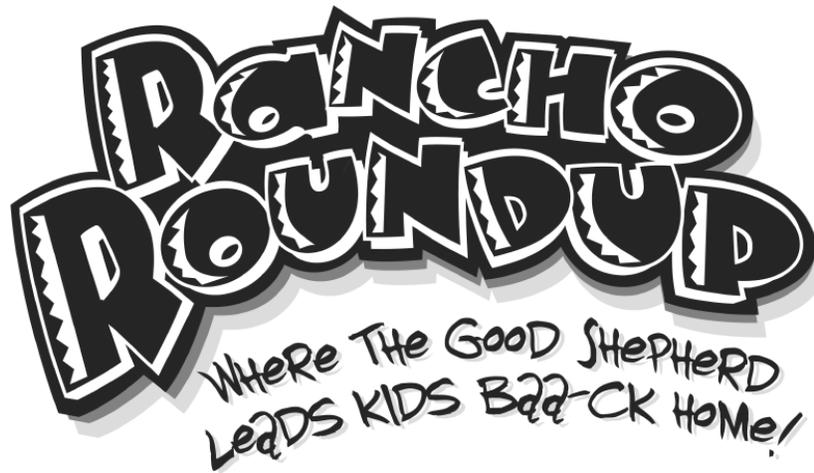


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JUMP START WORKSHOP MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION AND THANK YOU!

Thank you for agreeing to serve on Concordia's VBS Advisory Council and for hosting a Jump Start Workshop. We appreciate the insights you offer as we develop a Christ-centered Vacation Bible School and the expertise you share with other churches. Together, we can do great things through VBS!

Before you start preparing for the Jump Start, it is important to refocus. Ask yourself why you and your staff are directing, teaching, or helping with VBS.

It is for this very simple, but important reason: **You love teaching children about Jesus. We do, too.** That's why CPH continually looks for ways to reach out through exciting, kid-friendly materials in our Vacation Bible School. But we take it a step further.

Carefully developed with the user in mind, our VBS resources equip directors and teachers to reach children and encourage growth in their day-to-day relationship with Him. **Be assured that our Vacation Bible School materials are based on the one thing that never changes: the Good News of the Gospel in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

At *Rancho Roundup*, kids learn about Jesus, their Good Shepherd, with fun, hands-on, interactive lessons, crafts, music, games, and snacks. At your Jump Start Workshop, the sky's the limit! With you leading them, area VBS Directors can spice up their VBS programs in really HOT ways!

Thank you for the many ways you touch lives through VBS!

You'll love to tell The Story!

Before!

MATERIALS PROVIDED

These materials will help you lead the Jump Start Workshop. Please check to make sure that you received all materials. (If you are missing materials, contact Sherry Waterman at sherry.waterman@cph.org or 314-269-1193. If you miscalculated the number of participants and received too much material, please keep it. The shipping expense does not warrant its return. If you miscalculated the number of participants and do not have enough, please encourage congregations to share.)

Checklist of Materials:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantity	Materials
	1	Starter Kit
	1	Stand-Up Display
	1	Sample Crafts
	1	Craft Book
	1	Music CD
	1	Music Leader Guide
	1	Poster Pack
	1	Maracas
	1	Registration Form/Starter Kit Form (Included in this Jump Start Manual)
	1	Evaluation Form for Jump Start Workshop Leader (Included in this Jump Start Manual)

Checklist of Materials for Each Participant:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantity	Materials
	# of participants registered	Nametags
	# of participants registered	Rubber Band Bracelets
	# of participants registered	Little Lamb Necklaces
	# of participants registered	Shopping Bags
	# of participants registered	Catalogs

Before!

MATERIALS YOU PROVIDE

In order to complete the activities as outlined in the Jump Start Manual, there are certain materials you need to provide. Please gather and set-up your materials before your workshop begins.

Checklist of Materials You Provide:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantity	Materials
	1	TV/VCR
	1	CD Player
	# of participants	Refreshments
	# of participants	Lyric Sheet for "Rancho Roundup"*
	# of participants	Lyric Sheet for "One in a Hundred"*
	# of participants	Lyric Sheet for "The Baa Baa Song"*
	# of congregations	Copy of Evaluation Forms for VBS Directors*
	# of participants	Team Bible Study 1 (page 60 from any Teacher Guide)
	1	8-1/2 X 11 Piece of Paper
	1	Pair of Scissors

*Master Included in this Jump Start Manual

SET GOALS

Add purpose and structure to your Jump Start Workshop by using goals. Make sure you share your goals with the attendees.

