

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY RESOURCE

SPOTLIGHT ON GOD ROCKS!

Kidology

BECAUSE...

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GOD ROCKS!



You can learn more about
GOD ROCKS products at:
www.godrocks.ca
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NEW FOR 2008: GOD ROCKS VBS!



Check out the ALL NEW super cool highly creative Vacation Bible School from God Rocks! at www.godrocksvbs.com

THIS RESOURCE ROCKS!

While there is a plethora of media resources available for children's ministry today, **God Rocks!** is one of the few that stands out and above the rest. In this crowded market where there seems to be some "new" media product every day, **God Rocks!** has both stood the test of time *and* remained on the cutting edge of technology. Kidology has independently chosen to Spotlight **God Rocks!** as a ministry resource worth a closer look not only because of the many fantastic resources available for your ministry that you may not be aware of, but especially because of their brand new debut Vacation Bible School kit that has just launched for summer of 2008. (It is also available for 2009.)

IF ROCKS COULD TALK!

At first glance, **God Rocks!** may appear to just be a series of animated videos for kids, but the reality is that **God Rocks!** is much more. The animated characters are based on Luke 19:40, "If the people fall silent, the stones will cry out." The stone characters, led by the main character, Chip Livingstone, live in the imaginary town of Rocky Ridge where they live to sing and praise God just in case the people don't. In the story videos some rocks from the past tell Bible stories from their perspective and in the Bibletoons videos they sing Scripture word for word to help kids memorize passages from the Bible. In addition to a wide selection of videos and music CDs, **God Rocks!** also offers a complete two year children's church curriculum, published by Standard Publishing, based on their music and videos that utilizes the popular large group / small group model used in many of today's churches. (See the supplemental scope and sequence included with this report.) There are additional resources from **God Rocks!**, such as children's books, that can be used in the home to compliment what the children are learning at church. **BONUS:** Looking for a way to have a special Family Service? Every unit of the God Rocks Curriculum comes with a Families of Faith Bonus Session. Every six weeks, you can schedule a service for parents to attend with their kids to experience with their kids what they are learning and to review the content of the unit they have just completed. All the family-friendly activities you need to have a great family service are provided.



MEDIA THAT ISN'T MEDIA-DRIVEN



The other reason that **God Rocks!** is worth spotlighting is that they have intentionally not taken the easy route of just being a media creation ministry. In the words of **God Rocks!** creator, Bruce Stacey, "Live children's ministry is a hard grind, but it's not enough to just put cartoons on the air, you've got to connect with real kids to let them feel a connection with real people. That's very important to us." That is why for the past five years **God Rocks!** has averaged

eighty live concerts a year. Bruce admits that financially the live ministry is a constant struggle, but spiritually it is where the best fruit is grown. **God Rocks!** understands that while producing top notch animation with cutting edge contemporary Christian music for kids today is a critical need, media will never replace person to person ministry. Those of you in weekly ministry would have loved to hear his passion as he said, "Children's Pastors really are the unsung heroes of the church. They are in the most strategic role of evangelism and the future of the church. Often they are treated as second rate, especially when it comes to their budget as well as other areas, but they are there serving wholeheartedly anyway."

A RELATIONALLY-DRIVEN VBS

The latest creative offering from **God Rocks!** is an all-new incredible VBS that rivals any other on the market in quality and content. It is highly commendable that this media savvy production company made the choice to make the medium serve the ministry, and the not the other way around. As Bruce explains, "We had to determine, are we going to do a dumbed down version that is 'plug and play' or are we going to make personal interaction with the kids front and central? The fact of the matter is, it would have been a waste of all the animation and all the effort if there wasn't a connection between the kids and people trying to reach them." **God Rocks!** invested heavily in all original animation for this VBS, but it doesn't replace the need for real people. In the openings, the animation serves as a cartoon backdrop that live actors interact with on a spaceship display screen on the stage! In addition to all the usual components you'd expect in a complete VBS it also contains exciting brand new **God Rocks!** videos for the Starlight Theater. It's got eye-poppin' animation, toe-tappin' music, finger-lickin' snacks, and heart-thumpin' impact. It is one of the most creative Vacation Bible Schools I have seen in many years, but it could also be used as a complete unit in Kid's Church with great success! www.GodRocksVBS.com



GOD ROCKS! MAKES GOD ROCK!

