



# Craft Book

Vacation Bible School 2010

Welcome to Danger Island, a beautiful, yet, potentially hazardous, tropical island. Those who wish to enjoy the wonders of the island must first be able to survive the challenges therein. Daily excursions will take us to different locations around the island where we will learn of the survival skills and tools that will be necessary to endure as Christians in today's world. As we read about many important biblical characters and learn how they survived when faced with overwhelming difficulties, we will come to realize that our own daily journeys involve much of the same hazards and dangers. We will see the importance of abiding in God and following His Word. We will come to rely on trust, prayer and obedience. We will find the courage and strength in Jesus that will allow us to withstand all obstacles. Our visit to Danger Island will help enable us to survive and thrive in a world that seeks to devour our joy and destroy our witness. It will teach us how to become Soul Survivors as we learn to rely on God's loving care. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). Craft time on Danger Island will allow survivors to create interesting artifacts and reflect on the important lessons learned each day as they visit Shipwreck Point, Big Shadow Cave, Quicksand Cove, Hot Rock Volcano and Boggy Swamp.

## Craft Time

Children of all ages love to create. They love the busyness of their hands, the act of self-expression, the joy of discovery and imagination, and, if creating with others, the delight of an experience shared. Creativity, after all, is a gift from God, our ultimate Creator. Being made in His image, we were indwelt with the desire to make things.

It is no wonder craft time is often a child's favorite time during his VBS experience and fun projects will be expected from you, the craft leader. Craft time is

an important aspect of VBS and should not be taken lightly. Crafting, in itself, can be a ministry. It can be a means of learning God's Word and the plan of salvation. It can be a way of expressing thanks and praise to God. It can offer a time of fellowship with other crafters, and it can become an opportunity for witnessing to others through completed projects.

This book is designed to give you a variety of craft ideas for your many young survivors. Several project ideas have been prepared for each of the daily themes, with suggested age-levels given for each lesson. Keep in mind these are only suggestions. Projects can be adaptable to fit other age-groups or they may be interchangeable to work for another day's theme. As craft leader, you will know what will work within your time schedule and for your students. Feel free to make the projects work for you.

Tips for crafting with children and a list of craft supplies to begin gathering are also included in this book. A table has been included which lists the possible craft options for each age-group based on the suggested difficulty levels. Note: see patterns and/or diagrams at the end of each lesson.

## Craft Tips

Completing likeable projects during craft time is a challenge, especially when you are working with many children but little time. Being prepared and having a proper attitude are keys to being successful. Here are some things to consider:

1. Always try out a craft ahead of time to determine how long it will take to complete and to foresee any difficulties that may arise. It is better to solve problems ahead of time than to be faced with them in the middle of the craft lesson. This will also give you a sample of the craft to display during craft time.

2. Know the daily Bible lesson and refer to it during craft time. A sentence or two may be enough to allow children to see the connection. All crafts

should reflect the daily theme in some way and should refer to the plan of salvation. Otherwise, you are wasting precious teachable moments. One never knows at what point God will have prepared a child to understand and accept the gospel, and a hands-on lesson may be the way the child will be reached. You will be planting a seed, which is the purpose for Vacation Bible School.

3. Pick your craft lessons wisely. Make sure they will be age-appropriate but choose crafts you think each group of children will enjoy. Sometimes that is not easy, especially with teens. Try to think from their point of view, or better yet, ask some teens for their opinions as you plan your lessons.

4. Have plenty of help! This is certainly not a job for one person. As soon as possible, recruit others to share the joy of teaching crafts to children. The younger the age-group, the more help you will need. Some projects may be more difficult than others. Plan ahead and schedule the extra helpers necessary.

5. Consider scheduling a VBS work day to take place a week or two ahead of time, which will allow other church members to help with all the tasks involved in preparation. This would actually be advantageous for all areas of VBS. You might discuss it with your VBS director. Supply some coffee and doughnuts, and invite church members to join in fellowship as they cut out patterns, copy materials and help lighten the load for you and others.

6. Begin gathering supplies as soon as possible. Many of these supplies are recycled items. Put a list

of these on display or in the church bulletin asking for donations. When purchasing items, be sure to shop for the best deals. Garage sales can be an excellent source for supplies. If you do not go to these on a regular basis, locate someone who does and keep them on the lookout for crafting treasures. Consider looking for items on the Internet, as you will have a wide range of possibilities from which to choose.

