

Road Trip: On the Go with God

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Road Trip: Snapshot



[Road Trip: On the Go with God](#) is one of Building Faith's top picks for VBS for 2025. It's an engaging curriculum that takes participants on a journey through the Bible and everyday life and shows how God comes along on the journey too! It is ecumenically friendly and can be enjoyed by all. The curriculum beautifully weaves together arts and crafts, activities, storytelling, and times for reflection and discussion with each Bible story of the day, so that participants walk away knowing more about how their journey of life is like a road trip and how God is on the journey with us!

Road Trip: The Basics

- **Theme:** “On the Go with God”
- **Publisher:** [Cokesbury](#), 2025 ([United Methodist Church](#))
- **Intended ages/grades:** grades K – 5
- **Format:** onsite
- **Number of sessions:** 5
- **Types of activities:** Bible stories, music, crafts, science, recreation, snacks
- **Starter kit cost:** \$199.99 (digital access kit); \$249.99 with digital content
- **Video:** <https://www.cokesburyvbs.com/theme/road-trip>

Road Trip: Scope & Sequence

- **Day 1: God Is with Us on the Journey**
Genesis 12:1–9, Abraham and Sarah Follow God
- **Day 2: God Is with Us When We Go Off Course**
Exodus 13:17–22, The Israelites Take the Scenic Route
- **Day 3: God Is with Us When We're Joyful**
Luke 1:39–56, Mary & Elizabeth's Family Reunion
- **Day 4: God Is with Us When We're Lonely**
Luke 19:1–10, Jesus Visits Zacchaeus
- **Day 5: God Is with Us Near and Far**
Acts 18:1–11, On the Road with Paul

Road Trip: Where It Shines

Ecumenical and sound theological messages

Road Trip isn't limited to one denomination; it can be applied in a variety of Christian contexts. It is a good choice for children coming from all different walks of faith and denominations. It also presents accurate theology that doesn't use masculine pronouns for God.

Variety of resources for children to learn daily themes

This curriculum includes many resources to help children engage further with its themes, messages, and content. It provides daily take-home pages for children to complete at home. It also offers active learning components so that children can get their hands busy doing arts, crafts, and science experiments and enjoy time together while getting physically active.

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Leaders well equipped with additional resources

The curriculum includes additional resources for VBS leaders so they feel well-versed in its material and content and confident that they can lead the children well. Bible Backgrounds are given for each of the day's Bible stories to provide additional contextual information. Leader Devotionals are also provided to ready leaders' hearts and minds before the start of each day. Road Trip is intentional about equipping leaders as best it can so they can feel prepared and execute a memorable experience for all.

Road Trip: What We Miss

More attention to social justice, service, and creation care

Though Road Trip excels in many areas, it lacks substantial content on social justice, service, and creation care. Theological messages are presented well, coherently, and in an easy-to-follow manner, yet more attention to these three thematic elements is needed.

Lack of conversation around inclusivity and diversity

The only times in which this curriculum might include such themes is in the Bible stories themselves for each day of the week. Many of the daily themes this curriculum presents are broad-scale and big picture with little to no emphasis on race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and/or economics/class. However, this curriculum is still very educational and highly engaging.

Road Trip: Overall Assessment

**Curriculum
Recommended
for 2025**