

2 options
for each day's
snack!

RAINFOREST FALLS

Treetop Treats

Leader Manual

Group resources really work!

This Group resource incorporates our R.E.A.L. approach to ministry. It reinforces a growing friendship with Jesus, encourages long-term learning, and results in life transformation, because it's:



Relational

Person-to-person interaction enhances spiritual growth and builds Christian friendships.

Experiential

What we experience through action and discussion sticks with us up to 9 times longer than what we simply hear or read.

Applicable

The aim of ministry is to equip people to be both hearers and doers of God's Word.

Lifelong

Experiences transform the heart, moving faith beyond the walls of church and into everyday life for years to come.

Treetop Treats Leader Manual

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Thanks for joining the team!

Step through the mist into a paradise overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. But this is more than just a lush and lively setting!

God created rainforests to be our planet's powerhouse. Though rainforests occupy a tiny percentage of Earth's surface, *half* of the planet's terrestrial animals find shelter there. Rainforest plants are a source of lifesaving medicine. And rainforests are often called "the lungs of the planet," purifying the air we breathe.

Rainforests are a refuge, rich and restorative. They're life-giving and lifesaving.

A bit like God.

Yet, for many kids today, God seems mysterious or made-up. He's just someone they've heard about—not someone they know. It's easier to believe in things on screens or rumors from friends.

That's why this is the perfect spot for kids to explore who God is. Faith takes root as kids discover God is their loving creator who knows everything about them. Wonder washes away doubt in the life-giving truth that God loves us deeply. Hope lives when kids explore the rich gift of Jesus and promise of a home forever.

Together, let's take kids on a life-changing adventure, exploring the nature of God.



Before Rainforest Falls



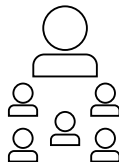
Pray for everyone who will attend Rainforest Falls.

Ask God to prepare your heart and the hearts of the kids and leaders who will be part of your program.



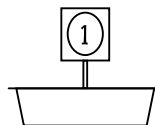
Work with the Rainforest Falls Director to collect food and supplies.

You may ask for donations from church members or even local businesses.



Determine the number of Crews you'll have.

Kids join mixed-age Crews—groups of up to five kids and one adult or teenage leader. You'll prepare a snack tray for each Crew.



Make a snack tray sign for each Crew.

At snack time, Crews just look for and grab the trays flagged with their numbers. This smooths the process of distributing snack trays and ensures that trays with allergy-modified options get to the correct Crews.



Work with your Director to recruit a kitchen staff.

Your team helps prepare the food and snack trays, sets up tables for trays and water, makes quick trips to the store if you run short of anything, and cleans up after the snack rotation.



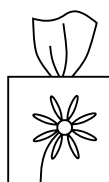
Set up a prep area.

If your church kitchen isn't large enough, set up tables where your team can work. Choose a spot that's close to the dining area, since you'll transport snack trays and water. Carts make it easy to move snacks and water from the prep area to the dining area.



Identify where kids will eat.

Eating outdoors in a shaded area is best. Crews can spread out, and it's easier for Crew members to hear each other. You'll also need space for snack trays and cups and pitchers of water.



Assign one team member to be the "allergy expert."

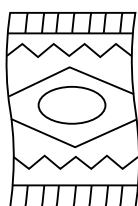
Assigning responsibility to one person helps ensure kids with food allergies receive the appropriate snack. Refer this person to the information on page 6.

During Rainforest Falls



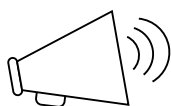
Get a count.

Each day, check with the registration team to find out if any snack number adjustments are needed because of walk-in registrations. Add extra for Crew Leaders, Station Leaders, and other staff.



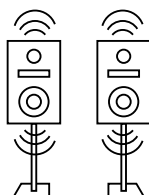
Have Crews gather on blankets.

Washable blankets or disposable tablecloths keep Crews together for discussion while they're enjoying the snack. Plus, if you set out a blanket for every Crew, you'll know if everyone has arrived by seeing if all the blankets are taken!



Use an attention-getting signal.

Attention-getting signals let kids know when it's time to stop what they're doing and look at you. Use the Rainforest Rattle (available from group.com or your Group VBS supplier) or another attention-getting device of your choice.



Use a sound system.

Snack time gets noisy, so make sure everyone can hear you as you explain what to do, make announcements, and cue kids when it's time to clean up.



Play Sing & Play Tune Lagoon Music while kids eat.

This adds fun and energy and helps kids learn these amazing, faith-building songs!

Items for Every Day:

- napkins (1 per person per day)
- disposable drinking cups (1 per person per day)



— Rainforest Rattle* or another attention-getter



— non-latex disposable gloves (optional, roughly 5 pairs per kitchen staff member, plus some extra)



— water pitchers (1 for every 2 Crews)

- sturdy serving trays (1 per Crew)



— microphone and speaker

- washable blankets or disposable tablecloths (1 per Crew, optional)—for Crews to sit on during snack-eating time

- large trash cans and/or trash bags



— sticky notes and pens for marking snacks for kids with allergies



— Sing & Play Tune Lagoon Music CD or download*

- media player

*available from group.com or your Group VBS supplier

Rounding Up Supplies

You'll find a complete list of Treetop Treats supplies in the Master Supply List at group.com/vbsTools. It's likely you won't have to purchase everything from your Rainforest Falls budget. Many congregation members are happy to donate money or food items. Just use the handy photocopyable snack donation request form—found on the Rainforest Falls Resources, Forms, and Clip Art Collection—to let them know how they can help. Check your church kitchen to see what serving supplies and paper goods are available for your use. See if you can borrow things like serving trays, pitchers, or food-preparation bowls if you don't have enough at your church.