Here are 4 main goals for your Jump Start Workshop:

 **Generate VBS Excitement among Participants.** Many churches report VBS as their single-most evangelistic event of the year! Generate excitement through the following ways:

- * **Remind participants of the importance of reaching children for Christ.**
- * **Decorate** in a Southwest theme.
- * **Share** ideas throughout the workshop.

 **Discuss Important VBS Issues and Topics.** Discuss topics that are relevant to participants. Let them guide discussions. Although topics are included as a guide in this manual, they can vary drastically from region to region, congregation to congregation. Be flexible!

 **Review Materials.** Be prepared to answer questions during your Jump Start. Be familiar enough with the curriculum to do so. If you have questions during your preparations, e-mail the VBS Team at Concordia at vbsteam@cph.org

 **Fiesta!** Have fun! Set a mood conducive for sharing.

 **Add a Personal Goal.** Share a personal goal with your participants. Try to think of a VBS challenge of your own and help participants with your own experience.



HOT Hint! A personal goal may be to boost attendance for your event. Use the Publicity Pack you are provided for help!

Before!

REVIEW AGENDA

The list below outlines the agenda, including the amount of time for each topic. Adjust topics and times according to participants' interests and interaction. Review the "During!" section of this manual for an in-depth look at your Jump Start workshop specifics.

Topic	Time
Introductions/Share Goals	10 minutes
Sing "Rancho Roundup"	5 minutes
Devotion	10 minutes
Activity/Lessons	15 minutes
Sing "One in a Hundred"	5 minutes
Crafts	15 minutes
Video/Mission	15 minutes
HOT TOPICS!	40 minutes (broken into 10 minute increments of 4 topics)
Format Options/Resources Available	15 minutes
Sing "The Baa Baa Song"	5 minutes
Questions & Answers	10 minutes
Registration Form/Starter Kit Orders/Evaluation Forms	5 minutes

The total time for planned activities should not exceed 2½ hours.

Before!

REVIEW MATERIALS

Review the curricular materials so that you know the curriculum and can answer questions. (This will also help you in preparation for your own VBS!) Be sure to invite your own staff.

Starter Kit. The Starter Kit provides an overview of the curriculum. It contains:

- * Director Guide
- * Director Resource Pak with promotional samples and certificates
- * Sampler CD with text file samples from the Site-Rotation CD-ROM and music samples
- * Preview Video
- * 5 Teacher Guides
- * 4 Student Books
- * 6 Rancho Roundup Craft Samples
- * Mission Leader Guide



HOT Hint! Suggest using the Craft Book in conjunction with *Rancho Roundup Craft Kits*.

Craft Book. The *Ewe Can Craft!* Craft Book contains theme-related crafts. It also includes reproducible coloring pages and puzzle pages for even more fun.

Music Leader Guide. The *Ewe Can Sing!* Music Leader Guide includes full scores, guitar chords, and lyric sheets.

Music CD. The *Ewe Can Sing!* Music CD includes 13 songs with vocals and instrument-only versions.



HOT Hint! The Music Leader Guide AND Music CD are fully reproducible!

Maracas. Shake things up when singing by handing off to participants!

Poster Pack. Display and use the five story posters and one theme poster to explain the Bible stories and decorate your space.

Before!

REVIEW MATERIALS

Stand-Up Display. Encourage participants to set up this display to publicize their VBS. Use it in your event as decoration.



HOT Hint! Allow participants to handle keepsake crafts. Explain the Bible story connection of each one.

Sample Crafts. Sample crafts show participants completed crafts.

For each Participant!

Based on the number of guests you registered for the event, you also received the following for your participants:

Rubber Band Bracelets. Encourage participants to wear their bracelet.



HOT Hint! The Rubber Band Bracelets sport Bible memory verses. They make excellent attendance prizes and souvenirs, which are perfect for getting the Gospel home!

Shopping Bags. Shopping Bags are perfect for carrying all of the workshop goodies home!



