

Green Pastures Bible Challenge— Decorate and Organize!

“But the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:25

God’s saving Word is the focus of this site. The goals of this site are to learn the Bible Memory Verse through song and to connect that Bible Memory Verse to the Bible story, Take-Home Point, and our lives. The Holy Spirit will have a powerful effect through God’s Word on the children in your VBS! These decorating suggestions and tips will help you set the stage for teaching God’s Word!

A main feature of the site is an  **Old Fashioned Clothesline**. Each day at Bible Challenge, the Bible Memory Verse Code Sheets will be clothes pinned to the line by members of the Teams. You can also post them with temporary hooks on a wall or hang a line between two trees if you are outside.

Post the Bible Challenge Site Sign (*Leader CD*) to identify your site.

Gather This Great Idea!

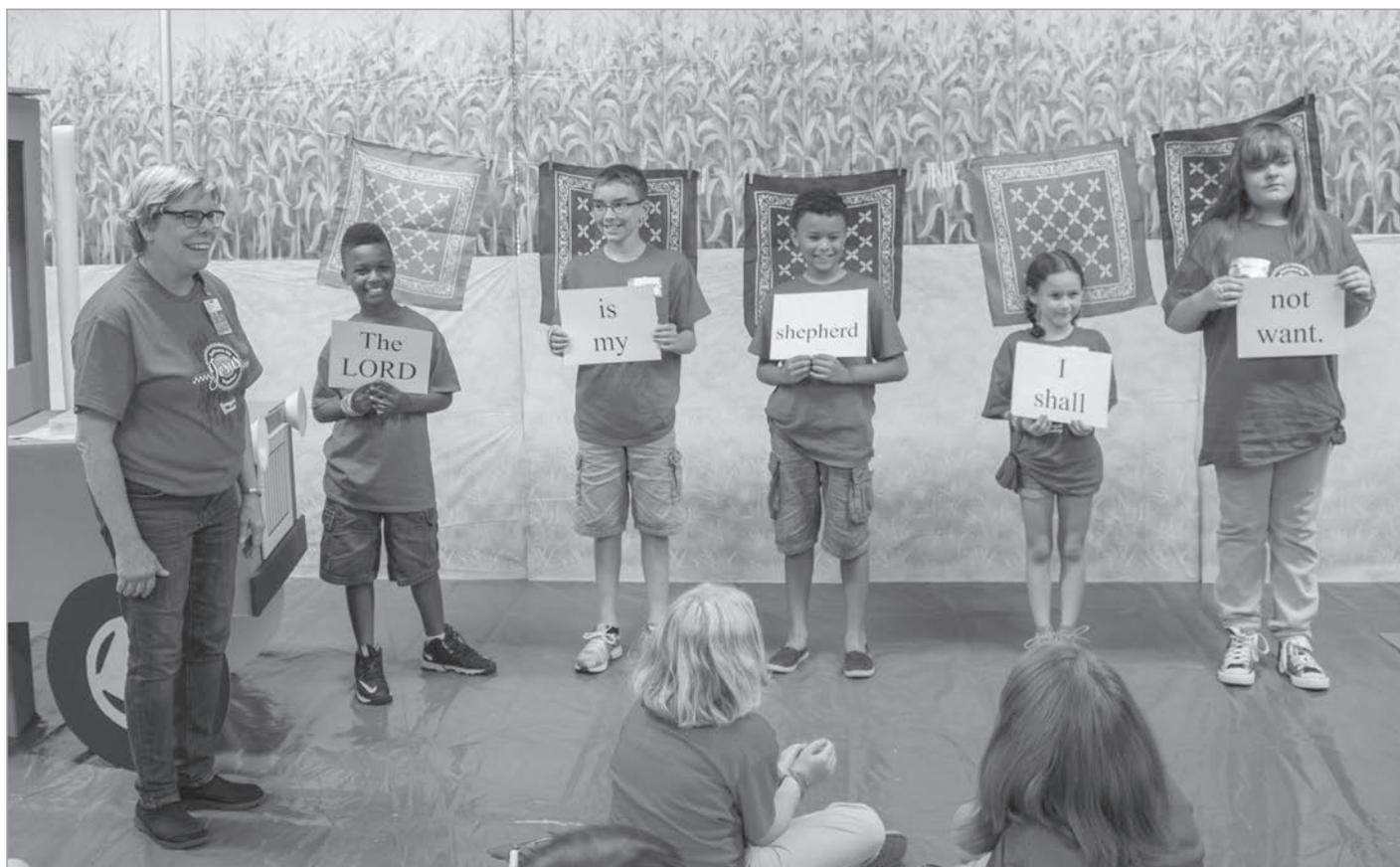
Remember, the first stop for VBS decorating is in your storage closet! At *Barnyard Roundup*, we used backdrops, artificial greenery, cardboard grass, tarps, and pennants—all were great decorations from past VBS years.

Basics for Bible Challenge

Use the *Cornstalks Backdrop* with the *Green Grass Backdrop* for a pasture. Add green tarps on the floor to create “Green Pastures.” Show Jesus, our Good Shepherd, with the *Jesus Stand-Up* and make stand-up sheep from the *Barnyard Roundup Decorating Posters*.

Provide room for 35 people (5 Teams with 6 students and a leader) to move around for song actions.

Hang up the five *Bible Memory Verse Posters* around your room and the Bible Challenge Site Sign near the door.



Decorating Elements

Bible Challenge activities provide a fun and creative way to engage children while teaching the Bible Memory Verse. Team groups decipher the Bible Memory Verse Code and then share it by attaching the pieces to the **Old Fashioned Clothesline** for everyone to see and read together.

Backdrop. Use the *Cornstalks Backdrop* with the *Green Grass Backdrop* for a pasture. Hang with the repositionable *Mounting Tabs*. Add sections from the *Split Rail Fence Post Set* for your pasture.

Tractor. Create a tractor with two large boxes. Cut windows, make tires out of cardboard, use a pool noodle for a smoke stack, and use disposable cereal bowls for headlights. We made ours blue, but feel free to choose a different color. See detailed directions on the *Leader CD*.

Hay Bales. The Bible Challenge site is jam-packed with exciting activities, so the Green Pastures Leader may want to take a seat on a handy **Hay Bale** made out of a large cooler wrapped with a *Straw Table Cover*. Create additional bales for your environment using packing boxes. See detailed directions on the *Leader CD*.

Sheep and lambs. Mount the sheep and lambs from the *Barnyard Roundup Decorating Posters* on cardboard or foam board. Tape on a foam-board triangle for an easel, and place these kid-pleasing animals near the life-size *Jesus Stand-Up*. Images also available as clip art on the *Director CD*.

Check out the *Decorating Videos* on the *Farm-tastic Overview DVD* or at vbs.cph.org.

🔧 = Do-It-Yourself Decorating Project (see *Director CD* and *Bible Challenge Leader CD*)

Seating

The Teams will sit together on the floor. If you want to provide defined spaces for each group, use plastic gingham tablecloths or borrow rugs or blankets of different colors to lay on the floor of your site.

Team Supply Containers

Use *VBS Tote Bags* or mini bushel baskets. Fill with the supplies needed for Teams each day. This will include Bibles and other daily supplies.