Choosing Snacks for Your Program

Finding a snack option that everyone loves is hard! Some people value sweet treats, while others seek out healthy options. Many leaders need super-simple, budget friendly snacks that can be donated. Yet other churches have eager volunteers who don't mind baking or prepping for a special event. And then there are allergies, food sensitivities, and even food preferences!

We've provided two options each day, and each can be modified to suit your food values, budget, and staffing. For example, on Day 2, a healthier option for "Sweet Faces" might be using rice cakes with cut-up veggies and cream cheese as the toppings. Use these ideas as inspiration to fuel your snack-making imagination!



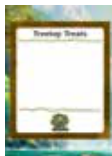
Preparing Snack Trays

Each Crew's snacks are set out on a special snack tray, prepared by your team. A Crew consists of six people—five kids and one teenage or adult leader. Check with your Director to see how many Crews you have at your program.

At snack time, guide Crews to select the snack tray that matches its name or number. A day or two ahead of Rainforest Falls, create your signs however you like or follow the easy, budget-friendly method we used below:

Supplies:

- plastic trays (1 per Crew for the week)
- small floral foam blocks (1 per Crew for the week)
- black wrapping paper or bulletin board paper
- wooden skewers (1 per Crew for the week)



— Snack Tray Signs from the Resources, Forms, and Clip Art Collection* (1 per Crew for the week)

- wide-tipped, dark-colored marker
- duct tape

*available from group.com or your Group VBS supplier



1. Wrap each floral foam block with black wrapping paper or bulletin board paper.



2. Push the pointed tip of a wooden skewer into each foam block.



3. Print copies of the Snack Tray Signs found on the Resources, Forms, and Clip Art Collection—one per Crew.



4. Using a wide-tipped, dark-colored marker, write the number of each Crew on a sign. Be sure to designate the difference between the elementary Crew numbers and the preschool Crew numbers. (We labeled preschool Crews with a P followed by the Crew number.)



5. Securely attach a Snack Tray Sign to each skewer with duct tape.



6. Use duct tape or another strong tape to adhere the foam block of each sign to the center of a snack tray for each Crew to have a designated snack tray.

Food Allergy Accommodations

- Each day, place your completed Allergy Alerts form in a prominent place where it's easy to read and reference.
- Place any alternative snack foods away from the other foods.
- Designate one or two people to prepare trays for Crews with food allergies for the week. This will provide a focused effort for no cross contamination of ingredients and potential allergens. Inform these volunteers each day of the alternative foods you're providing for kids with allergies.
- Attach a sticky note with the name of the child each altered snack belongs to, or place the snack in a resealable plastic bag and write the child's name directly on the bag.
- *Carefully check ingredient lists, as some food is made in facilities that also process peanuts.*



**The Allergy Alerts form
on the next page will
spotlight necessary snack
modifications.
It's a must-have!**

Allergy Alerts

Full Name	Crew Name or Number	Food Allergy or Allergies	Emergency Contact Full Name	Emergency Contact Phone Number	Special Notes

DAY 1:

God is our creator.



Bible Story: God creates the world. (Genesis 1)

Bible Verse: "Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom."
(Psalm 103:22)

Sing & Play Tune Lagoon

- Learn the Day 1 Bible Point and verse, and meet Bible Memory Buddy Tango.
- Sing Rainforest Falls songs.
- Meet Dr. Flutterby, a scientist searching for a rare rainforest butterfly.



Rooted Bible Adventures

Act out what happened when God spoke and created *everything*, then celebrate God's "very good" creation—people!



Treetop Treats



Cuppa Creation



Creative Clementines

Sticky Scripture™

Play "Praise Band" as they explore Psalm 103:22 and discover what it means to praise the Lord.



Imagination Station™

Craft surprising Colorful Quetzals, then extract chlorophyll to discover more surprises about the way God created the world.



Canopy Closing

Use a wild and windy creation to remember—and celebrate—all that God created!



Wild Games



Fruit Roll Up



Jungle Vine Jump



Quetzal Quest

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God is our creator.

Bible Verse: “Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.” (Psalm 103:22)

Bible Story: God creates the world. (Genesis 1)

Genesis 1 launches the ultimate origin story—no capes, no gadgets, just God’s unstoppable creative power! With just a command, he fills the emptiness with light, land, and life. Imagine—no tools, no materials, just God’s voice shaping the universe! Though the sun and moon don’t appear until day four, light already shines from day one, proving God doesn’t rely on the sun to illuminate his creation. And here’s something amazing: The Hebrew word *bara*, meaning “create,” describes only what God does. No one else creates from nothing! After forming the oceans, mountains, and every creature, God saves his most treasured work for last—people. God crafts them, unlike anything else, in his image, designed for a deep and personal connection with God. Every child reflects the artistry of the ultimate Creator!

