

VBS Summer Teams 2026

What is the theme and publisher for VBS 2025?

Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23
published by Answers in Genesis



What is the theme for each day?

Day 1 Sheep Farm in County Donegal
Day 2 Green Pastures in County Galway
Day 3 Black Valley in County Kerry
Day 4 Enemy Territory in Dublin
Day 5 Higher Lands in County Antrim

What are the Bible lessons?

Day 1 Lost to Found – Psalm 23:1; I Samuel 17:34-37
Day 2 Wrong Path to Right Path – Psalm 23:2-3; I Samuel 17
Day 3 Fearful to Peaceful – Psalm 23:4; I Samuel 19-23
Day 4 Grumbling to Grateful – Psalm 23:5; II Samuel 9:3-7; I Samuel 16:1-13
Day 5 Shaky to Sure – Psalm 23:6; I Chronicles 22

What is the emphasis of this curriculum?

“At Emerald Crossing, children will journey through Ireland’s lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. Along the way, they’ll meet the shepherd king David and the ultimate Shepherd-King, Jesus Christ. In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids will learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God’s Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. They’ll discover there is a God who cares for them!”

What are the Bible memory verses?

Day 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1 (ESV)
Day 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Psalm 23:2-3
Day 3 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4
Day 4 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5
Day 5 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

What music will the teams use?

Songs will primarily be selected from *Emerald Crossing* music download which includes the contemporary theme songs, ESV memory verse songs, and Simple Songs for Kids.

What is the mission emphasis?

Each congregation is encouraged to choose a mission emphasis and decide where the VBS offering will be given.

What supplies will the FLBC summer team members have?

1. *Emerald Crossing* music download
2. Teacher Resource Kit with teacher guide and posters
3. Puppets and puppet stage
4. Evangelism resources
5. Minimal recreational supplies

What are the host churches or Bible camps asked to supply?

1. Responsible and attentive classroom **helpers**
2. A **class list** for each teacher with any food allergies, medical conditions, or special needs noted, as well as an emergency contact name and phone number
3. Color-coded or picture-coded **nametags** that readily identify class members
4. **Crafts**

What are some *optional* supplies that churches or Bible camps may want to order?

1. Bibles for VBS children (ambassadorpublications.org/store or call 763-412-2010)
2. *Emerald Crossing* Director Guide, Teacher Guides, or Starter Kit (available from Answers in Genesis or Ambassador Publications)
3. *Emerald Crossing* Student Guides (ESV) in packs of ten (available from Answers in Genesis or Ambassador Publications)