

# where faith grows and hungry people are fed

## What People Are Saying about Abundance Orchard

We were so excited to find your Vacation Bible School program this year and had fun presenting it to the children of our neighborhood. Our church is located in one of the poorest sections of our city, and we have a food pantry operating out of our church also.

We chose the banner, food bags, and dry erase boards as the main crafts for the week. On the final night, we presented the banner, the third food bags and the remaining dry erase boards to our food bank as the service project for the week. Many of the children come to the food pantry, and we have reports of their surprise upon seeing the banner hanging there and being able to tell their parents, "That's my handprint!"

We used the "apple tree" in our fellowship hall for the kids to add an apple to the tree for each two cents they brought daily. To our surprise, the apples covered the tree and went down the trunk.

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Thank you for providing such a fantastic VBS curriculum. We had a wonderful turnout each night. The kids really enjoyed the stories that were selected. We also had the kids work in a garden area each night. That was a lot of fun. I especially loved the simplicity of the program. The focus was on the mission, not the décor. Perfect!

Bellevue Presbyterian Church — Nashville, TN

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Year 1: Old Testament Year 2: New Testament

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SLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

### Abundance Orchard

#### **Scope and Sequence**

#### **Year 1: Old Testament**

THEME: Trust and faith in the God who always provides for our needs.

#### Day 1: Hospitality

Abraham and Sarah prepare a meal for unexpected guests (Genesis 18:1-15) *Key Verse: Is anything too wonderful for God? (Genesis 18:14a)* 

#### Day 2: Trickery

Esau sells his birthright for a bowl of stew (Genesis 25:29-34)

Key Verse: Teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart. (Psalm 90:12)

#### Day 3: Obedience

The Hebrew people eat a quick meal before leaving Egypt (Exodus 13:3-10) Key Verse: Do not fear, for I am with you. (Isaiah 43:5a)

#### **Day 4: The Miraculous**

God provides manna and quail in the desert (Exodus 16)

Key Verse: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever. (Psalm 89:1)

#### Day 5: Hunger

A poor mom shares her food with Elijah (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Key Verse: You shall eat plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God. (Joel 2:26a)

#### **Year 2: New Testament**

THEME: God's abundant, and often unexpected, welcome.

#### Day 1: Breakfast

After his resurrection, Jesus prepares breakfast for his disciples on the beach (John 21:1-13) *Key verse: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you." (Romans 1:8)* 

#### Day 2: Lunch

Jesus has lunch with a tax collector (Luke 19:1-10) Key verse: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

#### Day 3: Dinner

Jesus has dinner at the home of his friends (Luke 10:38-42) *Key verse: "Live in harmony with one another." (Romans 12:16)* 

#### **Day 4: Midnight Snack**

Jesus tells a story about a midnight visitor (Luke 11:5-13)

Key verse: "Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you." (Romans 15:7)

#### Day 5: Party!

Jesus tells a story about a big party (Luke 14:15-23)

Key verse: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)