Kids often hear they need to *make* something of themselves—be smarter, cooler, more successful. But Scripture flips that script. Before kids ever tried to prove their worth, God already designed them with purpose and love. That truth changes everything! Kids don’t need to chase approval or compete for value; they already matter because the Creator of the universe formed them intentionally, in his own image. Wow—imagine walking with confidence, knowing you belong, hold value, and have been created for something extraordinary! Plus, every day we get to enjoy reminders of God’s ongoing creative work through sunshine, trees, and even rain! Today, take joy in showing kids God’s creative nature! Remind kids that, as people, they’re God’s “very good” creation.



Why It Matters

Celebrate! God—the intentional, master Creator—lovingly made each part of creation...including us! Kids can find confidence in knowing they’re crafted by God’s ingenious design.

Today's Snack Option 1:

Cuppa Creation



You'll need:

- blue gelatin (about $\frac{2}{3}$ cup per person)
- whipped topping (about 4 tablespoons per person)
- vanilla cake, baked ahead of time with green food coloring
- spoons for scooping ingredients
- fork
- disposable spoons (1 per person)
- clear 9-ounce cups (1 per person)
- photocopies of the "Cuppa Creation" snack cards on page 28 (1 per Crew)



Instructions:

A few days before Rainforest Falls, prep by making blue gelatin and vanilla cake. Before you bake the vanilla cake (we used a box mix), add in several drops of green food coloring.

Crumble the cooled cake, and put the green cake crumbs into sealed containers for your prep team. Run a fork over the blue gelatin to break it up, then put it into sealed containers for your prep team.

Press a few spoonfuls of cake crumbs into the bottom of each 9-ounce cup. Layer gelatin and whipped topping (two layers of each). Top with a few green cake crumbs. Refer to the photo as needed.



Today's Snack Option 2:

Creative Clementines

You'll need:

- clementines (small oranges) (2 per person)
- paper plates (1 per person)
- photocopies of the "Creative Clementines" snack cards on page 28 (1 per Crew)

TREE TIP

Prepackaged snacks—even those "packaged" with natural peels—make your job a snap! And fruit is often an allergy-sensitive snack many kids can eat.



Before Kids Arrive

- Put enough snacks on a snack tray for each person to have one.
- Photocopy and cut apart the snack cards on page 28. Put one on each snack tray.
- Fill water cups and set them on tables in the snack-eating area.
- Fill water pitchers to refill water cups.
- Set up some tables to hold all elementary Crew snack trays and other tables to hold preschool Crew snack trays.

Pray and ask for God's blessings on the food you just prepared.



During Treetop Treats

- As Crews arrive for snack time, invite them to grab cups of water and then find a place to sit with their Crews.
- When all Crews have arrived, sound the Rainforest Rattle to get everyone's attention.
- Give a big welcome as Crews arrive for the first day at Treetop Treats. Introduce yourself and then explain the way snack time will work for the week.

SAY

Each day when you get to Treetop Treats, grab a cup of water while your Crew Leader finds and carries your Crew's snack tray. The trays are marked with Crew numbers so they're easy to find. Elementary Crews, your trays will always be here (point to where you'll place the elementary Crew trays throughout the week), and preschool Crews, your trays will always be here (point to where you'll place the preschool Crew trays throughout the week).

After you have your water and your tray, find a spot to sit. Elementary Crews, you can check out some of the fun activities on your daily schedules. Preschool friends, spend time getting to know the friends in your Crew! Our time at Treetop Treats will help you build friendships in your Crews.

- Have each Crew Leader quickly find and take his or her Crew's snack tray.
- Each Crew's Prayer Person will lead a prayer for the snack.
- Play the awesome Sing & Play Tune Lagoon Music in the background while Crews enjoy the snack.

Finishing Up

- Ask Crews to throw away their trash.
- Dismiss Crews to their next stations.
- Enlist your team to pick up the Crew blankets, wipe up spills (if you're eating indoors), and straighten up the kitchen and snack area.

TREE TIP

Bring a copy of your Allergy Alerts list to your snack-eating area every day to use as a reference in case there are any questions from Crew Leaders or kids regarding food allergies and any snack modifications.

TREE TIP

Have pitchers of water on hand for your team to use in refilling water cups. Keep everyone hydrated!

DAY 2:

God knows everything.

Bible Story: David celebrates all God knows. (Psalm 139)

Bible Verse: "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me."
(Psalm 139:1)

Sing & Play Tune Lagoon

- Learn the Day 2 Bible Point and verse, and meet Bible Memory Buddy Seymour.
- Share God Sightings and add items to the God Sightings Celebration Spot.
- Sing Rainforest Falls songs.
- Hear how Dr. Flutterby is planning to capture his special butterfly.



Rooted Bible Adventures

Use all their senses to explore David's praises from Psalm 139.



