



## **Wagon Train Journey Play**

### **Director's Script**

### **Cast Script**

### **Props List**

## **PROPS For VBS Play**

### **Day 1—*Beans Again***

Fake campfire with logs or rocks to sit on  
Cooking pot or kettle  
Wooden spoon or ladle  
Crate or barrel  
Pioneer toys  
    Rope  
    Rag doll  
    Wooden blocks  
    Hoop with stick  
Wagon Master  
    Walking stick  
    Lantern

### **Day 2—*The Safest Way***

Campfire set up from Monday  
Toy snake  
Small pole or stick  
Rocks  
Lantern  
Walking stick  
Small bush

### **Day 3—*From Bitter to Sweet***

Campfire set up  
Coffee pot hanging or nearby  
Wooden spoon  
Toys—Hoop or ring toss  
    Cloth beanbags  
    Stick horse  
    Small craft

### **Day 4—*The Journey's End in Sight***

Campfire set up

## **Day 1--DIRECTOR'S SCRIPT**

### **VBS Intro Play: “Beans Again?!”**

Theme: *God’s Faithful Provision & Thankful Hearts*

#### **CHARACTERS**

- Narrator
- Mother
- Wagon Master
- Child 1 (oldest, dramatic)
- Child 2 (curious)
- Child 3 (youngest, expressive)



#### **SETUP & STAGE POSITIONS**

**Center Stage:** Campfire with pot hanging

**Stage Left:** Children’s play area

**Stage Right:** Wagon Master entrance



#### **OPENING**

#### **[LIGHTS UP — ACTORS IN POSITION]**

- Mother sits at fire stirring pot
- Children quietly playing Stage Left
- Narrator stands to the side facing audience



#### **NARRATOR**

*(Speak clearly, slowly.)*

Long ago, many families traveled west across our country in wagon trains. Life on the trail was not easy. There were long days, dusty roads, and very simple meals.

Tonight, at one campsite, a mother prepares supper while her children play nearby...



#### **SCENE 1 — CHILDREN APPROACH**

**[CUE: Children stop playing and run to Mother.]**

They gather close to the pot and pretend to smell the food.

**CHILD 1**

Mother! We're starving!

**CHILD 2**

What's for supper tonight?

**CHILD 3**

I hope it's something REALLY good!

**MOTHER**

*(Smiling, still stirring pot.)*

Well now... tonight we are having...

*(Pause for dramatic effect.)*

Beans.

 **SCENE 2 — COMPLAINING**

**[CUE: Children react loudly.]**

- Groan
- Stomp lightly
- Fold arms

**CHILD 1**

Beans AGAIN?!

**CHILD 2**

Why do we always eat the SAME thing?

**CHILD 3**

Don't we ever get pie... or cake... or anything fun?

## **MOTHER**

*(Gentle voice.)*

Children, you know we are traveling far from home. Our wagon can only carry so much food. We must eat what we have until we reach the new land.

## **CHILD 1**

But it's so boring!

## **CHILD 2**

I wish we had lots of different food.

## **CHILD 3**

I'm tired of beans!

## **SCENE 3 — WAGON MASTER ENTERS**

**[CUE: Wagon Master walks slowly from Stage Right.]**

He pauses, listening before speaking.

## **WAGON MASTER**

Well now... what's all this complaining I hear?

## **MOTHER**

Oh, Wagon Master, the children are unhappy about supper again.

## **WAGON MASTER**

*(Kind but firm.)*

Children, you should be thankful you have food at all. Many travelers would be glad to have a warm meal tonight.

## **CHILD 2**

But it's always the same!

## **SCENE 4 — STORY TRANSITION**

**[CUE: Wagon Master kneels or sits near campfire.]**

Children gather around him in a semicircle.

**WAGON MASTER**

Let me ask you something.

What would you think if you had to eat the SAME food... every day... for forty years?

**[CUE: Children react dramatically.]**

**CHILD 1**

Forty years?!

**CHILD 3**

That's forever!

**CHILD 2**

Who had to do that?

