

Rainforest Adventure: A Tree Top Bible Blast!

Every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs to the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16:33

Day 2 -- We Give

2 Kings 4:42-44

If we can give, we should be generous. Romans 12:8

Today's story and theme focused on giving. With a gift of some grain and twenty loaves of barley bread, Elisha is able to give food to the 100 people gathered around him, without taking any for himself. A precursor to the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000, this story shows us how God provides for us and how we can give these provisions to others. Like Elisha, when we give to others, we don't keep any for ourselves. Through the day's VBS activities, kids learned the difference between giving and sharing, and figured out ways they could give to others. Ask your child if she or he can tell you the difference between giving and sharing.

Meet Bill!

The Tree Top Critter for today is Bill the Toucan. Bill is a Chestnut-Mandibled Toucan. Toucans give music to the rainforest with their loud and distinct cry. Furthermore, all toucans are commonly known in many areas of the Neotropics as "Dios te de" (*God gives to you*) because the three syllable call of the Chestnut-Mandibled Toucan sounds like this expression.

Caring for God's Creation

As caretakers of God's creation, we are asked to give to each other, whether that be baking cookies and giving them to a grandparent or a shut-in, donating/giving non-perishable items to a food bank, or giving a gift to a friend. With your child, think of ways that your family can give to others.

Take-Home Fun!

Trading Card: What is today's memory verse? Can your child remember it? There's a new game to try today! Go to the VBS website and enter the code to see what it is! Can you get a higher score than your child? Today's game codes are : BLL1T5, BLL2T6, BLL3T7 and BLL4T8.

Sunday Worship: Your child may have received his part for the Sunday service today. Please practice with him/her, so that they are comfortable with their role on Sunday. Also encourage them to practice the song we will be singing that day. Learn them as well so that you can sing along on Sunday!

The songs for Sunday are:

Track 3 "Share Every Good Thing"

Track 9 "First"

Huch Uy Runa: (pronounced who chee roo-na) is Quechua (ancient Incan Language still spoken by many in the Andean highlands) for "small important person". Every day 190 kids (ages 5-17) come to Huch Uy Runa for a meal, education and trade training. We encourage families to talk about this project at home and support it by sending along an offering each day of VBS.

Evening Blessing: May you feel God's love and care and give it to one another. (As you say the following, mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead.) You are a child of God, and God loves you.