Treetop Treats



Sweet Face



See More Seymour

Sticky Scripture™

Learn actions to Psalm 139:1 and "See What?!" they can spot in Rainforest Falls. They'll find comfort knowing that God sees their hearts.



Imagination Station™

Use Rain Reveal Cards to take a closer look at some of the rainforest's smallest creatures. Rejoice that God knows the smallest details about us!



Canopy Closing

Watch hidden messages appear, exploring how *nothing* is hidden from our all-knowing God!



Wild Games



Find the Fruit



It's a Jungle Out There!



Make Up a Splash

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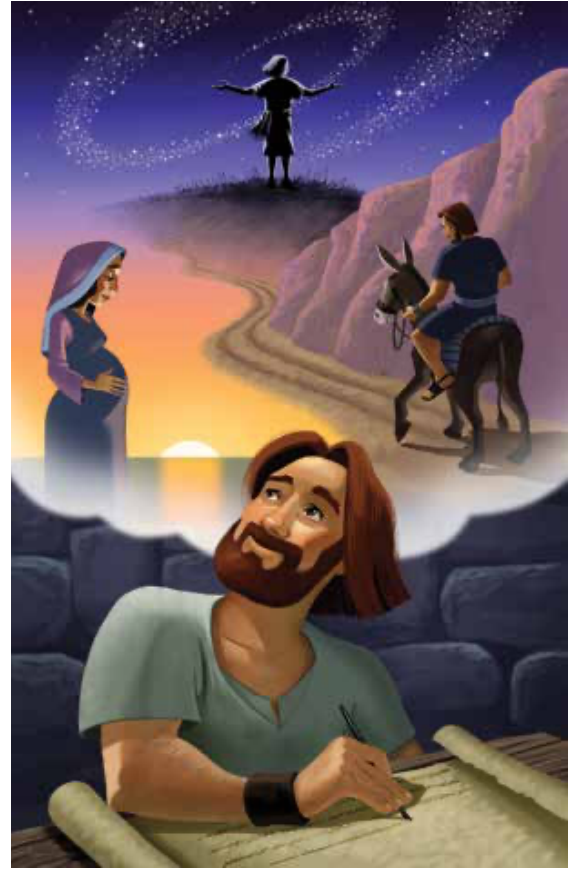
God knows everything.

Bible Verse: “O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.”
(Psalm 139:1)

Bible Story: David celebrates all God knows.
(Psalm 139)

Psalm 139 gives us a front-row seat to David’s heart as he wrestles with the incredible truth that God knows everything about him—his thoughts, his actions, even the words he hasn’t spoken yet! As a young shepherd, David spent years alone in the fields, unseen by people but fully known by God. Later, as a fugitive running from King Saul, he hid in caves yet always stayed in God’s watchful care. Even as king, when David made terrible mistakes, God still saw and pursued him. David understood both the comfort and the weight of being fully known by a God who never loses sight of his people. He described God’s knowledge as both mind-blowing (“too great for me to understand”) and deeply personal (“You know my thoughts”). God doesn’t just see us; he intimately knows every detail of our hearts.

The kids coming to your program live in a world that constantly watches them—safety monitors, social media posts, school expectations, even AI-driven content telling them who they should be. In spite of all that attention, many kids still feel unseen, unknown, or misunderstood. Psalm 139 reassures kids that God doesn’t just watch them like an algorithm tracking clicks. God knows their hearts, like a loving Father. God sees their struggles, their dreams, their quiet worries...and God cares. For children wrestling with comparison or anxiety, this truth brings peace. Help kids find rest in discovering that no burden or worry is hidden from our faithful God.



Why It Matters

Be encouraged! Kids never have to feel unknown or unseen. God knows every detail of their lives and promises to always love them.

Today's Snack Option 1:

Sweet Face

You'll need:

- sugar cookies (1 per person)
- vanilla and chocolate frosting (half of a 16-ounce container of each flavor per Crew)
- mini M&M's candies (about ¼ cup per Crew)
- licorice rope (1 piece per person)
- various colors of sprinkles (a few shakers per Crew)
- paper plates (1 per person)
- small bowls for holding snack ingredients (about 5 per Crew)
- serving trays (1 per Crew)
- photocopies of the "Sweet Face" snack card on page 28 (1 per Crew)



Instructions:

For prep, put cookies on a plate, and put frosting, mini M&M's, and licorice ropes in bowls. Pour sprinkles into bowls. Make a tray of ingredients for each Crew.

Arrange the snack ingredients on each Crew's tray so each person can build a unique Sweet Face.

TREE TIP

Oat milk- or coconut milk-based whipped topping can be used in place of frosting for a dairy-free option.

Today's Snack Option 2:

See More Seymour

You'll need:

- rectangular snack bags (1 per person)
- green grapes (about 1 cup per person)
- red gummy fish (1 per person)
- large marshmallows (1 per person)
- permanent markers
- knife for prep
- photocopies of the "See More Seymour" snack card on page 28 (1 per Crew)



Instructions:

To prepare, wash grapes and cut them in half (this is a safety step for younger kids). Cut marshmallows in half. Press the sticky side of the marshmallow halves to the inside of the bag side by side to make eyes. Fill the remainder of the bag with grapes, then put a gummy fish "tongue" just below the marshmallows. Seal the bags. Refer to the photo as a guide for drawing a simple frog face on each bag. Imperfections welcome!