If you are not using **God Rocks!** in your ministry, your kids and your parents are missing out! The children will love the music and animation, the parents will love to hear their kids singing Scripture, and you just might love using the children's church curriculum or the Vacation Bible School this summer or next. Introduce your kids to **God Rocks!** so the rocks won't have to cry out!

by Karl Bastian, the Kidologist
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A Kidology Spotlight Ministry Resource is a children's ministry resource that Kidology believes stands out in quality and excellence. While we do allow our spotlight ministry to review before publication to avoid any errors, the content was written and generated independently by the author.



A PASSION FOR REACHING KIDS

I became concerned with what my own children were being exposed to on television. I decided that for five years I would dedicate all of my creative energy and resources into creating something that would impact kids. But I never left it. As you know, it's addictive! Once you work with kids you see how responsive they are to the Gospel and how needed it is. And after reading all the encouraging letters from parents about the difference it was making in their kids lives, **it borders on disobedience to abandon this once you're in it.**

Children's Ministry is the most strategic place to be. We have this narrow window to speak into the hearts and minds of kids between the ages of four and twelve. If we miss that opportunity to introduce them to truth, less than 5% will ever find it afterwards. That's just the cold facts. So if there is a strategic battlefield for the hearts and minds of individuals on this planet to introduce them to truth and to the Lord, children's ministry is where it is at. **That's where I want to be.**

Bruce Stacey,
Creator of God Rocks



2-Year Scope & Sequence

Using all God Rocks! curriculum titles

Bible Story and Bible Memory Verse listed for each session

Year 1

Fall

I Am Special *Creation*

(42083, 7-07529-42083-7)

- Creation Song
Psalm 100:1, 2
- Creation Skit
Proverbs 3:5
- Creation Rhyme
Philippians 2:4
- Creation in Color
Colossians 3:13
- Creation by Days
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Listen to Jesus

(24230, 0-7847-1623-4)

- Jesus Teaches on Prayer
Matthew 6:9-13
- Jesus Teaches on Asking
Matthew 7:7
- Jesus Teaches on Loving
Luke 6:27, 28, 31
- Jesus Teaches on Obeying
John 14:21
- Jesus Teaches on Love
John 15:12-14
- Jesus Teaches on Faith
Matthew 17:20

Winter

Jesus Is Born

(24236, 0-7847-1890-3)

- Gabriel Visits Mary
Luke 1:32, 33
- Joseph's Dream
Isaiah 9:6
- Jesus' Birth
Luke 2:7
- Angels Appear to Shepherds
Luke 2:10, 11, 14
- Shepherds Visit the Baby
Luke 2:20
- Wise Men Worship Jesus
Matthew 2:2, 11

Obey God's Word

(24231, 0-7847-1624-2)

- Josiah Hears God's Word
Psalm 119:9-11
- Abraham Follows God
Psalm 23:1
- Joshua Is Courageous
Joshua 1:9
- Daniel Interprets a Dream
Psalm 19:14
- Elijah Stands for God
Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14
- God Talks to Jacob
Psalm 18:2, 3

Spring

Believe God's Son

(24233, 0-7847-1643-9)

- Nicodemus
John 3:16
- Jesus & His Disciples
Matthew 16:15, 16
- Peter Preaches
Acts 2:38
- Jesus' Last Command
Matthew 28:19, 20
- Barnabas
Colossians 3:12-14
- The Early Church
1 John 4:7

Love God

(24232, 0-7847-1622-6)

