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**DISCOVERY
MISSION**

Catholic **Vocation** Bible School



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My
VOCATION
is my
MISSION!

DISCOVERY MISSION

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1. God made me to be happy! He loves me and has a plan for my life.



2. God's plan for my life is my vocation.



3. The main Catholic vocations are marriage, priesthood, and religious life.



4. I can discover my vocation through prayer, service and by being open to God's will.



5. I'm not afraid of my vocation, because I know it is God's plan to make me happy.

YES!

6. When I grow up, I will say "Yes," to God's plan for my life!



7. I'm on a mission from God!



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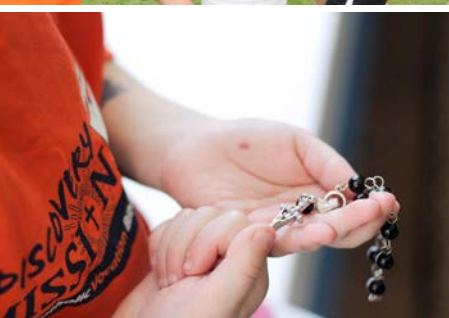
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Want to build a culture of vocations in your parish?

Embark on a **DISCOVERY MISSION**



A new Vacation Bible School!



What Is Discovery Mission?

Discovery Mission© is a brand-new Catholic VBS program that teaches children about vocations! It's filled with fun activities and meaningful content about marriage, priesthood, and religious life.

Something New—Just for This Summer

Why not try something completely new this year? Discovery Mission is a one-summer program. It's a break from the ordinary to focus on something extraordinary!

Why Are Vocations Important?

It's true—there really is a vocation crisis in the Catholic Church. It's not just the number of priests and religious that are in decline; sacramental marriages are also becoming rarer. It's critical that we teach children about vocations. This isn't just good for kids, it's good for the Church too.

How does Discovery Mission Compare?

The quality of Discovery Mission is as good or better than other VBS programs—and the concept is totally unique! The materials are top-notch, the music is phenomenal, and the activities are fun & engaging. Best of all, the content is 100% Catholic—perfect for building the Catholic identity of your parish!



KID-FRIENDLY MESSAGING

From Day 1: "Jesus doesn't use a megaphone or a cell phone to call us!

Instead, Jesus normally whispers his call to us. Does anyone know why? Let me show you. (Ask a child to come up front, right next to you, then stage-whisper, 'God loves you.') Jesus uses a soft voice because first he wants to be close to us! When we are close to Jesus, then we can hear His call."

FUN, CREATIVE GAMES

Discovery Mission VBS has a deep, meaningful Catholic message—but it's also fast-paced and fun! Creative games teach about vocations while getting kids to move and play!

DISCOVER MISSION DANCE DVD

Each day begins and ends with upbeat & uplifting music, paired with energetic dances. High-quality music and well-choreographed dances engage kids—and their parents too!

Songs include:

- Something Beautiful
- Shine the Light
- Go Now
- And more...



Opening Assembly

Discovery Map, Scripture, and Music

DAY 1 JESUS CALLS US TO A VOCATION

Introduce Catholic vocations through a child-friendly, energetic lesson, Scripture, and the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

DAY 2 MAGNIFICENT MARRIAGE

Explore the purpose of the vocation of marriage through fun examples, Scripture, and the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.



Art Station

Discover that vocations are "roads to holiness" by creating a special drawing that leads us to Jesus!

Explore the vocation of marriage by creating heart-shaped key rings for special couples the children know.



Game Station

Remember Catholic heroes of the past who went on missions by playing "Capture the Canoe" and other games.

Enjoy learning about the sacrament of marriage, as "couples" team up to navigate an obstacle course with "marriage milestones."



Prayer Station

Define what it means to be a "saint," review standard Catholic prayers, and meet heroic St. Isaac Jogues.

Meet married couple St. Isidore and St. Maria, and learn to pray a litany of saints using farm animal cutouts.



Closing Assembly

Role Play and Music

Look deeper into each vocation via "vocation symbol" game and St. Paul conversion role play. Dance and sing with the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

Appreciate marriage through a funny skit about a grumpy family who comes together by focusing on Jesus. Dance and sing with the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

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CATHOLIC VBS



NOT PUSHY OR PREACHY

Let's be realistic—young children aren't ready to discern their vocations. Discovery Mission isn't about "selling" kids on priesthood or religious life. Rather, it educates children about all the vocations, including marriage, so when they get older, they understand and appreciate them! Most of all, the program helps them understand that answering God's call—whatever it is—brings lasting happiness!



