tripp and Tanner (see p. 17).

Step 5: Offering and Prayer

Pray and thank God for the opportunity to give so that others can hear about His Son, Jesus. Play “Jesus, You're All I Need (Instrumental)” during the offering. Slowly lower the volume to fade out the music if needed.

Step 6: Worship Rally Video

Show the Day 4 Worship Rally video (Disc 1 of DVD set or in the digital pack).

Step 7: Closing Comments & Song

Comment: “Because Peter experienced Jesus’ great love and forgiveness, he knew he needed to let other people know about it, too. He knew Jesus is worth following. Today you’ll hear just how serious Peter was about sharing the good news and not letting anything stop him.”

Play “Jesus, You're All I Need” as kids are dismissed.

OPENING RALLY SKIT

Stage set: *Table with two stations (one per team). Each station has five dice. Tanner should have at least four wide craft sticks in his pocket out of sight.*

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome back to T&T Tournament of Champions! It's Day Four! This week is flying by! Today's fast-paced, highly skilled challenge is brought to you by the great folks at Level Up Music! Be sure and tell *(insert names of Music leaders)* Tripp sent you when you level up for music! Are you loving learning those great songs? *(encourages audience to respond)*

Tanner: I LOVE MUSIC!

Tripp: Well hello again, Tanner! Are you ready for another great Champion Challenge? *(Tanner answers enthusiastically and ramps up the audience to cheer too.)* Let's get today's contestants up on the stage. *(Introduce the players you have selected for today.)* Tanner, tell us about today's Champion Challenge!

Tanner: *(holds up a couple of dice)* See all the little dots on these cubes. They remind me of music notes. Don't you think so? Well, today our contestants will be leveling them up by stacking one on top of another until they have FIVE stacked up without any falling. And they have to do it in ONE MINUTE!

Tripp: *(nodding encouragingly to the contestants)* Oh, that should stack up nicely!

Tanner: *(matter-of-factly)* Yes, it should *(dramatically)* But wait! There's a TWIST!

Tripp: *(mouth drops open)* A twist? But how could there possibly be a twist on this challenge?

Tanner: *(dramatically pulling the wide craft sticks from his pocket)* They each must hold a craft stick IN THEIR MOUTHS and stack the dice on the craft stick. You might say it's a challenge they really have to sink their teeth into. *(laughs loudly as his own joke)*

Tripp: *(to contestants)* I'm so sorry, friends. He tries. *(Tripp rolls his eyes)* Tanner, are you ready with the timer?

Tanner: *(shrugs then replies)* Ready!

Tripp: *(to audience)* Can you help me count down to begin? Ready? THREE, TWO, ONE, GO!!

(Cue the countdown video.)

(Audience cheers for their favorite or their team rep. Tanner yells, "TIME!" after one minute.)

Tripp: *(announces the winner with great enthusiasm and thanks the contestants as they leave the stage)*

Tanner: They did amazing! I'll admit, those directions were hard to follow. But sometimes things are worth doing even when it's tough.

Tripp: You've been learning about Peter this week and today you'll learn how Peter followed Jesus even when it was tough. Today's T&T Trivia Test is to listen for what Peter did that was challenging for him.

Tanner: Really? Wow, I'm ready for Bible study! *(whips two more craft sticks from his pocket and gives one to Tripp)* Here, hold this in your mouth *(gives Tripp one die and takes one for himself)*, balance this die on the end. And follow me to Bible study. It's tough, but you can do it! *(Tanner puts his stick in his mouth, balances one die and carefully moves off stage with Tripp following.)*

(Worship Rally leader enters and continues leading kids through the rest of Worship Rally.)

DAY 4 CLOSING RALLY

Supplies and Preparation: Large rock (the bigger the better), large sheet of butcher paper, large pair of hedge clippers

Cue the Day 4 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) to the closing rally slide.

STEP 1: OPENING SONG

Lead children to sing “Twists and Turns” and do the motions.

STEP 2: SKIT AND GAME TIME

Tanner is offstage with the rock, paper, and scissors or clippers. (Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome to today’s episode of T&T Tournament of Champions! I’m Tripp and this is—just a minute folks, my cohost Tanner is here somewhere. *(yells for Tanner and looks around stage)* TANNER!

Tanner: *(offstage)* On my way! *(comes onstage clumsily carrying the rock, paper, and clippers)*

Tripp: OK—I can’t wait to hear what you’ve got in store for us today! Looks interesting!

Tanner: Oh it is! We’re gonna play “Rock, Paper, Scissors!” I’m just bringing in the game supplies. I’m a little worried, though. This looks like it could hurt! Insurance is paid up, right?

Tripp: I might have a better suggestion for you. What if we just play it the old-fashioned way? Like with our hands?

Tanner: Well, that’s no fun! This is all about twists and turns. I’ve got it! Let’s do your idea with a twist! Let’s ask our contestants to use their whole bodies!

