

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY



ROCKY
RAILWAY

JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

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*Every night at “Rocky Railway” our children experienced that
Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through!
They felt it . . . They heard it . . . They sang it . . .
They included it in their daily lives.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

P: The power of Jesus’ love pulls you through.

All: And pulls you through, too.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Everything in creation belongs to God.

All: Lift up your eyes!

See the mighty works of the Lord!

L: All who hope in the Lord will be called children of God.

All: Lift up your hearts!

Receive the gracious gifts of our Creator!

L: This is the time for worship and song. Lift up your voice!

All: We will praise God with all our might!

INVOCATION

*P: The powerful love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our
hope, and the life and peace of the Spirit is with you all.*

All: And also with you.

DAY 1

Bible Buddy:

Ramsey

Bible Point:

Jesus' power
helps us do *hard things*.

Trust Jesus!

Key Verse:

**"For I can do everything through Christ,
who gives me strength."**

(Philippians 4:13)



Imagination Station:

The Off-Rail Roder

Bible Story:

Ananias helps Saul.
(Acts 9:1-19)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him



for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to

him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God, you offer us the power of love, hope, mercy, grace and forgiveness,

All: yet we often turn away from you.

P: We live our lives according to what we want,

All: not according to what you want for us.

P: We forget to care for one another.

All: We neglect your invitation to join you in friendship

P: We fail to place you at the center of our lives.

All: We do not live our lives in response to your love and your grace. Forgive us, O God.

P: Help us put you first in all that we do,

All: that we may dwell in your mercy and love, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Silence for reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

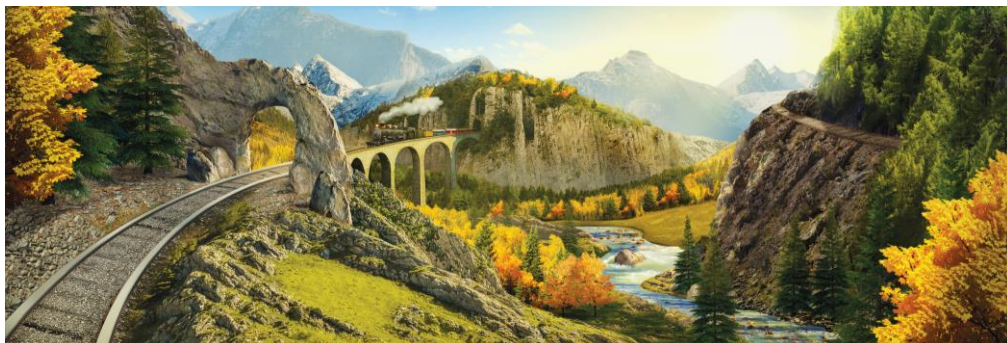
P: Children of God, we are offered forgiveness, mercy, and hope through Christ. Accept this gift and go forth with God's power.

All: We go into the world trusting Jesus.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

All: Hear the cries of everyone in need and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



DAY 2

Bible Buddy:

Ava

Bible Point:

*Jesus' power
gives us hope.*

Trust Jesus!



Imagination Station:

Hope 'n' Hover



Key Verse:

*"So be strong and courageous,
all you who put your hope in the Lord!"*

(Psalm 31:24)

Bible Story:

*Paul encourages
others in a storm
and shipwreck.*

(Acts 27)



DAY 3

Bible Buddy:
Sierra

Bible Point:
*Jesus' power
helps us be bold.*

Trust Jesus!



Bible Story:

*Peter and John
teach about Jesus.*
(Acts 3:1-4:31)



One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising

God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Imagination Station:

Bold Blasters & Train Chimes

Key Verse:

**"He gives power to the weak
and strength to the powerless."**

(Isaiah 40:29)



DAY 4

Bible Buddy:
Finn



Bible Point:

**Jesus' power
lets us live forever.**

Trust Jesus!

Bible Story:

**Jesus' death
and resurrection.**

(Matthew 26:17-28:10)



Imagination Station:

Perpetual Paper & Train Lanterns

Key Verse:

*"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus
from the dead, lives in you."*

(Romans 8:11)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God.

All: over the past week, months, and years gone by.

L: Here we dedicate our talents,

**All: to serving this community, to serving all bringing
reconciliation, healing, support, and caring.**

L: Here we offer our time,

**All: to bring hope in the struggle, to enable people to fulfill
their dreams, to proclaim the forgiving way.**

L: Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God.

All: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. You open the doors of your church, Creator, to all who feel distant or estranged. Give us the power to share your good news through love. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Cultivate in all people a care for the world you have made. Make us mindful of our impact on creation for the good of our neighbor and future generations. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Reconcile and bring peace to communities that suffer. Raise up and strengthen leaders and organizations that promote dialogue, hospitality, justice and restoration. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Open our eyes to see those suffering any affliction, even ourselves. Open our lips to boldly beg relief in body or spirit for all in need. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.,

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DAY 5

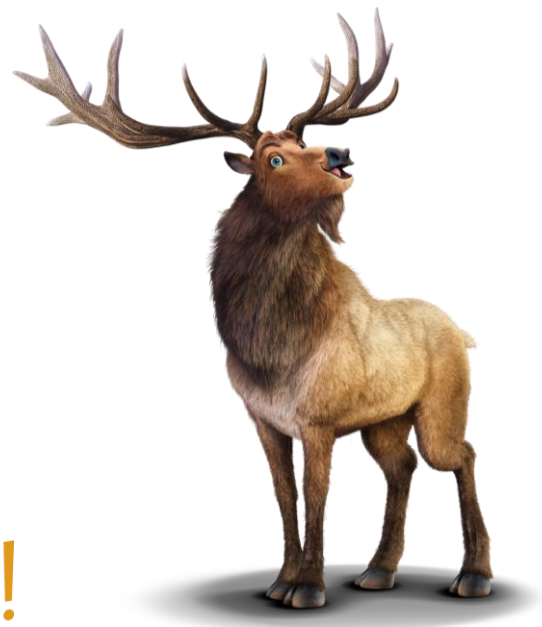
Bible Buddy:

Lawrence Elk

Bible Point:

*Jesus' power
helps us be good friends.*

Trust Jesus!



Bible Story:

The church is united.
(Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

Imagination Station:

Power Band & Friend Bracelet

Key Verse:

**"Love each other in the same
way I have loved you."**
(John 15:12)



WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: Jesus' power helps us to do hard things. . .

All: Trust Jesus!

P: Jesus' power gives us hope. . .

All: Trust Jesus!

P: Jesus' power helps us be bold. . .

All: Trust Jesus!

P: Jesus' power lets us live forever...

All: Trust Jesus!

P: Jesus' power helps us be good friends...

All: Trust Jesus!

P: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through . . .

All: Trust Jesus!

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DISMISSAL

L: An epic ride awaits; Jesus' power pulls us through. Live your life with all God's power, as a dance to God's love.

All: We live to the praise of God's love!

POSTLUDE

SINGING BOWL

Pastor: Tim Huff

VBS Coordinator: Terri MacFarlane

Lay Liturgists: Carmen Blair & Debbie Huff

Readers: VBS Kids

Music: Leilani Camara & Rocky Railway Videos by Group

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