## **SCENE 5 — BIBLE STORY MOMENT**

★ **KEY TEACHING SECTION — SLOW DELIVERY**

**WAGON MASTER**

Come sit by the fire, and I will tell you a true story from God's Word.

Long ago, God's people — the children of Israel — were traveling through the wilderness.

They had no farms... no stores... and no way to grow food.

So God did something wonderful.

**CHILD 3**

Did He give them food?

## **WAGON MASTER**

Yes, He did!

Every morning, God sent bread from heaven called **manna**.

It covered the ground like dew.

And sometimes He sent **quail** for meat.

God faithfully provided for them every single day.

## **CHILD 1**

That sounds wonderful!

## **WAGON MASTER**

Yes... but sadly, many people began to complain.

They forgot how faithful God had been.

## **CHILD 2**

They forgot to be thankful?

## **WAGON MASTER**

Exactly.

And God had to teach them a very important lesson:

His provision should always be met with **grateful hearts**.

## **SCENE 6 — APPLICATION**

## **WAGON MASTER**

So when you sit down to your beans tonight, remember — they are a gift from God.

And one day, when we reach the new land, you will have gardens and plenty of food.

But even now... God is faithfully providing for you.

### **CHILD 3**

I think I can eat beans... with a thankful heart.

### **CHILD 2**

Me too.

### **CHILD 1**

Yes... thank you, Mother... and thank you, God

### **MOTHER**

*(Smiling warmly.)*

That is the best seasoning any meal can have — a grateful heart.

### **NARRATOR — CLOSING**

**[CUE: All actors turn slightly toward audience.]**

Just like God provided for the children of Israel in the wilderness, He faithfully provides for us today.

Let us remember to thank Him for every blessing — big or small.

### **GROUP LINE (OPTIONAL)**

All actors together:

**“God is faithful — and we will be thankful!”**



### **EXIT**

- Narrator exits first
- Wagon Master exits calmly
- Children return to “playing”
- Mother resumes stirring

Lights fade.

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## ★ DIRECTOR'S QUICK NOTES

### **Most Important Moment:**

The Wagon Master's Bible story — slow and clear.

### **Most Important Expression:**

Children showing big emotional reactions.

### **Goal:**

Help audience understand God's faithfulness.



## **Day 2--DIRECTOR'S SCRIPT**

(With Embedded Stage Cues)

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### **“THE SAFEST WAY”**

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#### **[LIGHTS UP]**

Father and Wagon Master talking near fire.  
Children playing Stage Left.

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#### **NARRATOR**

Long ago, families traveling west had to stay close together. The wilderness could be dangerous.  
Children were warned not to wander too far from the safety of camp.

But one evening...

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#### **SCENE 1 — CHILDREN WANDER**

[Children slowly drift farther Stage Left.]

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#### **CHILD 1**

Let's go just a little farther!

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#### **CHILD 2**

I want to see what's beyond those rocks!

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**CHILD 3**

It's not that far... no one will notice.

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**CHILD 4 (optional)**

This is exciting!

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**SCENE 2 — SNAKE**

[Children freeze, then react.]

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**CHILD 2**

Wait... what's that?!

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**CHILD 3**

A SNAKE!!

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**CHILD 1**

Run!!

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[Children huddle.]

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## **SCENE 3 — SCOUT ENTERS**

[Scout enters quickly from Stage Right.]

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### **SCOUT**

Children! There you are! We've been searching everywhere.

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### **CHILD 3**

We saw a snake!

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### **CHILD 2**

We were so scared!

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### **SCOUT**

You're safe now. Come — let's get back to camp.

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[Scout leads children to center stage.]

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## **SCENE 4 — FATHER**

[Father steps forward quickly.]

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### **FATHER**

Children! We were so worried!

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**CHILD 1**

We're sorry, Father...

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**CHILD 2**

We didn't mean to go so far.

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**FATHER**

You remember I warned you not to wander beyond camp.

Obedience is not meant to spoil your fun — it is meant to keep you safe.

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**CHILD 3**

We understand now.

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 **SCENE 5 — WAGON MASTER TEACHES**

[Wagon Master steps forward slowly.]

Children sit in semicircle.