PLAY HUMAN ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS TRAIN

(REC CARD 12)

- Depending on the time available and the size of your group, this game can be played with your entire group or recruit 10–12 volunteers. (Feel free to use kids in this closing game!)
- This game is played just like normal “Rock, Paper, Scissors,” except kids will use their bodies instead of their hands to be the rock, paper, and scissors.
- The motions are:
 - **Rock—curl up into a ball**
 - **Paper—hold arms straight out in front of you**

- **Scissors—use arms to make a big cutting motion**

- Instruct kids to choose partners. On “Go,” kids will play a round of “Rock, Paper, Scissors,” making one of the three motions with their partners.
- Rock beats scissors. Scissors beat paper. Paper beats rock.
- If a player is beaten by his opponent, he will join his opponent and become a part of her train.
- As players keep winning, their trains get bigger as they defeat other trains.

(Once the competition is down to two trains, ask the leader of each of the two trains to compete against each other. They will play three times. The winner of each round will answer one of the Connection Questions. She can ask her train to help if needed. Best two out of three wins.)

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What did the man do after Peter healed him? *(He began leaping and praising God.)*
2. What happened to Peter and John after they had been teaching about Jesus? *(They were arrested.)*
3. True or False: Peter and John were scared and decided to stop telling people the good news about Jesus. *(false)*

Tripp: *(congratulates winner and thanks all contestants for playing)* Great game! That was intense—especially at the end. I would have been a little nervous with the task of playing the game AND answering the question!

Tanner: Me too, Tripp. Me too. But I was proud of our contestants! They were bold and just did what they knew they needed to do. That reminds me a little of what Peter did in today’s Bible story. *(addresses audience)* Hey guys—can you remember what Peter did that was challenging for him?

(Tanner continues) That’s right! Peter chose to continue speaking boldly about Jesus even when he was told not to and was even put in prison! Peter knew that people need to hear about Jesus. He knew that no matter what happened, Jesus was always with him. I’m so thankful to know that, too! Jesus truly is all we need!

STEP 3: SONG

Sing the Day 4 song, “Jesus, You’re All I Need.”

STEP 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

DAY 5 JESUS IS FOR EVERYONE



**Peter Told Cornelius
about Jesus**
(Acts 10)

Today's Point:
Jesus is for everyone,
including me.

Bonus Verse:
Acts 10:43

Cue the Day 5 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) or your own custom presentation.

Step 1: Opening Song

Play “Twists and Turns” as kids enter. Lead them to join in singing and doing the motions.

Step 2: Pledges, Motto, and Scripture

Lead the kids in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible, as well as the VBS motto and Scripture. Consider inviting older kids to participate as group leaders or enlist your pastor, VBS director, or Worship Rally leader to lead the kids through this part.

Step 3: Day 5 Song

Play “Everyone.” Lead kids to sing and introduce the motions they will learn in music rotation. *Option: Repeat the Day 4 song.*

Step 4: Skit

Opening Rally skit featuring T&T Tournament of Champions with Tripp and Tanner (see p. 19).

Step 5: Offering and Prayer

Thank kids for bringing offerings to VBS. Pray that God will use the children’s offerings to help others learn about His great love for them. Play “Jesus, You’re All I Need (Instrumental)” during the offering. Slowly lower the volume to fade out the music if needed.

Step 6: Worship Rally Video

Show the Day 5 Worship Rally video (Disc 1 of DVD set or in the digital pack).

Step 7: Closing Comments & Song

Comment: “Look around you. You’ll see that no one is exactly like you. We’re all different. In Bible Study today, you’ll hear that Jesus loves each and every one of us the same. He doesn’t care what we look like, what we’ve done, or where we’re from. Jesus doesn’t have favorites. Jesus is for everyone—including you!”

Play “Everyone” as kids are dismissed.

OPENING RALLY SKIT

Stage set: Table with two stations (one per team). Spread a drop cloth or tablecloth under the table (this one could get messy). Place a chair and the following at each station: paper plate, can of whipped topping, bottle of chocolate syrup, bowl of cherries, large plastic serving spoon. Provide towels and wet wipes for clean up after the game. (For a less messy option, consider providing items to make a peanut butter [or Nutella®] and jelly sandwich.) Tanner has two blindfolds in his pocket.

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome back to T&T Tournament of Champions! Can you believe this is our last day for Twists & Turns VBS? But it's going to be EPIC! Today's fast-paced, highly skilled challenge is brought to you by the great folks at Multi-player Missions! Be sure and tell *(insert names of Missions leaders)* Tripp sent you when you work together to learn about and support missions here and around the world!

Tanner: I LOVE MISSIONS!

Tripp: Hey, Tanner! Me too! Are you ready for another great Champion Challenge? *(Tanner answers enthusiastically and ramps up the audience to cheer too.)* Let's get today's contestants up on the stage. But today's challenge requires TWO players per team. *(Introduce the players you have selected for today.)* Tanner, tell us about today's Champion Challenge!

Tanner: *(invites the first player on each team to sit in that team's chair)* Today's challenge is yummy. You'll get to eat a delicious whipped topping sundae *(dramatic pause)* with a cherry on top!!