HOT Hint! Gather the catalog and lyric sheets (4 in all) in the Shopping Bag before the event and hand out as participants arrive.

Catalogs. The catalog provides a complete overview of available materials with the curriculum.



HOT Hint! Refer to the catalog for product-related questions during the event.

Name Tags. Have participants put their name on their Name Tag to wear throughout the Jump Start.



HOT Hint! The lamb bead is custom-made, available only through this curriculum!

Craft to Complete. Included in the materials you received are "Little Lamb Necklaces," packaged in sets of 5. Separate the crafts individually before the workshop and distribute to participants as directions indicate.

During!

INTRODUCTIONS/SHARE GOALS (10 minutes)

Welcome participants
as they arrive.



HOT Hint! Consider having refreshments such as nacho cheese or salsa and chips available from beginning to end of the workshop. Food helps create a relaxed atmosphere.

Introduce yourself. Handout Name Tags and encourage participants to write their names on their Name Tags (if they have not done so already).

State a few things about yourself, such as:

- * Your name;
- * Church name;
- * Prior VBS experience; and
- * One thing you like best about VBS.

Share Goals. Share your goals with the workshop. Be candid and open with your participants. *You set the tone*, so make sure it's one that is comfortable for all.

Ask participants to introduce themselves and tell one thing they would like to take away from the workshop.



HOT Hint! Make sure that you jot down notes as participants are sharing **their** goals and do your very best to meet their expectations.

During!

SING "Rancho Roundup" (5 minutes)

Explain to the participants that you will be singing songs throughout the workshop to sample *Rancho Roundup* songs.

Be sure each participant has lyric sheets (found in the back of this manual). Direct them to the lyric sheet for "*Rancho Roundup*." Encourage participants to sing along. Shake the maracas as you sing along. Pass the maracas to a participant.

DEVOTION (10 minutes)

Find Team Bible Study 1 in any of the Teacher Guides (p.60) located in the Starter Kit.

Hand out copies of the Bible Study for Lesson 1, "Lost!"

Read the lesson introduction. Have a participant read Luke 15:1-7 from the Bible.

Lead participants through the question and answer section for the Bible Story.

During!

ACTIVITY/LESSONS (15 minutes)

(Note: Allow part of the 15 minutes to cover the "lessons" section, which is on the following page. Both sections are designed to last a TOTAL of 15 minutes.)

Introduce this section of the workshop with an activity. Make sure each participant can see. [You will need a 8-1/2 X 11 piece of paper and a pair of scissors.]

Follow the diagram below.



HOT Hint! Practice this activity once or twice before the workshop.

[Fold the paper. . .]

As you follow the directions below, talk about **creation and sin**. Discuss our need for a Savior and that God promised to send one. That Savior is Jesus. Jesus came in to the world to save us from sin.

[Cut the paper . . .]

To save people from sin, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, **laid down his life for us**. **Jesus died on the cross and came alive again.**

[Open the paper to reveal cross and hearts.]

Jesus did all of this for us because he loves us very much!

[Now take the leftover pieces of paper and organize them to spell LIFE.]

Have a volunteer read the word aloud for the rest of the class. Ask the class what the cross signifies.

Reassure them that the cross and the crucifixion are in every Bible story, a necessity when some children come for only one day! Challenge them to find it in *every story* in another VBS curriculum. *It's simply not there.*

During!

ACTIVITY/LESSONS

Use the Bible story posters from the Poster Pack to explain the stories, Scripture references, and main ideas in *Rancho Roundup*.

Story	Scripture Reference	Main Idea: Jesus, our Good Shepherd . . .
The Lost Sheep	Luke 15:1-7	Loves us.
Jesus heals a crippled woman.	Luke 13:10-17	Cares for us.
Jesus calms a storm.	Luke 8:22-25	Keeps watch over us.
Jesus & Mary at the tomb.	John 20:1 (2-10) 11-18	Laid down His life for us.
Jesus meets Peter on the beach.	John 21:1-17, 19b	Knows us & we follow Him.



HOT Hint! Have the posters hanging on the walls for easy reference (and decoration!) during the workshop.

SING "One in a Hundred" (5 minutes)

Direct participants to corresponding lyric sheet.
Sing the song, "One in a Hundred."

During!

