

PLANNING FOR OPERATION KID-TO-KID

Before VBS

- **Share your vision.** Let your congregation know that participants at your VBS will be collecting donations that will go toward providing Bibles in countries around the world. Use the information on the Operation Kid-to-Kid posters and the Operation Kid-to-Kid video to help explain the need *and* the impact of having Scripture in one's own language. (The Operation Kid-to-Kid video is found on the Ultimate Director Go-To Training DVD in your Starter Kit.)

Set a goal for how many Bibles you'd like your church to provide. Let people know that every \$12 provides a Bible *and* discipleship opportunities for recipients. Photocopy the "Let's Light Up the World!" flyer (p. 50), and distribute it at worship services. This handout explains Operation Kid-to-Kid and lets church members know how they can help too.

- **Create a display.** The Operation Kid-to-Kid Poster Pack helps you create a large, eye-catching, engaging way to publicize this outreach opportunity *and* a spot to collect donations!

These posters feature kids from areas where the Bibles are most needed, such as Colombia, Myanmar, and Albania. These kids help *your* kids connect a person to the project, discovering that their dollars impact *real* kids who are a lot like them.

You may want to enhance your display by setting it on a table, surrounded by Bibles. Include picture Bibles or Bibles in other languages if you have access to them.



During VBS

- **Encourage kids to pray for children and their families who will receive Bibles and take part in discipleship initiatives.** Each day, lead kids in praying for the families who will receive Bibles in their own language. Ask God that the classes, clubs, and VBS programs they take part in will be meaningful and life-changing. Pray for the leaders who will guide kids in finding hope, comfort, and truth in God's Word. Thank God for his worldwide family—all speaking *his* Word in different languages! What a beautiful picture of heaven!
- **Talk about Operation Kid-to-Kid every day.** Connect with your All-Star Games Leader to be sure he or she understands the importance of playing the game that ties to Operation Kid-to-Kid each day. Have your Sing & Play Blast Off Leader connect Operation Kid-to-Kid to God Sightings—how we can be tangible evidence of shining Jesus' light! Rather than making service an "add-on" component, look for ways to naturally weave it into your program.

After VBS

- **Celebrate!** On the last day of VBS, tally the total amount of donations. You or your Sing & Play Blast Off Leader can announce this to your participants to cheer everyone's efforts. Divide the total dollar amount by 12, then have that many kids stand up. Show kids that *this* is the number of kids who will now have God's Word to take home! You can also share the news with your congregation at a worship service. They'll be excited to hear how they contributed, too!
- **Send in your donations.** You can donate online at worldvision.org/ok2k or make out a check to World Vision for the final amount of donations. If families make their donations by check, ask them to make the check out to your church with "OK2K" written on the memo line. After VBS you can deposit all the checks, coins, and bills and then write one check from your church for the total amount collected to send to World Vision.

Please be sure to put Christian Discipleship Fund - D64000000 on the check's memo line so the funds go to the correct collection at World Vision.

Send checks to:

World vision

PO Box 70200

Tacoma, WA 98481-0200

Compassion...or Competition?

You may be used to holding contests to persuade kids to participate in mission projects. We encourage you to consider what these methods *actually* communicate. Infusing competition into service projects is unnecessary and detracts from the heart of missions. Is your primary goal to simply raise a lot of money...or also to cultivate generosity? Help kids discover the joy that comes from sharing with others, as they develop hearts of compassion that will stick with them *long* after VBS! Rewards like watching someone get a pie in the face don't have long-lasting impact. We've found kids participate wholeheartedly without any extrinsic rewards when they understand the big difference they're making!



Let's Light Up the World!

**"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."
(Psalm 119:105)**

VBS Families,

Across the globe, millions of people lack the comfort and hope that come from reading God's Word in their own language. In fact, in some places, a Bible is viewed as a luxury! Oftentimes, even pastors don't have their own Bibles.

World Vision field offices are seeking more than 2 million Bibles to use in discipleship ministries. These Scriptures aren't simply handed out—they're used in Bible clubs, VBS programs, parenting classes, and Sunday schools. Kids and adults discover *how* to read and apply the truth in God's Word.

That's where we can shine!

A \$12 donation for Operation Kid-to-Kid provides a Bible, plus helps connect recipients with discipleship opportunities that help them grow in faith.

Operation Kid-to-Kid is a partnership between World Vision and Group Publishing VBS programs. All donations are sent directly to World Vision, who will purchase language-appropriate Bibles for use in programs throughout African nations, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The impact is life-changing!

Pastors see the difference when children—the future generation—have, know, and understand Scripture.

A mother in El Salvador shares: "Knowing the Word of God prevents my son from getting involved with harmful friendships."

An 11-year-old girl shares that she draws strength and wisdom from reading the Bible, which she applies to her family responsibilities.

Let's shine Jesus' love as we share *his light* with the world.



VBS Director