Tripp: *(rubbing tummy)* Oh, wow, I wish I were a contestant!

Tanner: But, wait! There's a TWIST!

Tripp: *(drops head)* I knew that was coming.

Tanner: *(to contestants in chairs)* First, you must lock your hands behind your backs. *(Checks to see that contestants complied, then motions to second players on each team.)* Now, your teammates will stand behind you and reach around to be your arms. *(Helps second players get comfortable. Some may also need a chair.)* Good. You get the idea, right? BUT WAIT! THERE'S ANOTHER TWIST!

Tripp: You've got to be kidding me! A twist on a twist?

Tanner: Yep. This game has two players and two twists! *(aside)* It IS sponsored by MULTI-PLAYER Missions after all. The second twist is *(whips out two blindfolds from his pocket)* both "back" players will be blindfolded! The "back" player, the arms, will have to shake, open, and squirt the can of whipped topping into the plate, pour on chocolate, add a cherry, and feed at least three bites to the "front" player, the mouth, in ONE MINUTE.

Tripp: *(after both teams are set and ready to begin, Tripp addresses the audience)* Cheer for your team and help count your team's bites when they get the sundae prepared. OK, Tanner, are you ready with the timer?

Tanner: Ready!

Tripp: *(to audience)* Can you help me count down to begin? Ready? THREE, TWO, ONE, GO!!

(Cue the countdown.)

(Audience cheers for their favorite or their team rep. Tanner yells, "TIME!" after one minute.)

Tripp: *(announces the winner with great enthusiasm and thanks the contestants as they leave the stage. Tripp and Tanner may need to assist contestants with face and hand clean up.)*

Tanner: Oh, that was hilarious. I think it was my favorite challenge. I laughed so hard ... *(continues to go on as Tripp interrupts)*

Tripp: You DO know that you have to clean all this up now, right?

Tanner: *(stops talking and gets dismayed look on his face "oh, no," then has an idea)* True. But this is a TWO-FER challenge. Two contestants. Two twists. It only makes sense we have TWO cohosts clean up the mess.

Tripp: *(laughing good naturedly)* OK, I'll help. But first, the final Today's T&T Trivia Test is this: Two people in today's story will help each other in ways they didn't expect. Listen for the names of those two people. OK Tanner, let's get this cleaned up. *(Tripp and Tanner can quickly clear items from the stage or make a comment about going to get cleaning supplies and exit.)*

(Worship Rally leader enters and continues leading.)

DAY 5 CLOSING RALLY

Supplies and Preparation: 1 disc cone per every 2 kids. Line up all of the cones with about 3 feet between them.

Cue the Day 5 PowerPoint® presentation (Worship Rally CD Set, Disc 2 or in the digital pack) to the closing rally slide.

Step 1: Opening Song

Lead children to sing “Twists and Turns” and do the motions.

Step 2: Skit and Game Time

(Cue the T&T Tournament of Champions video introduction.)

Tripp: Welcome back to our final session of T&T’s Tournament of Champions! I’m Tripp and here’s my cohost who needs no introduction, Tanner! *(Tanner walks in slowly with his head down.)* Tanner? Tanner? What’s wrong? You’re not your usual bouncy self!

Tanner: I’ve got to say, Tripp, I’m a little sad today. Our time together has flown by so quickly. I’m not ready to say goodbye! I mean, we’ve had so much fun, even more than I expected!

Tripp: I know what you mean, Tripp. But that’s why I love VBS so much! This week has been full of twists and turns—in our games, in our crafts, in our music, and even in our Bible study. That reminds me, *(speaks to audience)* can you tell me who the two people were who helped each other in ways they didn’t expect? *(waits for response)*

(Tripp continues) Yes! Peter and Cornelius. Peter learned what it means that Jesus loves everyone the same, and he helped Cornelius and his family know the good news of Jesus’ love.

Tanner: OK. So you know two names. That’s OK—even I could do that. But let’s see if you guys were REALLY listening today!

Tripp: Great job! *(turns to Tanner)* Satisfied?

Tanner: *(still in a sad voice)* Yeah, I guess.

Tripp: Wow. You really ARE sad, aren’t you? How can I help?

Tanner: *(happily)* I know what will cheer me up! Let’s play one more game to send us off on a fun and happy note!

PLAY: LEVEL UP SHOWDOWN (REC CARD 14)

- Depending on the time available, choose an even number of kids to participate.
- Instruct players to pair up and stand with a cone between them.
- Call out a body part that players must touch (head, shoulders, arms, eyes, and so forth).
- Players will continue doing this until you finally say, “Cone.”
- Once “cone” is called, each player tries to grab the cone quickly.
- Whoever gets it first is the winner of that round.
- Each winner finds another winner and plays another round.
- Continue this process until two players are left. These two battle it out for the championship.

Tripp: *(congratulates winners and thanks all for playing)* Well, that about wraps it up for us.

Tanner: It’s been great fun *(twists)* twisting and turning with all of you! We hope to see you again at our reunion show where we’ll be reminded once again that ...

Tripp and Tanner together: Following Jesus Changes Everything!