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**WAGON MASTER**

Your father is right. Obedience is the safest way.

And that reminds me of something that happened long ago...

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## ★ TEACHING MOMENT — SLOW DELIVERY

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### WAGON MASTER

The children of Israel became impatient and disobeyed God.

Because of their sin, fiery serpents came among them.

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### FATHER

Many were bitten... and they began to die.

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### WAGON MASTER

But God, in His mercy, told Moses to make a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole.

Anyone who looked would live.

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### CHILD 2

Just by looking?

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### WAGON MASTER

Yes — by trusting God's way.

And many years later, Jesus said that just as Moses lifted up the serpent...

He would be lifted up on a cross.

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### FATHER

So that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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## APPLICATION

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### WAGON MASTER

Just as they looked up to live...

we must look to Jesus and trust Him to save us.

And remember — obedience is always the safest way.

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### CHILD 1

We will stay close to camp.

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### CHILD 2

We will obey.

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### CHILD 3

And we will trust God.

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## NARRATOR

Just as staying close to camp kept the children safe, obeying God keeps us safe.

And just as the Israelites looked up to live, we must look to Jesus for salvation.

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## **OPTIONAL GROUP LINE**

All together:

**“Obey God — and trust Jesus!”**

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**[LIGHTS FADE]**

## **Day 3--DIRECTOR'S SCRIPT**

(With Embedded Cues)

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### **“FROM BITTER TO SWEET”**

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#### **[LIGHTS UP]**

Children playing Stage Left.

Campfire Center Stage.

Narrator steps forward.

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#### **NARRATOR**

Long ago, families traveling west had to live close together. There were many rules to follow, and life on the trail was not always easy.

Sometimes the hardest part of the journey wasn't the dusty roads...

It was learning how to treat one another kindly.

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#### **SCENE 1 — CHILDREN PLAYING**

[Children playing happily.]

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#### **CHILD 1**

It's your turn!

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**CHILD 2**

No fair — you moved the hoop!

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**CHILD 3**

Let's all try again!

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

You're not playing right!

You always get to go first!

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**CHILD 1**

We're trying to be fair...

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

No you're not!

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[She crosses arms and turns away.]

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**CHILD 2**

We can all take turns...

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

I don't want to play anymore!

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[She stomps toward center stage.]

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## **SCENE 2 — BITTER HEART**

[Other children slowly exit.]

Grumpy Girl sits near fire.

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### **GRUMPY GIRL**

Nobody likes me anyway...

They always make the rules...

I hate traveling in this wagon train!

Why do we even have to move?

Everything is so unfair!

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[She sighs loudly.]

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## **SCENE 3 — MOTHER ENTERS**

[Mother enters quietly Stage Right.]

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### **MOTHER**

That sounds like a very unhappy heart.

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

Oh... Mother...

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**MOTHER**

Would you like to tell me what is wrong?

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

They don't play fair!

There are too many rules!

I don't like this trip!

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[Pause.]



**SCENE 4 — BIBLE STORY**

Mother sits beside her.

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**MOTHER**

Your heart sounds very bitter.

Do you remember the story about the bitter water in the wilderness?

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

The water the Israelites couldn't drink?

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**MOTHER**

Yes.

They were thirsty, but the water was bitter.

Moses prayed, and God told him to place a tree into the water.

And the water became sweet.

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[Slow delivery begins.]

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## **SCENE 5 — GOSPEL CONNECTION**

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**MOTHER**

Just like that water needed to change...

our hearts need to change too.

That tree was a picture of something greater.

Jesus died on a cross made from a tree.

He took our sin and our punishment.

When we trust Him, He makes our hearts new.

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[Pause.]

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**GRUMPY GIRL**

I already trusted Jesus as my Savior.

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## **MOTHER**

And now He wants to help you love others.

Jesus said:

“This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.”

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## **SCENE 6 — RESPONSE**

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### **GRUMPY GIRL**

I’ve been acting bitter.

I want Jesus to help me choose kindness.

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[She stands.]

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### **GRUMPY GIRL**

I’m going to apologize.

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[Children re-enter.]