7. Begin the lesson as soon as the children are seated. Take advantage of every minute. Be sure to have children ready to leave when it is time. Going beyond the time limit places stress on everyone involved; you, the group that you are hurrying to be finished and the next group that will be impatiently waiting to begin. Consider working with your VBS director (or whoever decides the schedule) in avoiding back-to-back classes. This may alleviate some of the pressure, allowing time to clean up and prepare for the next group.

8. Pray! Ask others to pray for you. This is a big task and at times may seem overwhelming. God will see you through this and will use you in a mighty way.

9. Have fun! It will be difficult to convince children of the joy of knowing Christ if you are not acting joyously. If children see you enjoying the lesson, they will be more likely to enjoy it as well. Remember that you are doing God's work for His glory!

## Supplies

### PURCHASE

Adhesive foam  
 Adhesive foam shapes: crosses, Bibles, tropical  
 Adhesive jewels  
 Adhesive magnetic strips  
 Bamboo place mats  
 Beads  
 Bible verse coins  
 Capiz shells: 2" diameter  
 Cardboard frames  
 Cord: narrow, natural  
 Cording  
 Cork tiles  
 Craft foam: 2mm and 3mm  
 Craft foam shapes  
 Dimensional fabric paint  
 Dowel rod: ½" to ¾" diameter  
 Feather fluffs  
 Felt  
 Gift wrap ribbon: red  
 Glitter  
 Jumbo craft sticks

Light corn syrup  
 Marshmallows  
 Metal dog tags: blank, with ball chains  
 Metallic confetti: cross, heart, star  
 Mini clothespins: colored or natural  
 Night light: plug-in type with plastic shade  
 Nylon rope  
 Paper maché boxes: small  
 Paper maché bug boxes  
 Paper plates: yellow, 7" diameter  
 Plastic box: small, clear  
 Plastic canvas  
 Plastic toy tropical creatures: frogs, lizards, snakes, insects  
 Plastic drinking straws  
 Plastic sandwich bags  
 Plastic stirring straws  
 Pocket calendar books  
 Pom-poms: large  
 Pony beads  
 Potpourri oil or spray  
 Raffia: colored or natural  
 Sand dollars: small  
 Sandpaper: assorted colors  
 Scrapbook pages: maps, ocean scenes

Seashells: small  
 Sequins  
 Silk flowers  
 Silk tropical leaves: large  
 Split key rings  
 Sponges  
 Starfish: small  
 Styrofoam plates  
 Thermometer: small, paperbacked  
 Toy compasses  
 Vinyl: clear, heavyweight  
 Wax crystals (granulated wax)  
 Waxed candlewicks with wick tabs: 2 ¼"  
 Wiggle eyes  
 Wire: 18 gauge  
 Wooden plaques: 4" x 6" and 5" x 7"  
 Wooden cross bead or key chain  
 Wooden discs: 2" diameter  
 Yarn

### COLLECT

Baby food jars  
 Boxes: small  
 Brown paper bags  
 Calendar pages: ocean scenes  
 Cardboard tubes from paper towels

CDs  
 Film containers  
 Gift wrap tissue  
 Magazines  
 Newspapers  
 Phone books  
 Plastic bottles: small  
 Plastic bowls  
 Plastic containers from bubble gum machines  
 Plastic shoe box containers  
 Ribbon: ½" to ¾" wide  
 Road maps  
 Rope: nylon and natural  
 Rubber bands  
 Small mint tins with hinged lids  
 Soda can tabs  
 Stickers: assorted  
 Tin cans  
 Wallpaper

**LOCATE**

Acrylic paint  
 Brads  
 Card stock

Chisel  
 Clear acrylic finish: matte or gloss  
 Clear package tape  
 Copy paper  
 Construction paper  
 Crayons  
 Dremel tool  
 Dust masks  
 Exacto knife  
 Fishing line: thin  
 Food coloring: red and yellow  
 Funnel  
 Gel pens  
 Glue dots  
 Glue gun  
 Hammer  
 Heavy duty aluminum foil  
 Hole punch  
 Iron  
 Large nails  
 Markers  
 Masking tape  
 Paintbrushes  
 Parchment paper  
 Paper towels  
 Pea gravel

Pencil sharpeners: handheld  
 Permanent markers  
 Plastic sandwich bags  
 Plastic spoons  
 Rocks: large, smooth  
 Sand: regular and coarse  
 Scissors  
 Scotch tape  
 Soft pastels: black and brown  
 Spray paint  
 Standard glue  
 Stapler  
 Strong glue  
 Styrofoam plates  
 Tacky glue  
 Tweezers  
 Wax paper  
 Wire pliers