Before Kids Arrive

- Put enough snacks or snack ingredients on a snack tray for each person to have or make one.
- Photocopy and cut apart the snack cards on page 28. Put one on each tray.
- Fill water cups and set them on tables in the snack-eating area.
- Fill water pitchers to refill water cups.
- Set up some tables to hold elementary Crew snack trays and other tables for preschool Crew snack trays.

Pray and ask for God's blessings on the food you just prepared.



During Treetop Treats

- As Crews arrive for snack time, let each person grab a cup of water. Crew Leaders will take the Crew's tray and then find a place to sit together.
- When all Crews have arrived, sound the Rainforest Rattle to get everyone's attention.
- Welcome the Crews back to Treetop Treats. Give a quick reminder that once Crews have found a place to sit and have their trays, the Prayer Person will lead a prayer of thanks for the snack.
- Play the awesome Sing & Play Tune Lagoon Music in the background while Crews enjoy the snack.

Finishing Up

- Ask Crews to throw away their trash.
- Dismiss Crews to their next stations.
- Enlist your team to pick up the Crew blankets, wipe up spills (if you're eating indoors), and straighten up the kitchen and snack area.



DAY 3:

God is our safe place.

Bible Story: David hides from Saul. (1 Samuel 23–24)

Bible Verse: “Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, ‘You are my place of refuge.’” (Psalm 142:5)

Sing & Play Tune Lagoon

- Learn the Day 3 Bible Point and verse, and meet Bible Memory Buddy Dottie.
- Share God Sightings and add items to the God Sightings Celebration Spot.
- Sing Rainforest Falls songs.
- Help Dr. Flutterby get out of a tangled mess.



Rooted Bible Adventures

Meet David, who’s running from King Saul, and help him know the right thing to do in a hard situation.



Treetop Treats



Rainforest Refuge



Ocelot Spots

Sticky Scripture™

Explore Psalm 142:5 and find out that a refuge is a safe place or person. Then they play “Would You Rather?” and decide where they’d like to find refuge.



Imagination Station™

Make layers of bubbles, then engage with Flutterflies to explore the wonderful way God made rainforests to be safe places.



Canopy Closing

Pass a message, then see how God’s comfort wraps around our fragile hearts.



Wild Games



Ups and Downs



Safe Buddies



Refuge Run

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God is our safe place.

Bible Verse: “Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say,
‘You are my place of refuge.’”
(Psalm 142:5)

Bible Story: David hides from Saul.
(1 Samuel 23–24)

David’s life reads like an action-packed survival story. After being anointed as the future king, he suddenly found himself running for his life from King Saul. Forced to flee, David hid in the caves of Adullam, a rugged, rocky refuge southwest of Bethlehem. These caves, naturally formed in limestone cliffs, provided shelter and secrecy for someone on the run. But David’s caves weren’t small, cramped holes in the ground—they were large, deep systems, often used by travelers, shepherds, and even armies. God provided not just a *physical* refuge but also a community—David’s family and a band of 400 outcasts joined him! While caves and strongholds provided temporary shelter, David daily found his safety in the presence and promises of God.

Kids may not be running from a king, but many face battles that leave them feeling overwhelmed or unsafe. Whether it’s the pressure of school, struggles at home, or the weight of anxiety, kids need a refuge just like David. The good news? God still provides a safe place—not a cave or a hiding spot, but his rock-solid presence. When everything around them feels uncertain, kids can trust that God understands, hears what’s spoken in their hearts, and stays with them. Just as God never abandoned David, God will never abandon us. While God never promises that we won’t face hardship, he *does* promise to be our shelter. Guide kids to find comfort when they turn to God as a refuge—a safe place for their hurting hearts.



Why It Matters

Find comfort. God provided a safe place for David to hide from King Saul. Today, God provides a refuge for us, where our doubts, worries, fears, and hearts are safe with him.

Today's Snack Option 1:

Rainforest Refuge

You'll need:



- graham crackers (2 full graham crackers per person)



- vanilla frosting (one 16-ounce container per Crew)

- coconut flakes (about ¼ cup per Crew)



- green food coloring

- resealable plastic bag (for dyeing coconut)

- green licorice rope or similar gummy candies (1 package per Crew)

- paper plates (1 per person)

- plastic butter knives (1 per person)

- small bowls for holding ingredients (4 per Crew)

- photocopies of the “Rainforest Refuge” snack cards on page 29 (1 per Crew)



Instructions:

For prep, pour shredded coconut into a large resealable bag. Add several drops of green food coloring. Seal the bag, then shake until the coconut is dyed. Stir green food coloring into the frosting.

Arrange the snack ingredients on each Crew's tray so each person can build a unique Rainforest Refuge using graham crackers, green frosting and coconut flakes, and gummy candy.