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### **GRUMPY GIRL**

I’m sorry for being mean.

Will you forgive me?

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## **CHILDREN**

Yes!

Come play!

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[They resume playing joyfully.]

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## **NARRATOR**

Just as God made the bitter water sweet...

Jesus can change our hearts too.

He forgives our sin and helps us love one another.

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## **OPTIONAL GROUP LINE**

All together:

**“Jesus makes bitter hearts sweet!”**

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**[LIGHTS FADE]**

## **DIRECTOR'S SCRIPT—Day 4**

(With Embedded Stage Cues)

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### **“THE JOURNEY’S END IN SIGHT”**

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#### **[LIGHTS UP]**

All characters standing, facing outward toward horizon (audience direction).

Soft hopeful posture.

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#### **NARRATOR**

For many long weeks, this wagon train has traveled dusty trails...

Through hardship and danger...

Toward a land they have never seen...

But a land they have trusted would be worth the journey.

Tonight...

The journey’s end is finally in sight.

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#### **SCENE 1 — THE PROMISED LAND**

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#### **SCOUT**

[Steps forward, shading eyes.]

If you look carefully... you can see it.

The entrance to the land we have been traveling toward.

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### **CHILD 1**

Tomorrow we will finally arrive!

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### **CHILD 2**

It's hard to believe the journey is almost over.

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### **CHILD 3**

It has been long... and hard.

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### **MOTHER**

But God has been faithful every step of the way.

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### **FATHER**

Yes... we have learned much along this trail.

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## **SCENE 2 — SHARING HOPES**

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### **CHILD 1**

I hope we plant gardens and never go hungry again.

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**CHILD 2**

I hope we build a strong home where we feel safe.

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**CHILD 3**

I hope we are always kind to one another.

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**MOTHER**

I hope we never forget the lessons we have learned.

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**SCENE 3 — CAMPFIRE REFLECTION**

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**WAGON MASTER**

[Steps toward fire.]

Before we reach our destination tomorrow...

Let us remember what this journey has taught us.

Come — gather around.

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[All move slowly to sit or kneel around campfire.]

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**WAGON MASTER**

Who would like to share?

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**CHILD 1**

I learned that God faithfully provides.

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**CHILD 2**

I learned that obedience is the safest way.

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**CHILD 3**

I learned that Jesus changes our hearts.

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**MOTHER**

And I learned that God's love carries us through every trial.

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**SCENE 4 — SUMMARY & GOSPEL**

[Wagon Master slowly stands.]

Tone becomes steady and clear.

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**WAGON MASTER**

We traveled through hardship, hunger, danger, and even bitter moments...

But we kept going toward something better.

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[Pause.]

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Just like this journey...

Life is a journey.

And heaven is the Promised Land.

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God provides along the way.

Jesus saves us from danger.

He changes our hearts as we travel.

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[Slow delivery.]

But the most important question is this:

Have you begun the journey with Jesus?

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[Pause. Let silence sit.]

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No one reaches heaven by their own strength.

We must trust Jesus — the One who died and rose again — to lead us there.

He is the only true Guide for life's journey.

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## **SCENE 5 — HOPEFUL RESPONSE**

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### **CHILD 3**

I want Jesus to guide my journey.

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## **CHILDREN (together)**

So do we!

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## **WAGON MASTER**

Then follow Him... trust Him... and never turn back.

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## **NARRATOR — CLOSING**

The wagon train will reach its destination tomorrow...

But each of us must decide today...

Whether we will begin the journey with Jesus.

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## **OPTIONAL FINAL LINE**

All together, softly but confidently:

**“Follow Jesus — He will lead you home.”**

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## **[LIGHTS FADE SLOWLY]**

All characters turn toward “horizon.”

Hold 5 seconds.

Blackout.

# Cast Scripts—VBS PLAY—Day 1

## VBS Intro Play

**“Beans Again?!”**

**Theme: God’s Faithful Provision & A Grateful Heart**

Scripture Connection: *Exodus 16; Numbers 11*

## Characters

- Narrator-
- Mother
- Wagon Master
- Child 1
- Child 2
- Child 3

*(Optional: other children can play silently nearby.)*

## Scene Setting

*(Campfire area. Mother is stirring a pot over an “open fire.” Children are playing nearby.)*

## Narrator

Long ago, many families traveled west across our country in wagon trains. Life on the trail was not easy. There were long days, dusty roads, and very simple meals.

