VBC 2018-Day 2

3rd-5th Grade Plan
12:35-Check in Begins/Play Music
12:35-3-minute countdown

Calling Of Matthew
Choose To Follow Jesus
Matthew 9:9-13

12:40-12:45-Welcome

Say: Welcome back to Day #2 of VBC! It is so awesome to have you back! My name is _____ and we will be hanging with you again today. Our theme is "Jesus & Me: Choose Kindness". Yesterday we talked about the kindness Jesus showed Zack a short little tax collector that no one really liked. But Jesus chose to eat dinner with Zack. Jesus also chose you; you are important and valuable to God. Jesus showed you kindness by coming to this earth; Jesus hasn't just chosen Zach, but Jesus has also chosen you!

Before we start find your small group and follow these instructions:

1. Find out what everyone ate for dinner last night.
2. Make a list of people who ask you to be kind. See if you can come up with at least 7 people.

Ready? You have 3 minutes.

3-minute countdown

Bring Everyone back together after the countdown and go over the camp guidelines:

Slide- Guidelines for The Week

1. Pay Attention
2. Respect Others
3. Have Fun
4. Stay off the stage
5. Choose Kindness

12:45-1:00- Opening Game Time
Game #1: On the Spot Rap Battle-Supplies Needed (Notebook, Pen, Music)

Say: I'm looking for 2-3 people who would like to compete in a competition in which they will need a lot of courage. We are going to do an on the spot rap battle. You will have 5-7 minutes to put together a 1-minute rap. Then you will perform for the group. You will have a rap coach and your rap must be about kindness and/or the story of Zacchaeus from yesterday.

****Note pre-select 3 youth leaders as the rap coaches. Have them come up front right away and be a part of selecting the 3 contestants****

Ask for 3 contestants that want to write a 1-minute rap and perform it in 10 minutes. Send them out with their rap coach and call them back in 10 minutes to perform their rap. While they are gone play game #2

<u>Game #2-</u> Holiday or Not A Day: June Edition (Order this game at www.downloadyouthministry.com)

Say: You probably know there are some crazy holiday out there. We in our game today we are going to test your knowledge about the major holidays in the month of June. We are going to invite 5 people up front to play the game. We will give you a holiday in the month of June (maybe) your job is to decide whether it is a holiday or something we made up (Not A Day). You will cast your vote by holding up a sign with the answer you believe is correct. Whoever gets the most in 5 minutes wins the game!!

Invite 5 players to the front of the room play the game and keep track of score. Declare a winner then award them a prize!! Thank the rest of the players for playing and have them sit down.

Say: Now back to our Rap Battle Contestants

1:00-1:05-Rap Battle

On the Spot Rap Battle. Bring back the 2-3 rappers and their coaches allow the 3 rappers to perform and kids will cheer for the winner or the game leaders can decide who wins. Give the winner the best prize but give all rappers a prize for giving it a go!

<u>Say:</u> Thank you to everyone who played the games and did the rapping. As we get ready to move to the foundry. Think about this….who are the people asking you to choose kindness? Who are the people encouraging you to follow Jesus? Today's story is about another no so well like Tax Collector named Matthew. Not only did Jesus show kindness to Matthew but Jesus called Matthew to follow him. And you guessed it….Jesus did not only call Matthew to follow him, but Jesus is calling us to follow him as well.

Let's pray and head to the Foundry.

1:05-1:10-Depart for Sanctuary

1:10-2:00-Drama in Sanctuary

2:05-2:15
High Energy Game (3rd Grade Only)
Pirates Orders

Say: Today our story is about Matthew choosing to follow Jesus. He followed Jesus' orders now let's see if you can follow the orders of our first mate!

Directions:
First Mate yells out a command and students must follow the command exactly. The commands are:

Crow's Nest: Get in groups of 2 and begin rowing a "boat"
Hook: Hold up your pointer finger and yell "ARGHH"
Fire in the hole: Everyone gets on their knees crouches down and covers their head

Land Ho: Get in groups of 4 and use air binoculars to look in the distance
Yo Ho Ho: Everyone yells back…."A pirate's life for me."

Play for fun for a few minutes then invite a few of the best back on stage for a final competition. When you call something out if they are the last to do it they are eliminated play until you have 1 or 2 champions!

Review the Bible Story-3rd Grade 2:10-2:20/4th & 5th Grade 2:10-2:20Freeze Frames

Say: Let's take a minute to review the Bible story before we head into our small group time and see where kindness might be present. I'm going to need a few people to help me out. I'm going to give you a few props and you will use these props to show one scene of this story. You'll will freeze kind of like you are an Instagram picture. We will even give you a fun hashtag.

Invite 6 campers to the stage.