Today's Snack Option 2:

Ocelot Spots

You'll need:



- individual vanilla pudding cups (1 per person)



- ground cinnamon (1 small shaker bottle per Crew)



- ground nutmeg (1 small shaker bottle per Crew)

- plastic spoons (1 per person)



- 3x5 cards cut in half with holes punched in them to create stencils (1 stencil per Crew)

- photocopies of the “Ocelot Spots” snack cards on page 29 (1 per Crew)



Instructions:

Place pudding cups, spoons, a stencil, and a shaker bottle of both cinnamon and nutmeg on each Crew's tray.

TREE TIP

You may be able to find almond milk-based or other dairy-free vanilla pudding products to offer to kids with dairy allergies. Or provide individual dairy-free yogurt cups as an alternative as they're often easier to find.

Before Kids Arrive

- Put enough snacks or snack ingredients on a snack tray for each person to have or make one.
- Photocopy and cut apart the snack cards on page 29. Put one on each tray.
- Fill water cups and set them on tables in the snack-eating area.
- Fill water pitchers to refill water cups.
- Set up some tables to hold elementary Crew snack trays and other tables for preschool Crew snack trays.

**Pray and ask for
God's blessings
on the food you
just prepared.**



During Treetop Treats

- As Crews arrive for snack time, let each person grab a cup of water. Crew Leaders will take the Crew's tray and then find a place to sit together.
- When all Crews have arrived, sound the Rainforest Rattle to get everyone's attention.
- Welcome the Crews back to Treetop Treats. Give a quick reminder that once Crews have found a place to sit and have their trays, the Prayer Person will lead a prayer of thanks for the snack.
- Play the awesome Sing & Play Tune Lagoon Music in the background while Crews enjoy the snack.

Finishing Up

- Ask Crews to throw away their trash.
- Dismiss Crews to their next stations.
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DAY 4: God is love.

Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes to life to show God's love. (Luke 22:39–24:12)

Bible Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."
(Psalm 136:1)

Sing & Play Tune Lagoon

- Learn the Day 4 Bible Point and verse, and meet Bible Memory Buddy Tia.
- Share God Sightings and add items to the God Sightings Celebration Spot.
- Sing Rainforest Falls songs.
- See if Dr. Flutterby's disguise will attract a butterfly.



Rooted Bible Adventures

Make marks on a cross as they discover how Jesus showed God's love to all of us in a life-changing way.



Treetop Treats



Ants on a Branch



Bonded Branches

Sticky Scripture™

Hope to "Faithfully Flip!" a water bottle as they explore Psalm 136:1 and investigate what it means to be faithful.



Imagination Station™

Create Wow Windows that show the amazing way God gave rainforests the ability to regenerate. God's love gives us do-overs, too!

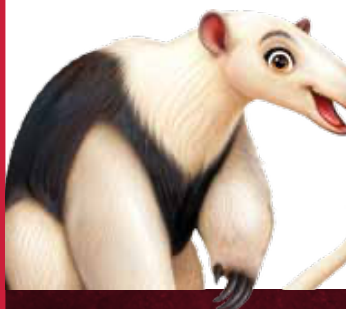


Canopy Closing

Discover how Jesus showed God's everlasting, unfailing love.



Wild Games



Give to Love, Love to Give



Aunty Eater



Along the Vine

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Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes to life to show God’s love. (Luke 22:39–24:12)

God’s creativity and magnificent design didn’t end with creating the world. One might even say that God’s plan to reveal the greatest act of love began at the Garden of Eden. God’s Son, Jesus, came to earth—fulfilling a staggering 300 Old Testament prophecies! The passage begins in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus, fully aware of the pain ahead, chooses to follow God’s plan. Jesus’ love wasn’t just a feeling; it was a choice that cost him everything. Where betrayal and arrest might have stirred up emotions of anger, Jesus showed only love. Instead of fighting or fleeing, he carried the cross and gave his life, demonstrating the power of God’s love for humanity. Three days later, in the most astonishing moment of all, the tomb stood empty—Jesus conquered death! God showed that his love is more powerful than anything.

Kids hear mixed messages about love. Songs say it’s about feelings. Influencers claim that popularity equals love. And people may argue, “If you loved me, you’d...” But Jesus reveals a different kind of love—one that’s selfless, sacrificial, and unshakable. Jesus didn’t love based on who deserved it; he loved because *that’s who he is*. What a gift to know that we’re fully loved—not because we’re perfect, but simply because God is love. In a world that often defines love in shallow or conditional ways, the cross and the empty tomb remind kids what real love looks like—powerful, unstoppable, and forever! Today, help kids explore a God-focused definition of love that will change their lives for eternity.



Why It Matters

Be amazed! Jesus demonstrated that God’s love is selfless, unconditional, and powerful. Kids will gain a fresh perspective on what *true* love is, following God’s timeless definition.

Today's Snack Option 1:

Ants on a Branch

You'll need:

- pretzel rods (2 per person)
- raisins (about 16 per person)
- chocolate hazelnut spread (one 7-ounce jar will go a long way!)
- paper plates (1 per person)
- photocopies of the "Ants on a Branch" snack cards on page 29 (1 per Crew)



TREE TIP

If you're accommodating for nut or tree nut allergies, chocolate hummus can be a great alternative to a hazelnut spread—and it tastes fantastic!