**Optional:**

Plastic soda bottles  
 Terra cotta pots

**Craft Project Chart**

	<b>Preschool/Kindergarten</b>	<b>Beginner</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Shipwreck Point</b>	Life Preserver Sponge Boat Treasure Chest	Life Preserver Sponge Boat Telescope Treasure Chest Treasure Locket	Life Preserver Telescope Treasure Chest Treasure Locket Ocean Plaque
<b>Big Shadow Cave</b>	Sling Paper Plate Clock Lei Your Trust in Jesus	Sling Lei Your Trust in Jesus Calendar Cover Vinyl Key Chain	Lei Your Trust in Jesus Calendar Cover Vinyl Key Chain Stained Glass Cross
<b>Quicksand Cove</b>	"Call on God" Phone Prayer Reminder Box First Aid Kit	"Call on God" Phone Prayer Reminder Box First Aid Kit Flip-flop Air Freshener	Flip-flop Air Freshener Prayer Friendship Bracelet Rope Pencil Cup
<b>Hot Rock Volcano</b>	Lava Bottle Fiery Pin Tropical Bird Thermometer	Lava Bottle Fiery Pin Tropical Bird Thermometer Rock Painting	Lava Bottle Foil Flame Frame Fiery Pin Tropical Bird Thermometer Rock Painting
<b>Boggy Swamp</b>	Bug Box Sin Swatter Magnet Bamboo Mat Frame Memory Verse Tropical Leaf	Bug Box Sin Swatter Magnet Compass Necklace Bamboo Mat Frame Memory Verse Tropical Leaf	Sin Swatter Magnet Compass Necklace Bamboo Mat Frame Memory Verse Tropical Leaf Vinyl Cling

	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Young Teen</b>	<b>Teen</b>
<b>Shipwreck Point</b>	Treasure Locket Map Treasure Box Anchor Journal Ocean Plaque Capiz Shell Sun Catcher	Map Treasure Box Anchor Journal Ocean Plaque Capiz Shell Sun Catcher	Map Treasure Box Anchor Journal Ocean Plaque Capiz Shell Sun Catcher
<b>Big Shadow Cave</b>	Calendar Cover Vinyl Key Chain Stained Glass Cross Night Light	Vinyl Key Chain Night Light Candle	Vinyl Key Chain Night Light Candle
<b>Quicksand Cove</b>	Flip-flop Air Freshener Prayer Friendship Bracelet Prayer Rope Rope Pencil Cup Sandpaper Cross	Prayer Friendship Bracelet Prayer Rope Rope Pencil Cup Sandpaper Cross	Prayer Friendship Bracelet Prayer Rope Rope Pencil Cup Sandpaper Cross
<b>Hot Rock Volcano</b>	Fiery Pin Foil Flame Frame Thermometer Rock Painting Rock Paperweight/Pen Holder	Fiery Pin Foil Flame Frame Thermometer Rock Painting Rock Paperweight/Pen Holder	Fiery Pin Thermometer Rock Painting Rock Paperweight/Pen Holder
<b>Boggy Swamp</b>	Bamboo Mat Frame Memory Verse Tropical Leaf Vinyl Cling DOG Tag Necklace	Bamboo Mat Frame Memory Verse Tropical Leaf DOG Tag Necklace Reflection CD	Bamboo Mat Frame Memory Verse Tropical Leaf DOG Tag Necklace Reflection CD

## Lesson 1

# Shipwreck Point

We must beware of the perilous waters of Shipwreck Point. Waves of fear crash against us. Gushing winds of discouragement blow us off course, leaving us feeling lost and adrift. Doubts surface like treacherous undercurrents that threaten to pull us underneath the raging sea. We need a way to navigate through challenges and stay on course. God's Word is the map we need to guide us through to safer waters.

In Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 23; 34:5-9, it is Joshua who experienced waves of fear and doubt as he was called to be the next man to lead his people. Moses knew that Joshua would be the one to fill his place and take the Jews into the Promised Land. Moses gave him encouragement. "Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it" (Deut. 31:7). In Joshua 1:1-9, God reminded him that by abiding in His Word, Joshua could successfully lead the people of Israel in inhabiting the land. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). God promised to be with Joshua every step of the way. "For the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

At Shipwreck Point, we, too, can learn to have courage in the Lord. We can be strong because we know that He is strong. His Word encourages us as we read of His tremendous power and His unconditional love. We can be confident that He will not leave us adrift. The Memory Verse reminds us that, when we abide in God, we have nothing to fear. "My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2).