THE RIGHT BALANCE

VBS should be fun, but it should also be meaningful. How can a litany of the saints keep the attention of kids? We've figured out the right balance!

MISSION



A SOLID THEOLOGY OF VOCATIONS

God is Good VBS teamed up Vianney Vocations, the experts on Catholic vocations. So you can be sure the theology is sound (with an imprimatur), and packaged in such a way that kids easily grasp how each vocation leads to heaven.



MEANINGFUL ART PROJECTS

It's not just paint & popsicle sticks! Discovery Mission art projects have meaningful life lessons, and connect the kids to important people in their lives.

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

DAY 3 POWERFUL PRIESTHOOD

Explore Jesus' call to the priesthood, through which we receive the Eucharist! Energetic dance with the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

Learn about a priest's "tools" by creating "Priestly Prints" depicting a chalice, vestment, collar, etc.

Learn ten different priestly powers by playing the "Priestly Spud" ball game.

Continue learning about priesthood by studying the church interior, a priest's vestments, and "meeting" St. Junipero Serra.

To appreciate the priesthood through a light-hearted skit about Sunday Superheroes, featuring Sr. Clarinda and Fr. Alex. Dance and sing with *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

DAY 4 RADIANT RELIGIOUS LIFE

Explore about Religious Life through life-sized cutouts, meet a dynamic sister and dance to *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

To affirm those in religious life by creating prayer cards for sisters and brothers.

To learn about the religious life by throwing balls into high-scoring buckets that contain Bible verses.

To explore the vocation of religious life by meeting St. Scholastica and St. Benedict, and praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

Make religious life come alive through hilarious "talk show" with Sr. Joan, Friar Frank, and Sr. Rose Marie. Dance and sing with the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

DAY 5 SENT FORTH ON MISSION!

To send one another out on missions of love through an energetic opening assembly, Scripture and *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.

To inspire one another to listen for Jesus' call by making keepsakes from our *Discovery Mission VBS*.

To grow closer to Jesus in Catholic community through Field Day games.

To learn about the Pope, and to create and play "The Five Finger Prayer."

Understand Christian Mission through a role play about St. Paul, who enters heaven to meet saints in all vocations! Dance and sing with the *Discovery Mission Dance DVD*.



PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Children learn to quiet their hearts and pray reverently before the Blessed Sacrament. Yes, kids can pray quietly before Our Lord!

IS THE POPE CATHOLIC?

Unlike other non-denominational VBS programs, which have Catholic elements "added on," *Discovery Mission* is Catholic from the ground-up. Our goal is the same as yours: to strengthen students' Catholic identity. Our VBS includes Marian devotion, love of the Holy Father, and Eucharistic Adoration.



DOWNRIGHT HILARIOUS!

Oscar-worthy skits help children see that priest and sisters are people, too! They have big, important jobs but they're also funny, warm, and friendly. Teen helpers will have a blast while role-playing these human-but-holy priests and religious.

GOD IS GOOD CATHOLIC VBS

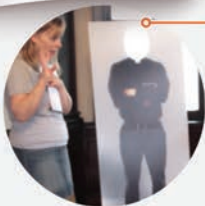


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Right Now?

...their vocation or call at a young age? No! ...to obey your parents and teachers. Just as p...e holy, you are called to be holy. Try to get as...our vocation to you, when you grow up, you'l



Use Stand-Up Cutouts

If you have purchased any of the Stand-up Cutouts, no...boy and girl to volunteer to come to the front to pretend...married life. Then, as you explain the priesthood ask a y...priest cutout. Finally, ask a little boy or girl to pretend th...standing behind the brother or sister cutouts.

MARRIAGE: The special mission of marriage is for a husband and wife to help each other reach heaven, and help their children do the same. Husbands and wives have different talents and personalities that complement each other (go together well).

When listening to Jesus' call about marriage, ask yourself if you picture a wife or husband spending time with you, having a family, and helping each other love Jesus.

RELIGIOUS LIFE: The special mission of religious life is giving your whole life to God by making special promises, called vows. These vows are poverty, chastity, and obedience. This means that men and women in religious life don't get married, live very simply (don't have fancy things), and live together in a community. A religious woman is called "sister," and a religious man is called "brother." Religious sisters and brothers wear special clothes called habits.

When listening to Jesus' call about religious life, ask yourself if you picture living with other people totally dedicated to Jesus, who pray every day, and who serve the poor and needy.

PRIESTHOOD: The special mission of a priest is to preach the Gospel and bring us the sacraments. A priest acts "in persona Christi," which means he symbolizes Jesus to us. A priest is called "Father" because he is a spiritual father. This means he cares for people's souls.

