Another Way

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Another Way: Snapshot



Another Way is a flexible ecumenical camp curriculum from InsideOut with content for young children through older youth, as well as intergenerational options. The main theme is that there is always "another way." It focuses on the ways that God in Jesus Christ "invites us to reimagine who we are and how we do things." The curriculum masterfully incorporates sacred stories into each daily activity and worship session. This is a digital-only curriculum, so VBS directors may have to create their own visuals. We have included this as a viable option for VBS, with modification.

Another Way: The Basics

- Theme: "God always invites us to reimagine who we are and how we do things"
- Publisher: <u>Chalice</u>, 2024 (<u>Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</u>; curriculum produced by a multi-denominational Protestant team)
- Intended ages/grades: elementary children through high school youth, with intergenerational options
- Format: onsite
- Number of sessions: 7 (with suggestions for adapting to fewer sessions)
- **Types of activities**: worship, games, arts & crafts, science projects, multi-day activities, table talk; activities grouped by ancient practices of #PLAY, #PRAY, #CREATE, #SERVE, and #LEARN
- Cost: \$395.00

Another Way: Scope & Sequence

• Day 1: Be Still

Psalm 46:1-3, 10

Day 2: Get Real
 Luke 18:9–14, The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

• Day 3: Know and Grow Acts 9:1–22, Saul and Ananias

• Day 4: Wild Ideas
Matthew 3:1–6, John the Baptist

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- Day 5: Change the Rules

 Numbers 27:1–8, 11b, The Daughters of Zelophedad
- Day 6: All In
 Acts 10:1–36, Peter and Cornelius's Dream
- Day 7: Go! Isaiah 43:19–21

Another Way: Where It Shines

Theological focus on justice and dynamic activities

The theme, "Another Way," encourages campers to explore sacred stories, to think critically about the world around them, and to make necessary changes to their own behavior and to the wider world to create a more just world. Each of the stories is well-considered, and the activities tie in seamlessly to the theme of creating a more just world.

Great support for volunteers and continuing relationships

Each day includes strong devotional materials to share with camp staff, as well as journaling materials and suggestions for how to connect camp to home. There are also form letters to send to campers 3, 6, and 9 months after camp concludes.

Another Way: What We Miss

Not a "just add water" VBS curriculum

This resource is not designed as a standalone VBS. If you're looking for a full-feature VBS curriculum that comes out of the box with everything you need, you may want to consider other options. There are no decoration guides or other similar resources.

More affordability

At \$395.00, this may be prohibitively expensive for more modest budgets.

Another Way: Overall Assessment

Resource
Recommended
for 2025