



Spriggs Road Connects

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ." Colossians 2:2

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Shipwrecked – Jesus Rescues



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"Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" The story of the two criminals who hung on the cross on both sides of Jesus represents the two different views of who Christ is. The one criminal hurled insults at Jesus and mocked Him for not saving them, not comprehending or believing who Jesus really was. The other criminal recognized that justice was being served for breaking the law, while understanding that Jesus was perfect and had done nothing wrong. Through Jesus' death on the cross, He rescued us from our sins. We deserve God's judgment and wrath, but instead He showed us mercy and grace. Jesus rescues and saves!

This year's Vacation Bible School took place on a deserted island where 75 children were stranded in Manassas and 23 children were stranded in Herndon along with many crew leaders. The children felt many emotions while wondering how they would be rescued. The first day they felt lonely, but they were reminded that Jesus rescues and protects. "The Lord will hold me close." Psalm 27:10.

The second day the children felt worried, but Jesus rescues and comforts. "The Lord comes to the rescue each time." Psalm 34:19

The third day the children struggled, but Jesus rescues and gives us peace. "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10.

The fourth day the children understood that they sometimes do wrong things, but Jesus rescues us from our sins. "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

The fifth day the children were powerless, but Jesus rescues and gives us strength. "This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 1:19-20.

Each day the children were reminded of how Jesus cares for them. They were provided food to eat, songs to cheer them up and gave them joy, and crafts to make to help them understand the world in which God created. Bible stories were told to give them hope for how God cares and protects them.

The final day the children were told the story of a lame man who was crippled from birth. Peter took the man's hand and helped him up and instantly the man became strong and began to walk. "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see." Acts 3:16.

The VBS children were told how they could be rescued. They were given the Good News of how Jesus paid the price and took our punishment for us. Do you know who Jesus is? He is the one who saves us from our sins!

"Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Vacation Bible School 2018



"VBS is a great program, great exposure to the life-saving gospel for the children, a great community outreach and a wonderful opportunity for parents to spend quality time gaining good memories with their children."

Charlie Kim



What is one lesson you have learned this year at VBS?
"All of them." Will you come back next year? "Yes because VBS is awesome!" Elijah





"What I appreciate most is the fact that so many people who are already tired from kids' VBS in the morning are staying until 10 o'clock at night just investing in our young people and getting to know them."
Erin Rowe

"It is good for the children to learn about Jesus Christ, to share our beliefs, and to have fun in learning about our Lord."

Isabelle Woloszczuk



VBS was a great success because of the many volunteers and leadership of the Jegars. There is still much work to be done. We want to follow up with the kids, teens and parents in Herndon before next year. Jemima and others are brainstorming about different ideas. One thing they are already doing is soccer in the summer evenings. They also have a date for the Children's Christmas Party at the Community Center on December 14, 2018 from 6 to 9 (see attached flier). Some other ideas are cooking classes for women, ESL and/or Tamil classes, and a VBS reunion party. Many thanks to all who contributed in some way to help this year. More help is needed for other outreach opportunities and follow up to keep in touch and start relationships with the parents and children from VBS. Keep the outreach momentum going!



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:18
With the help of many volunteers, the 2018 Vacation Bible School had two outstanding weeks. Through the leadership of Captain Jemima and the ship's crew, the children were taught how Jesus rescues. Jegar gave us hope through the reading of Scripture and food for our soul every day. The bible passage he focused on was Ecclesiastes 11 and 12. There were five areas that he highlighted. The first point was to have a high view of Scripture. God's Word is foundational in our relationship with Christ. The second point was to live life with eternity in view. Godly living is not something that can be put off until old age. The time in our youth should not be wasted with carelessness and godlessness. Enjoy life to the fullest, but with God and eternity in view. The best way to enjoy youth is to live conscientiously before the Lord. The third point was you must seek God now. Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth. Seek God now because difficult days will come. Our life is fleeting. The fourth point was you must fear God. Fear God and keep His commandments. Fearing God involves an attitude of awe, which leads to worship and leads to actions. Fearing God involves awareness of God and factoring God into every situation of life. If you love God, keep His commandments. The fifth point was about the Day of Judgment, in which God will bring everyone into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil. Are you ready for that day? Do you believe in Christ? Believe in the Good News of the Gospel!