



ELCA World Hunger

# Bring one of ELCA World Hunger's Vacation Bible School programs to your congregation this summer!

Helping children learn about hunger, hope and the work to which God calls us in the world is key to ending hunger for good. Each day of ELCA World Hunger's Vacation Bible School programs offers large- and small-group activities, crafts, games, snacks and more. These are all adaptable, so you can adjust every program to meet your needs.

Daily themes are drawn from projects supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger. As you run a program in your congregation, we encourage you to support this work by collecting gifts for ELCA World Hunger.

Questions about which VBS program is right for you? Reach out to us by emailing **hunger@elca.org**.



Download supplemental materials for each program including music, graphics and story pictures, and order or download the leader guides, at **elca.org/hunger/resources** under the "VBS" tab.



"God's New Creation," ELCA World Hunger's newest Vacation Bible School program, highlights an important part of our work: animals! By helping farmers access animals and learn new ways to care for them, we can take effective, sustainable steps toward ending hunger.

### Theme

"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." —Isaiah 11:6

### Supplemental materials

Leader guide, music, graphics, station signs and story pictures.

# **Tree of Healing**

Learn about health at the "Tree of Healing" VBS program! Through skits, stories and activities, participants will learn what it means to be healthy in body, mind and spirit. This program includes sessions on grief, mental wellness, environmental health and more.



### Theme

The theme for this VBS comes from the rich prophetic description of the new Eden in Revelation 22:1-4. In this vision, the "tree of life" stands astride "the river of the water of life," and St. John assures us that "the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations" (22:2).



### Supplemental materials

Leader guide, handouts, story pictures and videos, and graphics. Additional Braille alphabet sheets are available to order online.



Find ELCA World Hunger's VBS story videos at Vimeo.com/Channels/ELCAWorldHunger!

## River of Life

"River of Life" guides children through learning about the work to which God calls us in the world. This program focuses on the importance of water, highlighting how ELCA World Hunger is working with our neighbors around the world in projects related to clean water.

#### Theme

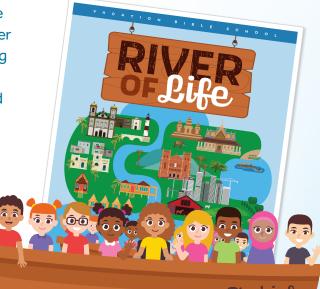
The title of "River of Life" comes from Ezekiel 47:1-12. Each day of the VBS focuses on a different story about water from the Bible and one aspect of our relationship to water — including caring for creation, protecting families from contaminated water and building resilience against climate-related natural disasters.

### Supplemental materials

Leader guide, at-home guide, skit videos, story videos, take-home activities and graphics.



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### ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

"On Earth As in Heaven" invites children and adults to (re-)experience the Lord's Prayer and to see the connections between prayer and service in the world. As the church prays and plays together, we also walk and serve together toward a just world where all are fed.

### Theme

The theme comes from the Lord's Prayer, and each of the five days of the program focuses on a different petition from the prayer and a related Bible verse.

### Supplemental materials

Leader guide, at-home guide, music, promotional poster, completion certificate, take-home activities, story time materials and graphics.

# WHO IS my neighbor?

"Who Is My Neighbor?" invites participants to reimagine what it means to be neighbors in Christ. To be a neighbor is to be in relationship with the people God places in our midst, to both serve and be served by them. In "Who Is My Neighbor?" participants will explore what this means — for them and for their community — by learning about neighbors in six parts of the globe over the five days.

### Theme

In the parable of the good Samaritan that sets the theme for "Who Is My Neighbor?" Jesus makes clear that "neighbor" is not an abstract concept but a radically new relationship made possible by God's reconciling grace.



### Supplemental materials

Leader guide, promotional poster, completion certificate, story time materials and graphics.



### **GOD'S GOOD CREATION**

"God's Good Creation" celebrates the gifts God has created — gifts that can help build a world where all are fed. Working together with all of creation, we can look forward to the future God has promised. The themes for each of the five days in this program are drawn from projects supported by generosity to ELCA World Hunger around the world.

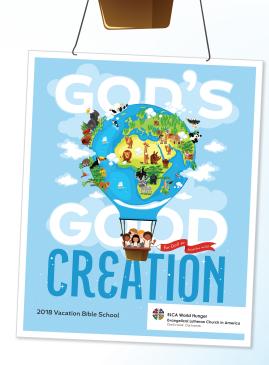
#### Theme

"God said: 'And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.'

And it was so."—Genesis 1:30

### Supplemental materials

Leader guide, promotional poster, completion certificate, story time materials and graphics.





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