When listening to Jesus' call about the priesthood, ask yourself if you picture yourself celebrating Mass, teaching people about Jesus, and helping a whole parish journey to heaven.

REAL CONTENT

Within all the music, dancing, singing, crafts, and games, there's powerful catechesis.



IMAGINE YOU'RE A SUPER HERO...

but you don't know what your super power is yet. **First you have to discover your power, then you'll be able to do your mission!** Our vocations are the same way. When we discover our vocations, we know our mission in life!

MEATY METAPHORS

We've pulled out all the stops to come up with great examples that kids can relate to. For example, when explaining complementarity in marriage, we talk about men and women going together like milk and Oros!

HEALTHY, THEMED SNACKS

Our Snack Guide is super cute, with lots of fun ideas for kid-friendly food that's tasty and healthy (mostly), and fits right into the vocations theme.

- The Last Supper (pictured)
- Graham Cracker cell phones (about God's call)
- "We Go Together" snacks (illustrates marriage)
- Explorer's Trail Mix (for our Discovery Mission)
- Summer "Sundays" (just for fun!)





CLEAR GUIDES

You rely on your helpers to make VBS run smoothly—and your helpers can rely on our Guides! They're well-written and easy to follow. Because they're tested in the real world, you can be sure children will love every activity!

DAY 2

TAKE THE LESSON HOME

Great take-home crafts bring the message to the whole family.

Dip cookie cutters into corn starch and cut out two hearts of two colors.

Extra clay from the different colors can be rolled into tiny, decorative balls. Or children can roll the balls into long, skinny sn. There will be many extra "scraps" of clay to set aside for next groups. Just be sure to have plenty of fresh large cubes.

7. Older children can etch a small cross or design in the heart using a paperclip.

7. Use the paperclip to etch a small hole near the top of the heart, too. The hole will be large enough so the key ring will slide into the heart. Be sure to leave empty space about a centimeter between the hole and the top of the heart so the hole does not tear.

8. Use it to etch your initials on the back of the heart, too!

Once the children have completed their hearts, collect them carefully, and place them neatly on foil lined glass pans. The foil can be labeled with group's names, as well.

Tell the children that these key rings will be baked tonight and that tomorrow, for the first five minutes of Art Station time, they will write a short word on their hearts that reminds them of the Valentine's Day Candy Hearts and, of course, marriage (Sweetheart, LOVE, I love you, Husband, Wife, or simply another heart)



IOG Reminder

If you are participating in "Images of God," tell the groups if they are striving to be clear images of God and earning cotton balls.

Once children leave for the day, pre-heat oven(s) to 275 degrees. Check to make sure that the key ring holes are placed evenly in the hearts so they do not tear. Bake for 20 minutes until the hearts are firm.

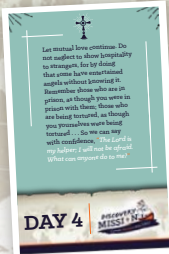
Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. - St. Catherine of Siena



Religious Sister



Religious Brother



DISCOVERY MAP

The backdrop of Discovery Mission VBS is a huge world map, on which you'll be posting Bible verses and images of saints.

The central theme, of course, is discovering your mission in life—your vocation. Just as God lead the saints on great missions all over the world, God has a plan for every child! Your life is an adventure; let God lead you!



Marriage



Priesthood

DISCOVERY MISSION

Age-appropriate lessons help children appreciate all vocations

User-friendly Director's Guide with creative, fun activities

Helps kids see the purpose of marriage and family life

Shows the connection between priesthood and the Eucharist

Reveals the beauty of Religious Life in a way that kids understand

Helps our Catholic children remain open to God's call later in life



Priesthood



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Religious Brother



Religious Sister

Developed by dedicated Catholics who thoroughly understand the Church's teaching about vocations, and who have years of experience running VBS!

- Awesome music
- High-energy dance
- Great t-shirts
- Fun decorations
- 100% Catholic content, with imprimatur

**Jesus is calling our kids by name!
Help them learn to listen to His voice!**

Discovery Mission Highlights

- Creative art projects like "Roads to Holiness" and "Priestly Prints"
- Meet different saints in all the vocations
- Well-written skits with Sister Joan and Father Alex
- Great music and fun dance routines
- Life-sized cutouts of priest, sister, brother, and married couples (sold separately)
- Other awesome "extras" like wristbands & Catholic crafts

ONLY \$229

Director's Kit includes:

- Director's Guide
- Separate guides for games, snacks, art & role play
- Flash drive with art, posters, handouts, and more
- Dance DVD & Music CD
- Posters for scriptures & saints
- Sample t-shirts, vocation worksheets, and crafts!

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