Tonight, at one campsite, a mother prepares supper while her children play nearby...

## Dialogue

*(Children run toward the mother)*

***Gather around the pot.***

***Pretend to smell the food.***

**Child 1:**

Mother! We’re starving!

**Child 2:**

What's for supper tonight?

**Child 3:**

I hope it's something REALLY good!

**Mother** (*smiling, stirring pot*):

Well now... tonight we are having...

*(dramatic pause)*

Beans.

*(Children groan loudly—fold arms)*

**Child 1:**

Beans AGAIN?!

**Child 2:**

Why do we always eat the SAME thing?

**Child 3:**

Don't we ever get pie... or cake... or anything fun?

**Mother** (*gently*):

Children, you know we are traveling far from home. Our wagon can only carry so much food. We must eat what we have until we reach the new land

**Child 1:**

But it's so boring!

**Child 2:**

I wish we had lots of different food.

**Child 3:**

I'm tired of beans!

*(Wagon Master enters, overhearing—Pauses to listen)*

**Wagon Master:**

Well now... what's all this complaining I hear?

**Mother:**

Oh, Wagon Master, the children are just unhappy about supper again.

**Wagon Master** (*kind but firm*):

Children, you should be thankful you have food at all. Many travelers would be glad to have a warm meal tonight.

**Child 2:**

But it's always the same!

**Wagon Master:**

Hmm... let me ask you something.

What would you think if you had to eat the SAME food... every day... for forty years?

**(Children react with shock)**

**Child 1:**

Forty years?!

**Child 3:**

That's forever!

**Child 2:**

Who had to do that?

**Wagon Master:**

Come sit by the fire, and I will tell you a true story from God's Word.

**(Children gather around.)**

## **Story Within the Play**

**Wagon Master:**

Long ago, God's people — the children of Israel — were traveling through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land.

They had left Egypt, and they had no farms... no stores... and no way to grow food.

So do you know what God did?

**Child 3:**

Did He give them food?

**Wagon Master:**

Yes, He did!

Every morning, God sent bread from heaven called **manna**. It covered the ground like dew.

And sometimes He sent **quail** — birds they could eat for meat.

God faithfully provided for them every single day.

**Child 1:**

That sounds wonderful!

**Wagon Master:**

Yes, it was. But sadly... many of the people began to complain.

They said they were tired of manna. They forgot how faithful God had been to care for them.

**Child 2:**

They forgot to be thankful?

**Wagon Master:**

Exactly.

And God had to teach them an important lesson:

His provision should always be met with **grateful hearts**.



### **Application Moment**

**Wagon Master (to children):**

So when you sit down to your beans tonight, remember — they are a gift from God.

And one day, when we reach the new land, you'll have gardens and plenty of food!

But even now... God is faithfully providing for you.

**Child 3:**

I think I can eat beans... with a thankful heart.

**Child 2:**

Me too.

**Child 1:**

Yes... thank you, Mother... and thank you, God!

**Mother** (*smiling warmly*):

That is the best seasoning any meal can have — a grateful heart.



### **Narrator — Closing**

Just like God provided for the children of Israel in the wilderness, He faithfully provides for us today.

Let us remember to thank Him for every blessing — big or small.

# Cast Scripts Day 2—VBS Intro Play

## “The Safest Way”

Theme: **Obedience Brings Safety — Look to Jesus for Salvation**

Scripture: *Numbers 21:4–9; John 3:14–16*

### Characters

- Narrator
- Father
- Wagon Master
- Scout-
- Child 1
- Child 2
- Child 3

### Scene Setting

Campfire area at wagon train campsite.

Father and Wagon Master are talking near the fire. Some children are playing near the edge of camp.

### OPENING

#### Narrator

Long ago, families traveling west had to stay close together. The wilderness could be dangerous, and children were always warned not to wander too far from the safety of camp.