CRAFTS (15 minutes)

Distribute "Little Lamb Necklaces" (packaged in sets of 5) as directions indicate. Encourage participants to string the beads and wear their necklace.



HOT Hint! To save time, separate the packages of 5 before the workshop begins.

Discuss the many ways in which this craft helps children remember that Jesus is their Good Shepherd. Ask participants to relate this craft to the earlier devotion for Lesson 1.

Show participants the other sample crafts provided to you. Pass them around. Hold up and pass around the *Ewe Can Craft!* Craft Book.



HOT Hint! Suggest using a combination of the *Rancho Roundup* Craft Kits and the *Ewe Can Craft!* Craft Book in their VBS program.

VIDEO/MISSION (15 minutes)

Show the promotional section of the video in the Starter Kit (approximately 10 minutes long).

Let participants know that the "Hands for Jesus around the World" mission project is **Immanuel's Home** in Puerto Madryn, Argentina. **Immanuel's Home rounds up children ages 8 to 16 for vocational training, schoolwork assistance and Christian faith instruction.** If you have time, show the mission section of the video.

The Mission Leader Guide is in the Starter Kit and on the Site-Rotation CD-ROM. Encourage participants to show the mission video within their congregations.

During!

HOT TOPICS! (40 minutes)

Ask participants to share some challenges that face them as they direct and/or teach VBS. Let the participants guide the topics discussed. Try tackling 4 or so topics in approximately 40 minutes.

Below are guidelines and suggestions to follow for some topics that may arise:

HOT TOPIC: Recruiting Volunteers.

CONVERSATION STARTERS: Tips for Recruiting.

- * Ask God to direct you.
- * Share the vision.
- * Set goals.
- * Never underestimate the power of the personal touch.
- * Ask your staff to help.
- * Match interests and skill levels.
- * Provide training.
- * Use the Starter Kit video.
- * Let volunteers rejuvenate by asking for their participation in selected events, *not every event!*
- * Send e-mails.



HOT Hint!

When it comes to recruiting and publicizing for VBS, use a variety of methods and techniques.

HOT TOPIC: Publicity.

CONVERSATION STARTER: Ideas for Publicizing.

- * Encourage members to invite non-members.
- * Signage, signage, signage!
- * Mail invitations!
- * Call kids in your congregation!
- * Staff an informational table in between worship services.



HOT Hint!

See the Director Guide for additional help!

HOT TOPIC: Fundraising.

CONVERSATION STARTERS: Creative Ideas.

Idea #1

Enlarge a sheep pattern from the *Ewe Can Decorate!* Decorating Guide. Sell cotton balls for \$1 in between Sunday services. Let sponsors glue their cotton balls on the sheep until it is full. Then repeat the process.

Idea #2

Ask members of the congregation to "sponsor" a child for VBS.

Idea #3

Hold a fiesta fund-raiser! This could be a bake sale, complete with cactus-shaped cookies! Use Mexican blankets as tablecloths and have the hosts wear sombreros!



HOT Hint!

Encourage participants not to be afraid to do simple, creative fundraisers for their VBS. Remind them that they are sponsoring a first-class children's ministry event and deserve monetary support to make it the best it can be.

HOT TOPIC: Teacher Training.

CONVERSATION STARTERS: Helpful Hints for Successful Teacher Training.

- * Use an agenda
- * Provide childcare
- * Provide snacks and beverages
- * Demonstrate a teaching technique
- * Acquaint teachers to the entire program
- * Closing Prayer



HOT Hint! Encourage participants to sign up for the VBS VIP Club at VBSVIP@cph.org as a Director Member or Teacher Member. As a member of this club, participants can receive the following FREE benefits:

- * Share ideas with other VBS Directors on our message board
- * Receive timely VBS e-mail reminders
- * Get expanded recruitment, publicity, and teacher-training helps
- * Delay payment on your VBS materials (Starter Kit excluded)
- * Be the FIRST to receive the Starter Kit each year

During!

FORMAT OPTIONS/RESOURCES AVAILABLE

(15 minutes)

Many churches use unique format options. For this reason, Concordia organizes their VBS materials in two unique formats. The **Starter Kit** is perfect for **same-age classes** and the **Site-Rotation CD-ROM** is used for **rotation programs**.

Encourage churches to decide which format they want to use. (Refer them to Step 6 in the Director Guide, found in the Starter Kit.)