## Life Preserver

Preschool/Kindergarten, Beginner, Primary

God loves us and wants to take care of us. We must trust that He will see us through whatever storms we may encounter in our lives. "The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul" (Psalm 121:7). God loves us so



much that He sent a life preserver in human form. Jesus came to rescue us from the depths of sin. If we trust Him as our Lord and Savior, we shall not falter.

## Supplies:

Styrofoam: white (meat tray, plate)  
red gift wrap ribbon  
nylon rope  
message: "Jesus Saves!"  
verse  
copy paper or construction paper  
preserver pattern  
Exacto knife  
Scotch tape  
permanent markers

In advance, trace and cut out the preserver pattern onto the Styrofoam. Thicker foam may require an Exacto knife. Cut the rope into 22" pieces. Fold each rope length in half and mark. Fold the rope in half again to mark quarter lengths. Make copies and cut out the "Jesus Saves!" message and the verse.

During craft time, use permanent markers to record names and the date on what will be the back of the Styrofoam circle. Arrange the rope in a circle around the outer edge of the Styrofoam circle (diagram 1). The rope circle will be larger. Place the two ends of the rope onto a piece of the Scotch tape. Place the tape onto the Styrofoam circle, attaching the rope to the outside edge of the circle. Find the mark on the rope that indicates halfway. Tape this point to the outside edge of the circle directly across from the first tape (diagram 2). Find each quarter mark and tape them to either side of the Styrofoam circle (diagram 3). Wrap each piece of the gift wrap ribbon around the Styrofoam circle and rope where the rope is taped. Tape the ends of the ribbon on the back of the Styrofoam circle. Place a loop of tape to the back of the "Jesus Saves!" message and attach it to the front of the preserver. Do the same for the verse.

## Sponge Boat

Preschool/Kindergarten, Beginner

Satan is always looking for the right moment to hit us. Like a sudden storm, he strikes without warning with his destructive ways that inevitably cause life to crash around us. However, when we have Jesus in our hearts, there is no storm big enough nor any wave strong enough to take us down. We know that with Jesus we will always stay afloat.



**Supplies:**

sponges  
 boat pattern  
 paper sail pattern  
 copy paper: white  
 plastic drinking straw: cut to 6 ½"  
 hole punch  
 crayons  
 small stickers: nautical, beach, religious  
 scissors  
*Optional:*  
 small tub with water  
 paper towels

In advance, trace the boat pattern onto the sponges and cut out. Use scissors to carefully cut a small niche in the center of each sponge, trying not to cut completely through. Print and cut out the sails from copy paper. Punch holes into the sails where indicated.

During craft time, use crayons to color the sail. Decorate it with stickers. Place the sail onto the straw as shown in the diagram. Push the straw into the niche cut in the sponge until it will stand. If a tub of water is provided, children can take turns floating their boats. Paper towels will help ensure the boats are dry again before sending home.

## Telescope

Beginner, Primary

We can always look to Jesus. It is He who provides us a way through life's rough waters and eventually to everlasting life. Through-out God's Word, we can read of His Son's great power and purpose. By believing on Him, we can have courage to ride out any storm, for we know that through Him, we will find still waters. "Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven" (Psalm 107:28-30).

**Supplies:**

cardboard tube from paper towels: 1¾" diameter  
 adhesive foam: any color  
 card stock or construction paper: any color  
 plastic sandwich bag  
 cardboard circle: approximately 4" diameter  
 cross circle pattern  
 Scotch tape  
 stickers: nautical, religious

permanent markers  
 glue gun

Before craft time, use the cardboard circle to trace onto the plastic sandwich bags. Cut out the circles, making one plastic circle for each telescope. Print a cross circle pattern for each telescope as well. Cut adhesive foam into two sizes, ½" x 6" and 2" x 6". Cover the cardboard tubes with card stock or construction paper.

