



POWER UP

RAISE YOUR GAME

VBS 2019 | DECORATING GUIDE



GENERAL THEME IDEAS

Are you ready to raise your game in your church environments for a week of Power Up VBS? The best part about Orange VBS is that it always coincides with our weekly curriculum's summer theme, so you only need to decorate once during the summer. Power Up is a blast from the past. Get ready to give the kids in your church a look at how totally rad the 80's were and how awesome the original video games still are!

Power Up is inspired by vintage video games such as Pac-Man™, Super Mario Bros.™, Tetris™, Space Invaders™, and Donkey Kong™. You can easily find pre-made video game decor online and in party stores, or you can create your own using plates, butcher paper, boxes, balloons, and plastic tablecloths. We believe children's ministry workers are the most resourceful and creative group of people on the planet, and we can't wait to see what you all do.

You can choose to completely go with a video game theme, or you can also mix in some of your favorite 80's colors and toys! Doesn't every church need a giant Rubik's Cube™?! Get inspired and share ideas on our Pinterest page: <https://www.pinterest.com/orangevbs/power-up-vbs-decor/>.

HALLWAYS AND LOBBY

As children and families walk into your environment, set the tone with big, bold, bright colors. Greet them with a sign that says "Start Here" or "Get Started" using a video-game-type font. Or turn your info desk into a huge video game controller. You can draw attention to your lobby by using star-shaped Mylar® balloons with eyes drawn or taped on them to look like the stars from Super Mario Bros.

Hallway walls can be lined with dots and the occasional cherry, ghost, or Pac-Man in order to point guests to where they need to go. You can also use red brick backdrops, tablecloths, or boxes covered in construction-paper bricks to line the halls to give them a Super Mario Bros. feel.

Whichever way you choose to go, make sure the area is bright and welcoming. You want kids to be excited and parents to feel safe leaving their kids with you.

LARGE GROUP AREA

This is where you can have the most fun with the Power Up theme. You can choose to go all in with vintage video games or have fun with totally 80's décor and colors, or you can do BOTH! The sky's the limit.

VIDEO GAME THEME

You can choose one video game for your stage theme or go crazy pulling the best from all your favorites. Boxes are your best friends with this theme—from bricks to stars to question marks, you can get a big bang for your buck by using boxes and paper. Balloons give height and color to your stage. You can purchase video-game-themed balloons online or you can doctor up dollar-store balloons. Stars are completely on theme, red balloons can be made into mushrooms or piranha plants, or you can just use solid-colored balloons to make arches or clusters.

You can also create AMAZING stage backdrops using paper plates. You can use square plates to create any pixelated character from Minecraft™, Mario, Pac-Man, or Frogger™. You can also make pixelated stars, mushrooms, flowers, rockets, etc. Square plates can also make a giant Tetris board. Use black plates for the



background and bright colorful plates to make the blocks. Round plates can be used to create a Pac-Man-themed stage by using plates as the dots and cherries. Or you can group plates together to make a big Pac-Man and colorful ghosts.

Use boxes to create video-game-related décor like Tetris pieces, brick boxes, star boxes, and question mark blocks. You can even create an old school arcade game from a refrigerator box.

You can also choose to recreate your favorite level from your favorite video game on your stage.

80'S THEME

Like totally, for sure! Pull out the Aqua Net®, and let's show these kids how awesome the 80's were. Giant boxes can magically become Rubik's Cubes by using colorful paper. Hang a brightly colored Slinky® or 20 from the ceilings. A stage-sized boom box with a Power Up button on it will make a huge impact.

ROTATION AREAS

For all your rotation areas, you can choose to go with one particular video game for all of your décor and make each room a different "level" from that game by labeling rooms in the following manner: "Level 1: Craft Area." Or you might choose to theme each room as a different game that goes along with what is happening in that room. Or you could simply create a generic video game theme in each room and craft it to fit that room and what the children will be doing in that rotation.