But one evening, a group of children forgot that important rule...

### SCENE 1 — CHILDREN WANDER

*(Children pretend to explore and walk farther from camp*

*Make the wandering gradual—not sudden—so audience understands they are moving too far.)*

#### CHILD 1

Let's go just a little farther!

## **CHILD 2**

I want to see what's beyond those rocks!

## **CHILD 3**

It's not that far... no one will notice.

## **SCENE 2 — THE SNAKE**

*(Children suddenly freeze and then react in fear.)*

## **CHILD 2**

Wait... what's that?!

## **CHILD 3**

A SNAKE!!

## **CHILD 1**

Run!!

*(Children huddle together, scared.)*

## **SCENE 3 — THE SCOUT ARRIVES**

*(Scout enters quickly, looking concerned. Tone concerned but controlled)*

## **SCOUT**

Children! There you are! We've been searching everywhere for you.

## **CHILD 3**

We saw a snake! It almost came toward us!

## **CHILD 2**

We were so scared!

## **SCOUT**

You are safe now. Come — let's get you back to camp.

*(Scout leads children back to camp.)*

#### **SCENE 4 — BACK AT CAMP**

*(Father rushes forward showing relief. Tone kind but firm. Hugs children.)*

##### **FATHER**

Children! We were so worried!

##### **CHILD 1**

We're sorry, Father...

##### **CHILD 3**

We didn't mean to go so far.

##### **CHILD 2**

We saw a snake and got very scared!

##### **FATHER**

*(Kind but serious.)*

You remember I warned you not to wander beyond camp. The wilderness is full of dangers.

Obedience is not meant to spoil your fun — it is meant to keep you safe.

##### **CHILD 1**

We understand now.

##### **CHILD 2**

We won't wander again.

#### **SCENE 5 — WAGON MASTER TEACHES**

*(Wagon Master steps forward.)*

## **WAGON MASTER**

Your father is right. Obedience is the safest way.

And your story reminds me of something that happened long ago to God's people.

Come sit by the fire, and I will tell you.

*(Children gather around.)*

## **SCENE 6 — BIBLE STORY**

### **KEY TEACHING MOMENT**

## **WAGON MASTER**

Long ago, the children of Israel were traveling through the wilderness.

But they became impatient... and they began to complain and disobey God.

## **FATHER**

They spoke against God and against Moses. They forgot how faithful God had been to them.

## **WAGON MASTER**

Because of their disobedience, God allowed fiery serpents to come among them.

Many people were bitten... and they began to die.

## **CHILD 3**

That must have been terrifying!

## **WAGON MASTER**

It was. The people cried out to God for mercy.

So God told Moses to make a bronze serpent and place it on a pole.

## **FATHER**

And God made a wonderful promise:

Anyone who looked at the serpent on the pole after being bitten would live.

## **CHILD 2**

Just by looking?

## **WAGON MASTER**

Yes — by trusting God’s way of salvation.

## **SCENE 7 — GOSPEL CONNECTION**

## **WAGON MASTER**

Many years later, Jesus used that very story to explain something wonderful.

He said that just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness...

He Himself would be lifted up on a cross.

## **FATHER**

So that anyone who believes in Him would not perish... but have eternal life.

## **WAGON MASTER**

That is why Jesus said:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...”

## **CHILDREN (together, if desired)**

“...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

## **SCENE 8 — APPLICATION**

## **WAGON MASTER**

Just as the Israelites had to look up to be saved...

we must look to Jesus and trust Him to save us from sin.

And remember this too:

Obedience is always the safest way.

### **CHILD 1**

We will stay close to camp from now on.

### **CHILD 2**

And we will obey!

### **CHILD 3**

And we will remember to trust God.

### **FATHER**

That is the wisest choice you can make.

### **NARRATOR — CLOSING**

Just as the children learned that staying close to camp kept them safe, we learn that obeying God keeps us safe.

And just as the Israelites looked up to live, we must look to Jesus for salvation.