- Egypt to Promised Land
Deuteronomy 6:5
- Solomon Seeks God
2 Chronicles 7:14
- Noah Trusts God
Proverbs 3:5
- Enoch Walks with God
Micah 6:8
- Praise God for Creation
Psalm 139, 14
- David Thanks God
Psalm 100:4, 5

Summer

Serve One Another

(03389, 0-7847-1981-0)

- Philip and the Ethiopian
Ephesians 6:7
- Parable of Faithful Servant
Matthew 25:21
- Paul Becomes a Missionary
Ephesians 2:10
- Jesus Teaches on Service
Matthew 20:26
- Jerusalem Collection
Romans 12:12, 13
- Aquila and Priscilla Teach
1 Peter 4:10, 11

I Am Confident

David

(42085, 7-07529-42085-1)

- David Pleases God
1 Thessalonians 4:1
- David Kills Goliath
James 1:19
- God Helps David
2 Corinthians 12:9
- David Says Good Things
Ephesians 4:29
- David Depends on God
2 Thessalonians 3:3



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Year 2

Fall

Trust in God

(03137, 0-7847-2088-6)

- Samson Returns to God
Isaiah 41:10
- Peter Escapes from Prison
Psalm 145:13
- Joseph Sees God's Plan
Hebrews 13:5, 6
- Elijah Hears God
Philippians 4:6
- Jonathan Helps David Escape
Romans 8:28
- Paul Perseveres
Philippians 4:12, 13

I Am Responsible

Ten Commandments

(42084, 7-07529-42084-4)

- Moses and Ten Rules
Psalm 150:6
- God Rules
Matthew 6:9
- What the Rules Mean
Colossians 3:20
- Rules to Live By
Matthew 7:12
- Commandment Skits
Ephesians 4:15

Winter

Rejoice in the Lord

(03380, 0-7847-1980-2)

- God's People Return
Nehemiah 8:10
- Joseph Finds God's Joy
Philippians 4:4
- Moses and Miriam Sing
Romans 8:38, 39
- God's People Celebrate
Psalm 150
- Jonah Shares God's Story
Luke 15:10
- God Is Amazing
Psalm 96:11, 12

Hope in the Lord

(03138, 0-7847-2089-4)

- Joshua Captures Jericho
Isaiah 40:31
- Elisha Traps the Arameans
Jeremiah 29:11
- The Widow's Oil
Hebrews 11:1
- Jesus Feeds 5,000
Colossians 1:27
- Jesus Raises Lazarus
Romans 5:5
- Peter Walks on Water
Psalm 25:5

Spring

Jesus Is Alive

(24237, 0-7847-1891-1)

- Triumphal Entry
Matthew 21:9
- The Last Supper
Luke 22:19, 20
- Jesus in Gethsemane
Matthew 26:41
- Jesus' Death
Matthew 27:54
- Jesus' Resurrection
Matthew 28:5, 6
- Jesus Appears to Disciples
Mark 16:15

Grow Up in Jesus

(24234, 0-7847-1644-7)

- Peter and Cornelius
2 Peter 3:18
- Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22, 23
- Jesus' Attitude
Philippians 2:5
- Whatever Is Good
Philippians 4:8
- What Love Is
1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Tabitha
Colossians 3:23, 24

Summer

Build Each Other Up

(03141, 0-7847-2090-8)

- Abigail Speaks Up
Ephesians 4:29
- Jesus Meets Zacchaeus
Matthew 6:26
- The Woman at the Well
Luke 12:6, 7
- Mordecai Encourages Esther
1 Thessalonians 5:11
- David and Mephibosheth
Romans 15:7
- Jesus Blesses the Children
1 John 3:1

Stand Strong in the Lord

(24235, 0-7847-1645-5)

- Armor of God
Ephesians 6:10, 11
- Saul's Conversion
Romans 12:2
- Timothy
1 Timothy 4:12
- Peter and John
1 Peter 3:15
- Heroes of Faith
Hebrews 12:1
- Paul and Silas
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18