Scene #1
Volunteer to be Matthew
Props Needed: Table and Chair, Briefcase, piles of money
Sign that says #taxesdue

After Scene 1 is frozen and set say:

Our story begins with Matthew sitting at a kiosk collecting taxes. Now remember from our story yesterday that people did not like tax collectors. They pretty much have no friends. Part of that was because tax collectors were mean. But the Bible doesn't tell us that Matthew was a mean tax collector. It was just another day for Matthew collecting taxes from the people.

Scene #2
Volunteer to be Jesus
Props Needed: Bible Times Robe
Sign that says #I'mhungry

After Scene 2 is frozen and set say:
Jesus enters the story and it begins with the Bible telling us that Jesus saw Matthew he noticed him. (Jesus sees us too!) Jesus says come follow me! The next sentence tells us that Jesus and Matthew are not eating together

Scene #3
Volunteers to be Jesus, Matthew, and Religious Leader
Props Needed: Food
Sign that says #What?!?!

After scene #3 is frozen and set say:

"Jesus calls Matthew to follow him, but before they do anything Jesus sits with Matthew to eat a meal. Do you wonder what they talked about?? I bet Jesus listened to Matthew and what was going on in his life. This made the religious leaders mad! (Religious leaders make mad face) Show us your mad face Religious leader! How could Jesus hang out with this dude! No one liked Matthew!"

Scene #4
Volunteer to be doctor
Props Needed: Doctor Stuff
Sign that says #Ichoseyou

After scene #4 is frozen and set say:

Jesus hears their complaining and tells them that healthy people don't need a doctor but the sick do. In other words, Jesus came to show kindness and love to those who felt like an outside like Matthew. But seeing Jesus' love wasn't the end of the story for Matthew instead it was just the beginning as Jesus was now calling him to come and follow him and make a difference in the world. One way they were going to do this was through kindness!

Thank the volunteers for helping out! Before dismissing the campers to small group time say this:

Matthew was another outsider that Jesus showed kindness to, but that's not all Jesus did. Jesus called Matthew to follow him. Have you ever been called to do something? Maybe it was by and adult or a friend maybe it was someone asking you to do something kind. What did you say? In Wonder Jack Will is asked by his mom and principal to do something kind and help Augie settle into his new school. Let's watch a quick clip from Wonder

Wonder Clip 51:45-53:55

Let's think about these questions as you head into your small group time.

1. Have you ever been chosen for something cool? What was it?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose Matthew?
3. What is Jesus calling us to do?
4. Are you being called to show kindness to anyone?

Say: Finally let's review our precept for the day….Do all the good you can, by all the means you can!

Let's Pray:

Thank you, Lord, choosing us. As we are in our small groups help us to think carefully about following you. Help us think about who we might be able to show kindness too. In Jesus name, amen!

Dismiss to small groups. Remind groups where to go for their small group time and what time to be back by and to remain semi-quiet if they are near another group so that groups can hear each other.

Small Group Time- (3rd Grade 2:20-2:50) (4th & 5th 2:20-2:55)
Supplies Needed: Bibles, 75 pennies, paper, markers,

Begin your time together by reading the calling of Matthew from

Matthew 9:9-13

Discuss the questions from the large group time.

1. Have you ever been chosen for something cool? What was it?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose Matthew?

Penny Stacking Challenge….

Say: I kind of imagine Matthew sitting all by himself at his kiosk stacking and counting money so let's have a little penny stacking challenge. We will give 3 of you 25 pennies and you will have 1 minute to see how many of these you can stack using only **ONE** hand. We'll let everyone play 1 time and then we will take the top 2 scores and let them face off in a championship round. (If campers are able to stack all 25 pennies in 1 minute then winner are determined by speed and who did it the quickest.)

After your group has declared a winner. Ask these questions

Why didn't people like tax collectors in Bible Times?
After a few answers mention these suggestions.

1-Even today no one likes having money taken from them and given to the government
2-tax collectors worked for the Roman Empire and the Israelites did not like the Roman Empire
3-Tax collectors often cheated people.

Ask: How many friends do you think Matthew had?? (The Bible does not say)

Say: Now we have the picture of Matthew. Next, we move to Jesus. Jesus comes over to Matthew and says come and follow me. Matthew gets up and immediately follows Jesus. But they don't go right to work instead Jesus hangs out with Matthew and eats a meal with him. Not only does Matthew eat with him but the Bible says many other tax collectors join the meal.

Lunch with Jesus!
Supplies Needed: paper, markers,
Say: Imagine Jesus is going to eat lunch with you and you get to put together the menu. You are going to partner up and put together a menu. You will have a piece of paper to either write or draw your menu. You will have 3-5 minutes to put this together. You can decide whether you would eat what you like or what Jesus might like. Should it be healthy or just delicious. At the end of 3-5 minutes you will share your menu.