# **Cast Scripts DAY 3. VBS INTRO PLAY — DAY 3**

## **“From Bitter to Sweet”**

Theme: Jesus Changes Our Hearts

Scripture: Exodus 15:22–27; John 15:12

## **CHARACTERS**

- Narrator
- Mother
- Grumpy Girl
- Child 1
- Child 2
- Child 3
- (Optional extra children)

## **SETTING**

Wagon train campsite.

Children playing an old-fashioned game (such as rolling a hoop, tossing cloth beanbags, or simple ring toss).

Campfire area center stage.

## **OPENING**

### **Narrator**

Long ago, families traveling west had to live close together. There were many rules to follow, and life on the trail was not always easy.

Sometimes the hardest part of the journey wasn't the dusty roads or long days...

It was learning how to treat one another kindly.

## **SCENE 1 — CHILDREN PLAYING**

*(Children playing happily together.)*

**CHILD 1**

It's your turn!

**CHILD 2**

No fair — you moved the hoop!

**CHILD 3**

Let's all try again

**GRUMPY GIRL**

*(Crossing arms)*

You're not playing right!

You always get to go first!

**CHILD 1**

We're trying to be fair...

**GRUMPY GIRL**

No, you're not! You just don't want me to win!

**CHILD 2**

We can all take turns...

**GRUMPY GIRL**

I don't want to play anymore!

*(She stomps toward the campfire.)*

 **SCENE 2 — BITTER HEART**

*(Grumpy Girl sits by fire, pouting.)*

**GRUMPY GIRL**

*(Talking to herself)*

Nobody likes me anyway...

They always make the rules...

I hate traveling in this wagon train!

Why do we have to move at all?

There are too many rules!

Everything is so unfair!

*(She folds arms and sighs loudly.)*

### **SCENE 3 — MOTHER ENTERS**

*(Mother enters to get coffee pot and overhears.)*

#### **MOTHER**

My, my... that sounds like a very unhappy heart.

#### **GRUMPY GIRL**

*(Startled)*

Oh... Mother...

#### **MOTHER**

Would you like to tell me what is wrong?

#### **GRUMPY GIRL**

They don't play nice!

They don't let me win!

Everything is hard on this trip!

I don't like the rules...

And I don't even want to be here!

*(She waits for sympathy.)*

## **SCENE 4 — BIBLE STORY CONNECTION**

Mother sits beside her gently.

### **MOTHER**

Your heart sounds very troubled... and very bitter.

That reminds me of a story we read together recently.

Do you remember the story about the bitter water in the wilderness?

### **GRUMPY GIRL**

Yes... God's people were thirsty...

But the water was too bitter to drink.

### **MOTHER**

That's right.

The people complained because the water did them no good.

So Moses prayed and asked God what to do.

And God told him to place a tree into the water.

### **GRUMPY GIRL**

And the water became sweet!

### **MOTHER**

Yes — and that story teaches us something very important.

Just like that water needed to change...

Our hearts need to change too.

## **SCENE 5 — GOSPEL CONNECTION**

### **MOTHER**

That tree in the water was a picture of something God would do later.

Jesus died on a cross made from a tree.

He took our sin and our punishment.

And when we trust Him as our Savior...

He takes our sinful, bitter hearts...

And makes them new and sweet.

## **GRUMPY GIRL**

I remember... I already trusted Jesus to be my Savior.

## **MOTHER**

Yes, you have.

And now Jesus wants to help you become more like Him every day.



## **SCENE 6 — APPLICATION**

## **MOTHER**

Do you know what Jesus says in His Word?

He says:

“This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.”

## **GRUMPY GIRL**

So... I shouldn't be mean or grumpy...

I should be kind and loving.

## **MOTHER**

Exactly.

And Jesus will help you choose to love others — because He loves you.

## **GRUMPY GIRL**

I want Him to help me change my heart.

I'm going to go apologize to the others.

*(She stands and walks back toward the children.)*

## **SCENE 7 — RESTORATION**

Children re-enter.

### **GRUMPY GIRL**

I'm sorry for being mean and grumpy.

Will you forgive me?

### **CHILDREN (together)**

Yes!

Come play with us!

