

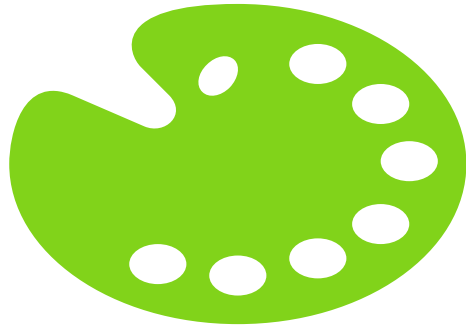
# Arts Camp

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# Arts Camp: Snapshot

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[Arts Camp](#) is a book by Christina Clark that offers a guide to developing a day camp or VBS program for elementary age children or middle school youth that centers on the arts. It is not a traditional VBS but bills itself as “A Creative, Customizable Alternative to Vacation Bible School and Beyond.” Each chapter includes details on art projects, programming, music, drama, games, and resources. It offers a way for churches to conduct an artful exploration of faith themes.

# Arts Camp: The Basics

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- **Theme:** Art and Creativity
- **Publisher & date:** [Morehouse](#), 2015 ([The Episcopal Church](#))
- **Intended ages/grades:** grades 1 – 5, middle school youth
- **Format:** onsite
- **Number of sessions:** contains content for 5 five-day camp experiences, with suggestions for Sunday worship
- **Types of activities:** art projects, music, drama, games
- **Number of pages:** 128
- **Cost:** \$34.95

# Arts Camp: Scope & Sequence

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- **Arts Camp Week 1: Praise!**  
Isaiah 42:10–12, Philippians 4:4–8, Matthew 22:37–39
- **Arts Camp Week 2: EcoJustice**  
Genesis 1:1—2:4, Psalm 148, Matthew 6:25–33
- **Arts Camp Week 3: Who is my Neighbor?**  
Jeremiah 31:7–9, Acts 4:32–37, Matthew 25:31–40
- **Arts Camp Week 4: Interfaith Peace**  
Genesis 13:14–18, Philippians 4:4–8, Luke 6:37–38
- **Arts Camp Week 5: Saints and Holy Helpers**  
Isaiah 6:1–8, Philippians 4:4–8, Matthew 5:3–10

# Arts Camp: Where It Shines

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## **Highly specialized themes**

The topics of Praise, EcoJustice, Who is my Neighbor?, Interfaith Peace, and Saints and Holy Helpers are well developed, and each activity is closely tied to each theme. The book provides enough activities for 5 days each. Each theme includes an outline for a whole-community worship experience—tying the VBS experience to the larger church community.

## **Inexpensive resource**

This book is very inexpensive for containing 25 sessions worth of content. At \$34.95, it's a worthwhile addition to your library, as the contents could be useful in many contexts and would be useful to supplement other types of programs.

# Arts Camp: What We Miss

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## **Not a “just add water” VBS**

This is a single book. It does not include a starter kit, volunteer-specific resources, video, music, or images. It is a guide to creating your own camp experience using creative art resources. If you're looking for a full-featured VBS, this is not it. If you're looking to create something highly customized for your community, this is a great resource! There are some sections that explain how the program could be adapted for a VBS, but there are no detailed Day 1, Day 2, etc lesson plans. Each week of camp has some multi-day activities with instructions.

# **Arts Camp: Overall Assessment**

**A flexible  
program for  
5 weeks of  
arts-based camps  
for children  
and youth**