Instructions:

Place about eight small dollops of hazelnut spread on each pretzel rod. Then top the chocolate dots with raisin "ants."



Today's Snack Option 2:

Bonded Branches

You'll need:

- individual bags of mini pretzel knots (or resealable snack-size bags of pretzel knots)
- individual containers of guacamole, hummus, or nacho cheese dip
- photocopies of the "Bonded Branches" snack cards on page 29 (1 per Crew)



Before Kids Arrive

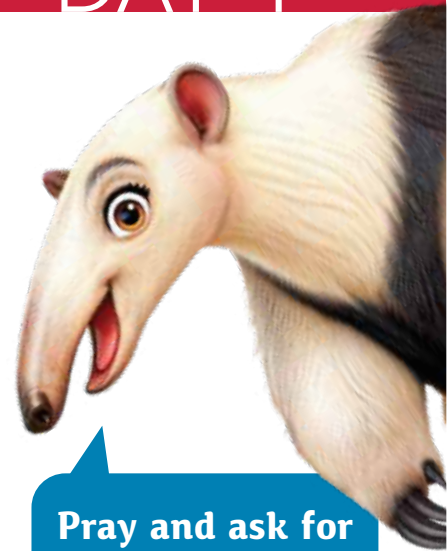
- Put enough snacks on a snack tray for each person to have one.
- Photocopy and cut apart the snack cards on page 29. Put one on each tray.
- Fill water cups and set them on tables in the snack-eating area.
- Fill water pitchers to refill water cups.
- Set up some tables to hold elementary Crew snack trays and other tables for preschool Crew snack trays.

During Treetop Treats

- As Crews arrive for snack time, let each person grab a cup of water. Crew Leaders will take the Crew's tray and then find a place to sit together.
- When all Crews have arrived, sound the Rainforest Rattle to get everyone's attention.
- Welcome the Crews back to Treetop Treats. Give a quick reminder that once Crews have found a place to sit and have their trays, the Prayer Person will lead a prayer of thanks for the snack.
- Play the awesome Sing & Play Tune Lagoon Music in the background while Crews enjoy the snack.

Finishing Up

- Ask Crews to throw away their trash.
- Dismiss Crews to their next stations.
- Enlist your team to pick up the Crew blankets, wipe up spills (if you're eating indoors), and straighten up the kitchen and snack area.



**Pray and ask for
God's blessings
on the food you
just prepared.**

DAY 5: God is forever.

Bible Story: God gives John a vision of heaven. (Revelation 7:17; 21-22)

Bible Verse: "But we can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!"
(Psalm 115:18)

Sing & Play Tune Lagoon

- Learn the Day 5 Bible Point and verse, and meet Bible Memory Buddy Howie.
- Share God Sightings and add items to the God Sightings Celebration Spot.
- Sing Rainforest Falls songs.
- Encourage Dr. Flutterby, who got into a jam with a jaguar.



Rooted Bible Adventures

Create a multisensory version of heaven, following John's description of the wonderful place where God's friends will spend forever!



Treetop Treats



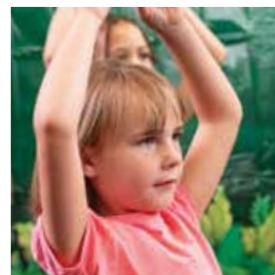
Monkey Munch



Forever Loops

Sticky Scripture™

Play "ZippEEE!" as they zip-line through the rainforest, finding Bible Memory Buddies along the way. Then they'll learn actions to Psalm 115:18 and celebrate that God is forever!



Imagination Station™

Create clouds, then plant seeds to remember the trees and plants John describes in heaven. What a beautiful place to live forever with God!



Canopy Closing

Send a balloon along a zip line to see if it can go on forever. Then praise God for being a forever friend!



Wild Games



Jungle Jump



Round and Round



Celebration Ball

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Bible Verse: “But we can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!”
(Psalm 115:18)

Bible Story: God gives John a vision of heaven.
(Revelation 7:17; 21-22)

The book of Revelation pulls back the curtain on eternity, showing that God’s love, power, and presence are *forever*. These words came from a vision given to the Apostle John, one of Jesus’ closest friends, during exile on the island of Patmos. Imagine being alone on a rocky island, separated from everyone you love, when suddenly, heaven opens before you! Wow! God gave John a glimpse of the future, revealing a world completely restored, where there’s no more pain, sadness, or death. John recorded that God wipes away every tear, and Jesus, the Lamb, becomes our eternal Shepherd, leading us along streams of living water. Revelation 21:23 explains that heaven doesn’t even need the sun or moon because God’s glory shines so brightly! What a wonderful “full circle” picture of God’s glory shining during creation! God isn’t just powerful for a moment—he is forever. God’s Kingdom, love, and promises never end.

It’s often said that “all good things come to an end.” Kids understand that, as they live in a world where things *don’t* last. Favorite shoes wear out, friendships change, and even the latest trends fade in a flash. That can make life feel uncertain, even scary. But Scripture gives kids a life-changing truth: God never runs out, never changes, and never leaves. God’s love is permanent, his promises are unbreakable, and his home is waiting for all who trust in him. That means kids don’t need to be afraid of the future. When kids realize that God is forever, they can live with hope, confidence, and joy—because no matter what happens, their forever is safe in God’s hands!