*(They happily return to playing.)*

### **NARRATOR**

Just as God made the bitter water sweet...

Jesus can change our hearts too.

He forgives our sin and helps us love one another.

# Cast Scripts Day 4. VBS FINAL NIGHT PLAY

## “The Journey’s End in Sight”

Theme: Life Is a Journey — Begin It With Jesus

### CHARACTERS

- Narrator—Jessica
- Wagon Master—Chad
- Scout--Jerred
- Mother--Mariel
- Father—Corey
- Child 1—Mariah
- Child 2—Sydney
- Child 3—Macey
- Additional children—Skyler, Tyler, and D...

### SETTING

Evening at the wagon train campsite.

All characters are gathered facing toward the audience, as though looking toward a distant destination beyond the horizon.

A campfire burns center stage. Scout slightly forward, Wagon Master near center. Parent and children clustered naturally.

### OPENING

#### Narrator

For many long weeks, this wagon train has traveled across dusty trails, through dangers and hardships, toward a place they have never seen — but a place they have trusted would be worth the journey.

Tonight, something very special has happened...

The journey’s end is finally in sight.

### SCENE 1 — LOOKING TOWARD THE PROMISED LAND

*(All characters stand looking out toward the audience.)*

## **SCOUT**

**Steps forward, shading his eyes.**

If you look carefully... you can see it in the distance.

**Children should squint or shield eyes to “look”**

The entrance to the land we have been traveling toward.

## **CHILD 1**

Tomorrow we will finally arrive!

## **CHILD 2**

I can't believe the journey is almost over.

## **CHILD 3**

It's been so long... and so hard.

## **MOTHER**

But it has also been a journey full of learning.

## **FATHER**

Yes... we have seen God's care every step of the way.



## **SCENE 2 — SHARING HOPE**

**Each child steps forward slightly when speaking. Tone hopeful, joyful, peaceful**

## **CHILD 1**

I hope we have a big garden with plenty of food.

## **CHILD 2**

I hope we have a safe home where we can rest.

### **CHILD 3**

I hope we can live together happily.

### **MOTHER**

My hope is that our family will always trust God, no matter where we live.

### **SCOUT**

My hope is that we never forget the lessons we learned along this trail.

## **SCENE 3 — CAMPFIRE REFLECTIONS**

*(All gather around the campfire.)*

### **WAGON MASTER**

Before we reach our destination tomorrow... let us remember what this journey has taught us.

Who would like to share?

### **CHILD 1**

I learned that God faithfully provides for us — just like He provided manna for His people.

### **CHILD 2**

I learned that obedience is the safest way... and that we must look to God to save us.

### **CHILD 3**

I learned that Jesus can change our hearts from bitter to sweet.

### **MOTHER**

And I learned that God's love guides us through every difficulty.

## **SCENE 4 — THE WAGON MASTER'S SUMMARY**

**Wagon Master slowly stands. Others remain seated looking up at him.  
Delivery calm, steady and sincere.**

**Wagon Master**

We traveled through hardship, hunger, danger, and even bitter moments...

But we kept going toward something better.

Just like this journey, life itself is a journey.

And heaven is the Promised Land.

**(Slow, clear delivery)**

God provides for us along the way.

Jesus saves us from danger.

He changes our hearts as we travel.

But the most important question is this:

Have you begun the journey with Jesus?

**(Pause. Let silence sit.)**

 **SCENE 5 — GOSPEL CLARITY**

**WAGON MASTER**

No one can reach the Promised Land of heaven by their own strength.

We must trust Jesus — the One who died and rose again — to lead us there.

He is the only true Guide for life's journey.

 **SCENE 6 — HOPEFUL ENDING**

**Group slowly stands one-by-one.**

**CHILD 3**

I want Jesus to guide my journey.

## **CHILDREN (together)**

So do we!

## **WAGON MASTER**

Then follow Him... trust Him... and never turn back.

All actors slowly turn and face the "horizon" again. Seeing the destination lies at the back of the auditorium.

## **NARRATOR — CLOSING**

The wagon train will reach its destination tomorrow...

But each of us must decide today... have we begun the journey with Jesus.