

Philo and the SuperHolies VBS!

Each day consists of 1 or 2 SuperHolies (Fruits of the Spirit) supported by:

1 Bible Story: Biblical Character, Parable, or Situation highlighting the SuperHoly in action

1 Saint Story: An Orthodox Saint that relied on the SuperHoly to conquer their situation

SuperHolies Focus: Activate SuperHolies [WHICHEVER ONE(S) WE ARE FOCUSING ON FOR THE DAY] to [DEFINITION OF SUPERHOLY HERE]

Memory Verses: “But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23, NKJV

VBS Theme: Activate the SuperHolies to Become More Like Jesus

1. LARGE GROUP Opener: *Approximately 30-35 minutes*

Use the “Opener” for the first part of your Day to introduce the SuperHoly/SuperHolies of the day, introduce “Philo’s Problem” that we will be trying to help him solve; and give a general introduction to what they will be learning that day.

The “Opener” should generally be structured this way:

Music as kids arrive (Music Volunteer)

Perhaps a Hymn (Music Volunteer)

Opener Ice-Breaker or Question to introduce the topic of the day (Host)

Galatians 5:22-23 review (Host / Music Volunteer)

Philo’s Problem (Host)

Dismissal Prayer (Host)

You will need a “Host” and a “Music Volunteer”

The Opener and Closer of Large Group has Slides and a Video

If you do not have technical capabilities, you can print the slides on Posters... and you can use one of the other “alternatives” for the video.

2. SMALL GROUP SESSION 1: *Approximately 30-35 minutes*

Have the kids go to their age-appropriate classroom with their teacher. **Allow extra time built in the schedule for the transitions.**

The focus of Session 1 will be the Bible Story with crafts/activities depending on their age.

I recommend at least 1 lead teacher and 1 aide for each Small Group.

I recommend no more than 16 kids per small group. This may require multiple small groups for the same age group if you have a large sign-up.

Pick the materials that will best fit your group. If you have more Bible-knowledgeable 1st graders, for example, you may want to use the “2nd-3rd grade materials.”

3. GYM GAMES / Snacks / Field Trip / Water Games / Free Time:

The Extras document each day should have some suggested Gym Games related to their lesson for the week (these are optional – you can also have your own free-time, field trip... or whatever else you have planned for the kids).

*It is suggested you do all the fun activities and food breaks in the middle of the day. It is suggested you allocate **AT LEAST 1 hour doing Gym Games / Free Time / Outdoor Water Games (After all – this is supposed to be fun!)***

4. SMALL GROUP SESSION 2: Approximately 30-35 minutes

Have the kids go back to their age-appropriate classroom with their teacher. **Again – allow time for this transition.** The focus of Session 2 will be the Saint Story with crafts/activities depending on their age.

5. LARGE GROUP CLOSER: Approximately 20-25 minutes

The kids should return to your Large Group space to summarize what they learned for the day and “solve” Philo’s Problem of the day. **Allow time for the transition**

****NOTE: the last 2 slides of every day have blank squares for you to insert an illustration of the Bible Story and/or an Icon of the Saint Story of the day. This is optional, but may help recap everything the kids learned for the day**

Parent pick-up can be from the Large Group Space with PARENT RECAP cards available so they know what the kids learned.

Have Music readily available for extra time while waiting for parent pick-up