Why It Matters

Hope! God’s vision to John means that the love of our all-knowing creator and refuge never ends! Kids can look to a bright future, celebrating all that God promises for those who trust in Jesus.

Today's Snack Option 1:

Monkey Munch



You'll need:

— banana chips (about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup per person)



— Rice Chex cereal (about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup per person)

- chocolate chips (about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup per person)

- clear disposable cups (1 per person)

- photocopies of the "Monkey Munch" snack cards on page 30 (1 per Crew)



Instructions:

Put a layer of each ingredient into disposable cups so everyone will be able to see the three separate ingredients when it's time to eat.



Today's Snack Option 2:

Forever Loops



You'll need:

— individual packages of Froot Loops cereal (or a similar cereal) (1 per person)

- photocopies of the "Forever Loops" snack cards on page 30 (1 per Crew)

TREE TIP

You may be able to find a low-sugar loop cereal for a healthier option.



Before Kids Arrive

- Put enough snacks on a snack tray for each person to have one.
- Photocopy and cut apart the snack cards on page 30. Put one on each tray.
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A Cuppa Creation

God is our creator who made an amazing world! Our planet has land and water, air and animals! Scoop up this delicious dessert and thank God for his delightful designs—including you!

Creative Clementines

Peel the fruit and pull it apart. Use the pieces to make pictures. Can you make a picture of something God created—like the ocean, sun, a flower, or a bird like me? As you create and eat, remember that God is our creator!



Sweet Face

Use the ingredients to make your own funny face on a cookie! Remember—God made all the details that make you, you! God knows everything—including everything about you—and he loves you!

See More Seymour

There isn't much mystery to me—you can see it all. But not everything in life is as clear as a glass frog! Whenever you're unsure, talk with God. God knows everything!





Use the snack foods to build a triangle-shaped jungle hideout. Build a place where you'd feel safe. God's love surrounds us, and God is our safe place.

Rainforest Refuge

Ocelot Spots

Have a friend hold the card over your snack, then sprinkle on some spices. Move the card, and now you have a spotty snack! Hey, I'm spotted, too! My spots keep me safe—but God is a safe place for you!



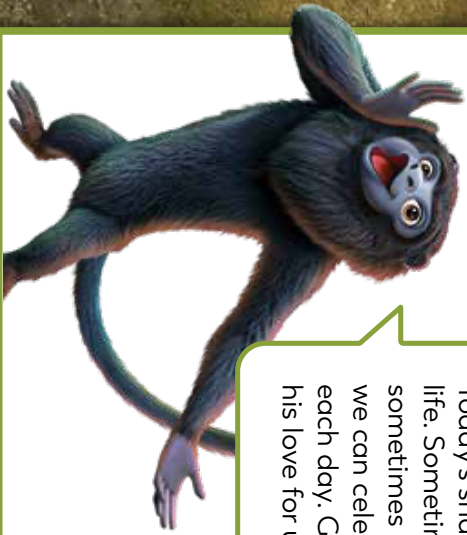
God has provided for all living things in our world. Like ants for me to eat—and food for you, too! God gives to us because God is love!

Ants on a Branch

Bonded Branches

I antsolutely love the shape of today's snack! A heartfelt reminder for you today that you are loved because God is love!



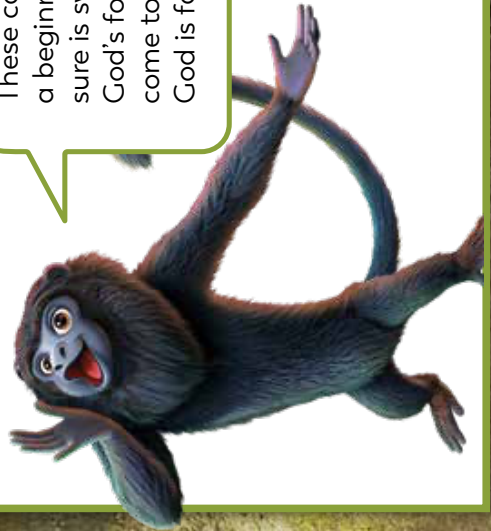


Today's snack is a mix—and so is life. Sometimes our days are sweet, sometimes not. No matter what, we can celebrate and praise God each day. God is forever, and so is his love for us!

Monkey Munch

Forever Loops

These colorful loops don't have a beginning or end. And that sure is sweet! Give a cheer for God's forever love! Many things come to an end, but not God. God is forever!



Thanks for *hopping* in to feed so many hungry rainforest explorers!

Treetop Treats

Day 1

Option 1



Cuppa Creation

Option 2



Creative Clementines

Day 4

Option 1



Ants on a Branch

Option 2



Bonded Branches

Day 2

Option 1



Sweet Face

Option 2



See More Seymour

Day 5

Option 1



Monkey Munch

Option 2



Forever Loops

Day 3

Option 1



Rainforest Refuge

Option 2



Ocelot Spots

Each snack connects to the daily Bible Buddy and Bible Point!



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