Partner kids up and give them 3-5 minutes to create the menu. Be sure to time them so this activity does not take more time than it should.

At the end of 3-5 minutes allow groups to share.

Say: Delicious meal ideas! There were some people that were so upset that Jesus was showing kindness to Matthew and his friends. Jesus continued his mission and soon he and Matthew were on their way to change the world. Jesus didn't just call Matthew and the other disciples to follow him. He also called all of us. In Ephesians 2:10 it says that we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Jesus is calling us to show kindness. Will we be like Matthew and follow Jesus?

Precept Recap:
Our Precept for the day is…. Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can.

Say: This precept is the beginning of a longer quote by John Wesley the founder of the Methodist church. (BTW-you are in a Methodist church right now) This precept is calling you to choose to follow Jesus by doing good; by showing kindness. What might Jesus be calling you to do when it comes to showing kindness.

Jesus' Call

Say: Jesus is calling you to follow him and show kindness, but what exactly might Jesus be calling us to do? I'm going to read a statement to you. If you find the statement to be true, I want you to do the action that goes along with it. Are you ready?

Clap your hands 3 times if you think Jesus is calling you to show more kindness to your family?
Stand up if you think Jesus is calling you to show more kindness to your neighbors?
Dab if you think Jesus is calling you to be more kind at school this fall?
Floss if you think Jesus is calling you to show kindness to those you don't even know?
Whistle if you think Jesus is calling you to show kindness to those you play sports against or those you compete against in club competitions.

Kindness Check-Up

Supplies Needed: Markers, Kindness checkup sheet
Say: Jesus is calling you to show kindness in all these ways and more. I'm going to hand you a kindness check-up sheet. When the people were upset that Jesus was eating with Tax collectors Jesus answered by saying those that are healthy don't need a doctor, but sick people do. In other words, Jesus was looking for those that were hurting and needed some kindness in their lives, much like someone who is sick, so this check-up sheet will help you consider what Jesus might be calling you to.

You will have 4 minutes to complete the sheet.

Sheet content
One place I can show kindness tonight is….
Who in my family can I be kinder to this week….
This summer I can do this to be more kind….
One a scale of 1-10 how kind am I? Where would Jesus want me on this scale.

After 4 minutes bring the group together and if anyone wants to share allow that for a few moments. Then **Say:** Being kind is choice we make, much like Matthew made the choice to follow Jesus. Sure, we will mess up but Jesus will forgive us. Let starts right now to be more kind. When we leave VBC in a few moments let commit to being kind as Jesus is calling us to do that.

Pray together. You can pray, ask a camper to pray, or read the prayer below.

Dear Jesus, you have chosen us for something great!! You have called us just like Matthew to go and share your love to everyone, we can start by being kind. Help us to choose kind this week and every week. May we remember our precept to do all the good we can, in all the ways we can. In Jesus Name! Amen!

Extra Time Do This!
Pull out your journal books and sketch in the day 1 section!

3rd Grade- 2:55-3:20 Station Time Follow Your Schedule
4th & 5th Grade-2:55-3:20 Free Time In Student Center

3:20-3:30-Wrap-Up & Closing
3rd Grade in Bible Theater
4th & 5th In Student Center

3:20-3:27
Example Of Kindness Video:

Say: Each day we will wrap up our time together with an example of people showing kindness in our world. As you watch these videos hopefully it will inspire you to show kindness like these cool people. Our 2nd video is about a group of boys who showed kindness at school. Let's watch it together!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdeuivQYnas

Ask: Whether these kids knew it or not there were following the example of Jesus by inviting this kid with special needs to be a part of their group. Kind of reminds me of our Bible story in a way when Jesus called Matthew to be part of his group. Jesus is calling you to follow him and lead with kindness.

Minute To Win It Game:
Say: Let's wrap up our day with 1 final challenge I need 1 volunteer to try and beat the clock and if they can they will win a sweet prize.

Movin On Up-Supplies Needed 39 Plastic Cups of 1 color/1 plastic cup of another color

Stack the cups…the stack should be in such a way that lone color cup should be at the bottom.

As soon as the stop watch starts the contestant will remove one cup from the top and place it at the bottom. The contestant can remove one cup with one hand only and with every changing cup the hand should be different that means one from left then right then left and so on. The contestant need

to move the red cup again at the bottom. If any contestant picks up two cups at once then he have to start it again.

Group Question Of The Day:

Question of The Day: (Question on screen have kids stand up to cast their vote)
If you could spend the day with 1 of these 4 people who would you choose?

A. Pat Mohomes
B. Salvy Perez
C. Hermione Granger
D. Summer Dawson

Closing Announcements and Dismissal. (3:27-3:30)