

**VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL  
OR  
5-DAY CLASS**



# Important Information

**Read this entire section very carefully before organizing your program.**

A Vacation Bible School or 5-Day class is a wonderful way to reach out to the students in your neighborhood who do not usually attend church or regularly hear Bible story lessons. This type of outreach is a fun and simple way to change lives forever.

However, it requires cooperation and preparation. Committed workers are needed, and someone must be in charge. At NEOS, our Vacation Bible School lessons are done over four days, with the fifth day being used for graduation and culmination of the entire year of Bible story lessons. It is during our graduation that we give out prizes for attendance, Give Me Five, Bible verses learned, and other fun awards. It is the highlight of the year for all of our students.

These 5-Day lessons may be used in several different ways. They could be the theme for a Kids' Camp. The camp could last two days, with the lessons being conducted morning and afternoon. The parents would then be invited to the graduation program on the last evening. Other ideas for use of the 5-Day lessons: They could be used in children's and youth sessions at a church, family, or mission retreat. Or they could be taught on 5 straight days of one week, or 5 Saturdays in a row, or 5 Sunday afternoons in a row. There are many ways to use these lessons. Just pray and God will show you what type of outreach you need to have that will make memories and change lives.

It is advisable to do this VBS/5-Day class after you have completed the regular NEOS Bible Curriculum lessons in this book. Yet, it is not necessary. You can do the series at any time. Even if some of your students have already heard the stories in these lessons, they will benefit by hearing them again. There is a new Bible verse, and the main theme is emphasized daily. You will all be blessed when you use these lessons and have your simple and yet effective VBS/5-Day class.

You will notice that the individual lesson plans are organized first by category and then inside each category by day. This will help you save paper as you photocopy the individual lesson plans for each teacher. Simply photocopy and staple them and put them in the teacher folder, as explained in the step-by-step instructions for the director. The Focus and Format Chart is also provided for the teachers to follow.

This program includes:

- Step-by-step instructions on how to organize a VBS/5-Day class
- 5 Bible story lessons
- One Bible verse
- Two special visuals
- Four planning worksheets
- Outdoor game lesson plans
- Activity lesson plans: Craft for older students (Creation Flower)  
Picture Bible for younger students

For successful use of the program, you need to have:

- A program director
- At least 14 committed workers
- Several weeks or months of planning and preparation

For your information:

- The more organized and prepared you are, the more successful your VBS/5-Day class will be.
- The more organized and prepared you are, the less stressful your VBS/5-Day class will be.
- The more organized and prepared you are, the more fun your VBS/5-Day class will be.

# Creation VBS/5-Day Class Introduction

## Overall Focus and Format

### Main Theme:

God made you special

### Bible Verse:

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, ...  
Colossians 1:16a

### 6 Day plan – Set 1

Day 1: Day 1 of Creation

Day 2: Days 2 and 3 of Creation

Day 3: Days 4 and 5 of Creation

Day 4: Days 6 and 7 of Creation

Day 5: Creation

Day 6: Creation + Graduation

### 5 Day plan – Set 2

Day 1: Day 1 of Creation

Day 2: Days 2 and 3 of Creation

Day 3: Days 4 and 5 of Creation

Day 4: Days 6 and 7 of Creation

Day 5: Creation + Graduation

At NEOS we do 4 days of stories and then a graduation (Set 2). We do NOT invite a guest speaker to graduation. Since the family and friends of the students are present at the graduation, we simply have the teachers tell the complete 5-Day story and teach the Bible verse again. This is so that the students will hear the story and the Bible verse again and so that the family and friends will hear what the students have been learning all week. One story and one verse for the entire 5 or 6 days has proven very effective over the years. We have also noticed that the constant review of the same story over and over each day is effective.

If you want to do 5 days of stories and then a graduation for your program, that is certainly fine. Just choose which you want to do. Both sets of lesson plans are included in this section of Book 1. If you do a 5-day program, the students will hear the complete story twice. If you do a 6-day program, the students will hear the complete story three times. This is not only all right, but also wonderful. You will be blessed to see how much your students will learn and grow in Jesus.

At NEOS we do NOT separate our students by age groups when teaching the Bible story and the Bible verse. We do the first part of our VBS/5-Day class with the whole group.

During registration, separate all the kids into three teams. Each team needs to have all ages of students. It is important to keep older siblings in the same group as very young siblings. This helps avoid crying and anxiety over being away from the older sibling. If siblings are old enough to be separated, it is good to separate them. Make sure that as you register your students, you do your best to make the teams even. There should be an even number of students of different ages on each team. This helps during the rotation time. Any team names will work. Come up with your own names if you would like.

Suggested Team Names: Cain, Abel, Seth  
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus  
Sun, Moon, Stars

Materials Needed:

- Bible story pictures – 1N1 up to 1N15
- New Bible verse visual – 1N22
- New Special Visuals – 1N23 and 1N24
- List of poems and the Bible verse for the picture Bible – 1N25
- Classroom Materials Worksheet on page 11
- Bible Story Worksheet on page 14
- Bible Verse Worksheet on page 17
- Creation review questions: pages 31-33

Introductory Questions, questions 1-9; Creation, questions 1-32; VBS/5 Day Class, questions 1-2  
 Bible Verse Games and Bible Story Review Game ideas from the game section of this book.

The entire VBS/5-Day class section:

- The step-by-step instructions for the director
- Lesson plans for the teacher of the Bible story
- Activity plans for teachers of the craft and teachers of the picture Bible
- Outdoor game plans
- The teaching and job worksheets for the director to use during planning meetings
- The VBS/5-Day class graduation worksheet for planning the graduation program
- The VBS/5-Day class session worksheet for planning the schedules for each day

Suggested Daily Schedule: (This will take a total of about 3 hours, not counting registration.)

- 2:00pm – Registration
- 2:30 – Opening Prayer
- 2:32 – Welcome and Rules
- 2:42 – Sing
- 2:52 – Bible Story
- 3:15 – Sing
- 3:20 – Bible Verse
- 3:35 – Sing
- 3:40 – Hand out Give Me Five prizes for the day (Candy only at this time.)
- 3:45 – Explain Activity – Teacher in Charge of the Craft
- 3:50 – Explain Rotation – Director

<u>Rotation Time:</u>	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Outdoor Games:	Sun	Moon	Stars	Sun	Moon
Activity:	Moon	Stars	Sun	Moon	Stars
Review Game:	Stars	Sun	Moon	Stars	Sun

(Make two copies of this rotational chart. Write in the team names that you have chosen to use. Put one chart next to the Class Session Worksheet for the day and put the other chart in the craft room. This is so the teacher in charge of the craft will know which teams will be entering the room next.)

Each rotational time is approximately 20 minutes. Each group will rotate three times for a total of about one hour. Snacks will be served at the end of each Outdoor Game time. Leave approximately 8 minutes for each group to sit and eat their snacks.

The director will tell each group when it is time to rotate. Always have the younger students rotate before the older students. Also, send the activities home with the students on the last day of class and not during graduation. It just saves time.

If you do a 6-day class, as in set 1, you will use the activity time on Day 5 to practice for the graduation program. If you do a 5-day class as in set 2, you will spend about 15 minutes on Day 4 practicing before the students begin their rotational time. Therefore, Day 4 will extend just a little bit past the regular ending time.

- 5:00 – Sing
- 5:05 – Review the Day
- 5:15 – Announcements (If not using candy, hand out Give Me Five prizes at this time.)
- 5:20 – Closing Prayer

You will adjust this schedule according to your needs and situation. This is only a suggestion.