



POWER UP

RAISE YOUR GAME

VBS 2019 | PRESCHOOL DECORATING GUIDE



GENERAL THEME IDEAS

Are you ready to “Raise Your Game” in your church environments for a week of Power Up VBS? For our preschool friends we want to go bright and fun for their week at VBS. We want to decorate with things that kids will recognize or enjoy looking at. Think the bright, bold colors of Super Mario Bros. Blue skies, mountains and clouds can be easily made from paper and adhered to walls. Fun, colorful arrows can tell preschoolers which way to go. Colorful boxes invite them to come on in and play.

You can easily find pre-made video game decor online and in party stores or create your own using plates, butcher paper, boxes, balloons, and plastic tablecloths. Children’s ministry workers are the most resourceful and creative group of people on the planet. We can’t wait to see what you all do.

Get your environments ready with these easy tips and other ideas here and on our Pinterest page <https://www.pinterest.com/orangevbs/power-up-vbs-first-look-decor/>

HALLS AND LOBBY

Make the families visiting your VBS feel welcome the moment they walk into your church with signage telling them where to go, where to sign in, and what your VBS theme is. Boxes wrapped in bright colored paper or made to look like they are covered in brick can help draw attention and invite families in. Solid colored mylar balloons are a great way to attract people to the check-in table.

LARGE GROUP AREA

If you are using the **live scripts** for Preschool Large Group, stage design instructions are given in the Day One script.

If you are using the **videos** for Preschool Large Group, you will want your stage to be fun and inviting, but not distract from what Manny and Cameron (our video friends) have to share. Fill your stage with colorful boxes arranged in varying heights and patterns. Make multiple colored arrows that point in every direction to decorate the walls. Gather bunches of mylar balloons in varying shapes and colors to add pops of dimension around the stage.

SMALL GROUP AREAS

Assign each room or area a color and theme the entire space to that color. You can use colored tape or taped down colored construction paper to make colored pathways for children to follow to their color level. Cover doors in plastic table cloths in that rooms color. Go big making everything you can in that room the color assigned to it. You can even make all the rotations into a game, that once a child finishes a “level” they earn a color sticker dot, with the goal to collect all the colored dots for finishing each level/rotation each day. Volunteers in each room can match the assigned theme color with their daily apparel.



RED LEVEL - We recommend this level for crafting. Think building with bricks. Wrap boxes with brick-themed paper or red construction paper, then stack them around the room as a creative and colorful background. This will set the stage for some awesome craft "building." Cover tables with solid red table cloths or go big with the brick theme and use brick printed plastic table cloths.

YELLOW LEVEL - We recommend this level for snacking. Star balloons and boxes wrapped in yellow paper with question marks on them help bring the fun in this room. You can even suspend the boxes from the ceiling to add dimension. Cover tables with yellow table cloths and make everything you can yellow: napkins, plates, serving utensils etc.

GREEN LEVEL - We recommend this level for movement activities. This can be accomplished inside or outside. Outside is easy since grass and trees are already green. You can decorate inside with video game looking trees and mountains.

GOLD LEVEL - We recommend this level for Bible story review and journal and prayer time. It's every video game player's favorite level, the gold coin level. Create gold coins out of paper plates! Using two paper plates glued together and then spray painted gold, make an easy decoration that brings a whole lot of joy. Once you've created several dozen gold coins (*the more the better*), hang from the ceiling with fishing line to make them appear like they are floating. Bring on all the sparkly and shine with metallic fringe curtains hanging in the door way, or even around the entire room this will make the Gold level extra special. Since small group is where we dig deeper in to God's word you can talk about how His Word is like gold.