During craft time, place the plastic circle over the cross circle pattern. Use permanent markers to trace and color the cross design onto the plastic circle. Tape the plastic circle to one end of the cardboard tube. The plastic circle should be pulled tightly over the end of the tube, but not so much that it distorts or compresses the tube's circular shape. Wrap the 2" x 6" adhesive foam around the cardboard tube so that it covers the tape and excess plastic. Allow the foam to extend slightly beyond the edge of the tube. It may be necessary to trim the foam slightly where the two ends meet. Attach the ½" x 6" piece of adhesive foam to the other side of the tube, again allowing it to extend beyond the tube's edge slightly. An adult can place a small amount of hot glue where the ends of the foam meet to ensure that they do not come loose. Use permanent markers to write, "Look to Jesus!" on the tube. If time permits, decorate the telescope with stickers.

## Treasure Chest

Preschool/Kindergarten, Beginner, Primary

Many ships have been lost at sea in search of treasure. Whether they capsized during a raging storm or slammed against the rocks along an island shore, their passengers lost everything in the pursuit of riches. In life we must be careful of the treasures we seek. Worldly treasures do not last and usually leave us feeling empty. A life spent pursuing earthly things is a life wasted.



Heavenly treasures, however, are eternal. They are the things of God. The Bible is a special treasure for it instructs us in eternal things. It teaches us to look for God's love through Christ, to seek and to follow His will, and to strive to help others. By abiding in God's Word, we can invest our lives in what is truly important. "I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil" (Psalm 119:162).

**Supplies:**

bamboo place mat: thin, narrow slats with mesh backing

sand  
 plastic shoe box or other similar container  
 small seashells, sand dollars, starfish  
 printed verse on parchment or colored card stock  
 narrow rope or cord  
 glue gun

Ahead of time, reduce or crop the ocean scene, if necessary, to 5" x 7" and print it onto the card stock. This can be easily done on the computer with any photo-editing program. Another option would be to take it to a company or business that makes and sells color copies. Prepare the wood plaques. These can be pre-made or cut from wood scraps. To achieve the necessary plaque size, it is also possible to glue together smaller wood slats (available for purchase in most craft stores and much more cost efficient). Lightly sand the edges of the plaques if needed. To create a hanger, hot glue the ends of the narrow rope or cord to what will be the top backside of each plaque.

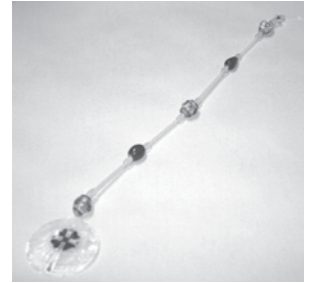
During craft time, use the standard glue to adhere the ocean scene to the wood plaque. Glue the verse to cover a part of the water and sky in the top portion of the scene. Trace around the edges of the verse with a bead of glue. Cover the bottom portion of the scene, the beach, with a thin layer of the glue as well. Lightly sprinkle on the sand. Carefully shake the excess sand off the plaque and into the plastic shoe box. The sand can be recycled or disposed of with little or no mess. Use the strong glue to add small shells, starfish, and/or sand dollars to the beach part of the scene. Allow the glue time to dry.

## Capiz Shell Sun Catcher

Junior, Young Teen, Teen

### Supplies:

Capiz shells: 2" diameter  
 fishing line: thin, approximately 38" in length  
 assorted beads: various colors and shapes, glass or plastic  
 stirring straws: plastic, assorted colors  
 cross stickers  
 scissors  
 dremel tool  
 dust mask



In advance, carefully drill holes in the tops of the Capiz shells and sand away any surface imperfections. Be sure to use a dust mask during this process. Some Capiz shells can be purchased pre-drilled but are usually more expensive. String one shell through the fishing line to the center of its length and tie a knot there. Cut the stirring straws into 1" or 1½" lengths.

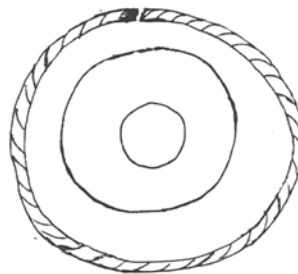
During craft time, string both strands of the fishing line through the beads and stirring straw pieces to create about 12" of length. The straw pieces make good spacers and diminish the amount of beads necessary. Tie a knot at the top of the bead strand and then another at the end of the fishing line. This will make a loop for hanging. Place a cross sticker on each side of the Capiz shell.

## Life Preserver

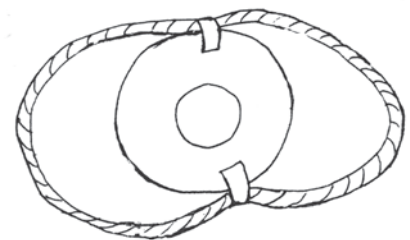
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 Psalm 121:7

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