

## Day 1: Opening Gold Rush Rally

### Welcome

Person 1: **Welcome to Gold Rush, boys and girls! This week, we'll be discovering true gold—the one and only Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ!**

Person 2 excitedly enters holding a large “gold nugget” thinking he’s found “gold.”

Person 1: **Look at it carefully. It's just fool's gold. It looks like the real thing, but it's just a fake. Don't be fooled by counterfeits!**

That reminds me of what we're talking about at VBS today. There are lots of religious leaders who don't teach the truth. Only Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's get ready to be introduced to Jesus by singing our first song.

### Song

Rock of Ages

### Song

Talkin' Bout Jesus

### Nugget of Truth

Presentation image: What do all of these have in common?

Person 1: **Can you figure out what all these things have in common?** Take responses and ask Person 2: **Do you have any idea what they all have in common?**

Person 2 makes up a silly answer.

Person 1: **All the items have come about, in some way, from those who believe in Jesus and accept His teachings. Through the power of His Holy Spirit, Jesus has changed millions of lives for the better. No one else comes even remotely close to impacting the world as Jesus has. Every day this week, we'll take a look at some of the ways Jesus has impacted our world.**

Presentation image: Jesus's Impact on Education

Today we'll take a look at how followers of Jesus have impacted education. And since we're talking about edu-

cation, it seems fitting to take a fun quiz to see what we know. Read these and stand up if you think they're true. Stay seated if you think they're false.

Presentation images: Make up your own examples on the blank backgrounds provided. For example, Mr. Matt sleeps with a Mickey Mouse nightlight; Miss Theresa has five pet alligators; Miss Linda won a trophy for jumping rope.

Tell if they are true or false. Then say:

**What does this have to do with Jesus? The fact that you can read or will learn to read shows an amazing way followers of Jesus have impacted our world.**

**You see, God communicates with us through His written Word, called the Bible. And His followers have realized the importance of learning to read so they can study His Word and learn more about Him.**

**Those who believe in Jesus and want to follow His commands to preach the gospel to every tribe and nation have established schools throughout the world, even in the most remote jungles, to teach people to read so they can learn about Jesus for themselves.**

**Christians have also helped to establish a written language for many groups who have never had one. They've taught many people to read the Bible in their own languages.**

Presentation image: Which college was started for Christian reasons?

Have students clap if they think the answer is A, then B, then C, then D. Tell them they are all right! Then say:

**Christians built colleges and universities so that people could study more about Jesus Christ and Christianity. Almost all of the first 123 colleges and universities in the USA were started by Christians to prepare ministers and Christian workers to spread the gospel and teach others about Jesus. Sadly, most of those schools don't teach the truth about Jesus today, but they started that way.**

**Remember that it really is a priceless gift to be able to read and understand the most important book, the Bible, which tells us the truth about Jesus and why He**

came to earth. I sure am glad the followers of Jesus have impacted education!

## Missions Moment

Since the first VBS day tends to start late, omit the Missions Moment for today.

## Announcements

Announce the Cool Contest for today: "Guess the Gold." Hold up the candy jar and then challenge the

kids to guess the amount of gold that's in the jar sometime during the day. The winner will be announced during the closing assembly.

## Prayer

## Dismissal

## Song

Bible Is a Gold Mine

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## Song

It Couldn't Be

## Song

Talkin' Bout Jesus

## Drama

## Transition Point

Law enforcement officers, huh? I'm not sure how effective those two will be at enforcing any laws. But one thing I am sure about is that miner, Caleb Foster. Now that guy knows what he's doing—introducing people to Jesus. What could be more important than that? And that's what WE want to do this week. If you don't know Him, we want to introduce you to Him. And if you do know Him, well, we're hoping you'll learn a lot more about Him.

## Announcements

## Cool Contest

Announce the winners of the Wanted Poster Coloring Contest (from the Gold Rush Gathering) and today's "Guess the Gold" contest. Explain how the daily contests work and announce tomorrow's contest: Team Spirit Day and Christmas in (June, July, or August). Each Discovery Team should make signs, songs, cheers, or chants to show their team spirit. Also, everyone should wear something that's red and green to celebrate Christmas.

## Prayer

## Dismissal

## Song

Rock of Ages