Explain that there are pros and cons of every format option. (Feel free to walk them through each format option if time allows.) Churches must ultimately pick a format so that they are referred to the correct materials. Participants should pick a format that best meets their church's needs. Step 6 helps churches make this decision.

When a church decides which format to use, the Resource List on page 30 of the Director Guide outlines the resources needed for each format. **This is the easiest way to determine materials needed and to order.**

SING "The Baa Baa Song" (5 minutes)

Direct participants to "The Baa Baa Song." Invite them to sing along. Bring the maracas out for fiesta fun!

During!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (10 minutes)/ ADDITIONAL SHARING TIME (if time permits)

Questions & Answers. Ask the participants if they have any questions. Try to answer these questions openly and honestly.

If participants have questions while reviewing the materials, there are **Frequently Asked Questions** on the *Rancho Roundup* website at vbs.cph.org. Encourage participants to also post questions or answers on the message board at the same site.

Additional Sharing Time. As long as time permits, let the participants lead discussion. Talk about items of interest to the group.

REGISTRATION FORM/STARTER KIT ORDERS/ EVALUATION FORMS (5 minutes)

Registration Form. Have one participant per church fill out the registration form (preferably the VBS Director).

Starter Kit Orders. Encourage participants to order a RISK-FREE Starter Kit. Consolidate Starter Kit orders on the Registration Form, where participants receive 25% off the regular price!

Evaluation Form. Be sure the **VBS Director** from each congregation completes an evaluation form. Please have participants fill out only one per church! (Please submit these with yours.)

After!

EVALUATION FORMS AND FEEDBACK

We need to hear back from you, too! Please complete and submit your evaluation form and send to:

Sherry Waterman
Concordia Publishing House
3558 South Jefferson
St. Louis, MO 63118

Please note: We cannot process your payment without first receiving the evaluation forms. Remember, we need one from you as the Jump Start Leader, one evaluation form per congregation and one registration form with any Starter Kit orders included.

Rancho Roundup

by Miranda Jefferson

Rancho Roundup!
The sheep have gone astray.
They dawdled and they stumbled
And they even ran away.
But the Shepherd won't give up on them now! (Oh, no!)
He'll search 'til He finds each one! (And wow!)
He binds up all the wounded;
He carries home the weak.
He looks for the rebellious;
He never stops to sleep.
'Cause the Shepherd won't give up now!

Refrain:

**Jesus, our Good Shepherd, loves us.
He loves us and He died for sin.
He rose again and promises
To bring us all baa-ck home again.
Hear His voice and follow Him.**

Rancho Roundup!
The Shepherd loves you too.
Don't dawdle and don't stumble;
His Word calls out to you.
'Cause the Shepherd won't give up now! (No, sir!)
He keeps watch and He cares for you (Here's how!)
He laid down His life for you
To take away your sin.
You hear His voice, He knows you,
On Him you can depend.
'Cause the Shepherd won't give up now!
He knows each sheep; He'll find each one somehow.

One in a Hundred

by John Folkening

Have you heard about the little lost sheep
Who was one in a hundred?
He was missed by the shepherd who knew
That he often had wandered.
Since the sheep were doing fine,
He left the ninety-nine
To look for the lamb he knew.
The good news is the lamb in the story
is you! (ewe)

Refrain:

So if you're one in a hundred or
one in a million,
Or if you're feeling lost as if you're
one in a billion,
Don't you know? Jesus loves you so!
You'll never, never, ever be alone.

The good shepherd went to rescue
that lamb,
Though his supper was cooking;
Although many hungry animals growled,
He just kept right on looking.
When that lamb was found at last,
The shepherd held him fast,
So glad that his search was through.
The good news is the lamb in the story
is you! (ewe) **REFRAIN**

The Baa, Baa Song

by Kevin Bueltmann

Refrain:

Baa, baa, He's the Good Shepherd;

Ev'rywhere I go He knows.

Baa, baa, He is my Savior;

I will follow where He goes.

1. Jesus loves me,
Finds me, cares for me,
Watches, saves me,
Leads baa-ck home. **REFRAIN**

2. I was so lost—
Where do I begin?
He paid the cost
For my sin. **REFRAIN**

3. I was so scared,
Storms would frighten me.
I will not fear,
He's with me.