CRAFT AREA

Minecraft: Transform your craft area into a Minecraft world. Use square gray plates to create stone walls. You can cover the tables with wood-grain tablecloths, put torches on the walls, and even keep craft supplies in a treasure chest. This will undoubtedly spark conversations about smelting metal and what type of stone is best for building. Many of your kids will know all about it!

MUSIC AREA

Guitar Hero™: Inflatable guitars, giant boxes turned into speakers, and brightly colored tape squares on the floor will make kids feel like they are inside Guitar Hero.

SNACK AREA

Pac-Man: The yellow guy has been trying to eat those cherries, strawberries, apples, and peaches for more than 30 years! You can tape off the floor like a maze leading kids to snack tables. Turn round tables into ghosts by using solid-colored tablecloths and big paper eyeballs. Create a big yellow Pac-Man on the wall and place a line of dots around the room with his favorite fruit along the way.

GAMES AREA

Tetris: Who didn't love Tetris? This look can be achieved either inside or outside.

Inside: Use butcher paper or construction paper to create Tetris shapes on the walls. You can also achieve the same look with a lot less cutting by using square paper plates in bright colors. You might want to use brightly colored tape on the floor to create a game board and falling blocks.

Outside: Welcome kids with life-size Tetris blocks made from large cardboard boxes and colored paper. Create an entry way and/or line the entire area with these blocks. This can make a great photo op.



SMALL GROUP ROOMS

You'll want to create a safe and comfy space for your small groups. This is where kids dig deeper into God's Word and open up to their peers and leaders, so making this space feel comfy is important. Set up your Small Group areas like a lounge or hang-out spot. Use rugs, beanbag chairs, big pillows, and even those youth room couches you know are down the hall!

Super Mario Bros.: No fireballs here! Decorate the Small Group rooms with clouds, mountains, bricks, stars, and question mark boxes. You can hang gold paper plates from the ceiling to create the gold coins from the game. Don't forget the green tubes with piranha plants coming out of them!

DÉCOR ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE ORANGE STORE:

Poster Set: The POWER UP Poster Set is a great way to advertise your VBS! Post them in your ministry's hallways, rooms, or out in your church's main gathering space as a way to remind families not to miss your event! Each set comes with posters for your preschool and elementary areas, allowing you to preview the messages your kids will hear during their time at your POWER UP event. Each set contains the bottom lines and memory verse. *Posters are sold as one set, 9 posters per set.*

Wall Mural: Transform your environment with this decorative mural! Use the Wall Mural as a backdrop for your Large Group stage, Small Group rooms, or even your hallways! The Wall Mural is comprised of three panels, each measuring 6 feet high and 3 feet wide, which prominently display the POWER UP theme. Panels should hang together to complete one 6'x9' mural. *Each 3-panel mural is sold as 1 set.*

Want to cover even more space? Check out our Mural Extender (sold separately), which extends the sides of the Wall Mural by six feet in each direction!

Mural Extender: Looking for something a little more substantial than our traditional Wall Mural? The Mural Extender is great for those looking to decorate large spaces or create a backdrop for their stage. The Mural Extender set contains four 6'x3' panels, which when added to the Wall Mural (sold separately) create a beautiful and impressive 6'x21' backdrop for your VBS program. *Mural Extender (four panels) sold as one set.*

Mylar Balloon Set: Transform your indoor or outdoor space with these decorative balloon set! Use helium with these balloons as an accent to your entrances, Large Group stage, Small Group rooms, or even your hallways! Each set includes 5 two-foot tall balloons including one of each of the following shapes: star, lightning bolt, heart, ghost and the POWER UP logo.

Gobos: Raise the game in your large group environment with POWER UP themed gobos! What is a Gobo? A Gobo is a partial screen or small disc used in front of a spotlight to project a shape. Add these discs to your existing lighting system to create a themed POWER UP logo to your stage set, wall, or backdrop.