**IMAGINATION STATION (DAY 1)**

**TUESDAY**

**BIBLE POINT-** JESUS’ POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS.

**SUPPLIES -** [Bible point posters](https://www.group.com/product/1210000313324-bible-point-posters.do?sortby=ourPicksAscend&refType=&from=fn), [Talk-starter posters](https://www.group.com/product/1210000313447-imagination-station-posters.do?sortby=ourPicksAscend&refType=&from=fn)

**Say:** Welcome to Imagination Station! I am so glad you are here today! I can’t wait to see what amazing and awesome things we will discover about Jesus’ power this week. We are going to have so much fun together!

**Ask:** Who brought their imagination today?

**Say:** I was worried you’ll might forget your imagination since this is the first day of VBS. So, I was talking to my friend, Ramsey *(point to the Bible point poster) …*. I think you met him earlier, right? Well Ramsey is a bighorn sheep, and he told me that he and his friends love living in the Rocky Mountains! The mountains are so beautiful, and the scenery is so spectacular! But Ramsey said that sometimes it is kind of hard to live in the mountains - especially in the winter when it snows! That’s when Ramsey’s sure-footed feet come in handy, Ramsey’s feet help him do hard things, like walk on slippery, snowy mountains. Even when it snows, Ramsey knows that Jesus’ power helps us do hard things!

**SAY:** Now that our imaginations are up and running let’s talk about what you’ll do in Imagination Station this week. Each day at Imagination Station, you’ll get to answer a fun talk-starter question *(point to the Talk-Starter poster).* Also, you’ll get to be part of fun activities and experiments that help us discover more about Jesus’ power. You will get to take home a sciency-fun gizmo every day! Let’s start off with today’s fun talk-starter question.

**Ask:** Are you ready? How long does it take a baby bighorn sheep to be able to walk and climb as well as its mother? Does it take six weeks or one day? *(This question is listed on the Talk-starter poster)*

**Say:** If you think the answer is six weeks, raise your hand. *Pause and wait for responses.* If you think the answer is one day, raise your hand. *Pause and wait for responses.*

**Say:** Okay, who is ready for me to reveal the answer? And the answer is….a baby bighorn can walk and climb as well as its mother within just one day! Imagine that!

**Say:** Today we’re discovering that Jesus’ power helps us do hard things. You know, sometimes we all have to do hard things and we may not understand why. We may not be able to control what’s happening. Our lives seem to be going in all different directions. Let’s see what that’s like.

*Hold up a finished Off-Rail Roller so kids can see what it looks like. Then lead everyone in the following steps to assemble their own.*

*As kids play, remind them Jesus’ power helps us do hard things. Say that no matter what happens, Jesus loves us and has good plans for our lives. Jesus’ power will help us do hard things, no matter which direction we go!*

**DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING OFF-RAIL ROLLER**

1) Pull apart the black roller so you have two pieces.

2) Grab the spool with the raised hole on the outside. Crimp one end of a rubber band, and from the outside, thread it through the hole.

3. Keep the rubber band in place by passing the longer yellow straw through the end of the rubber band on the outside of the spool.

4) Then crimp the other end of the rubber band and pass it through the hole in the other slightly longer spool, from the inside to the outside. If necessary, use the paperclip to guide the rubber band through the holes.

5) Secure the rubber band by passing the shorter yellow straw through the end on the outside of the spool.

6) Twirl the longer white tube around and around to twist the rubber band inside the roller.

7) Lay the Off-Rail Roller on the floor, let go, and watch it roll!!!

**IMAGINATION STATION (DAY 2)**

**WEDNESDAY**

**BIBLE POINT-** JESUS’ POWER GIVES UP HOPE.

**SUPPLIES -** [Bible point posters](https://www.group.com/product/1210000313324-bible-point-posters.do?sortby=ourPicksAscend&refType=&from=fn), [Talk-starter posters](https://www.group.com/product/1210000313447-imagination-station-posters.do?sortby=ourPicksAscend&refType=&from=fn)

**Say:** Welcome to Imagination Station! I am so excited you are here today at Imagination Station? I can’t wait to see what amazing things we will discover today. We are going to have so much fun!

**Ask:** Who remembered to bring their imagination today?

**Say:** I thought maybe some of you might have forgotten your imagination but that’s okay-since this is only Day 2 of VBS. I talked to my friend Ava for some fun ideas *(point to the Bible point poster)*. I think you all have met Ava, the red- tailed hawk. Anyway, she told me something incredible! She told me that God is so imaginative that he created the red tail hawk with a very unique, one-of-a-kind, creative call! Close your eyes and imagine we are red-tailed hawks on the top of a big, beautiful mountain… and we are about to take flight!!

[**Play calls of the red tail hawk - Download or play from this site**](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Red-tailed_Hawk/sounds)

**After playing call say:** That was cool! Ava has an amazing call.

**Say:** Now that our imaginations have taken flight, let’s move on! Who’s ready to answer today’s special talk-starter question? Okay, here we go! *(point to Talk-Starter poster)*

**Ask:** Red-tailed hawks have great eyesight. But can they see colors or see only black and white? *(This question is listed on the Talk-starter poster)*

**Say:** If you think the red-tailed hawks can see colors, raise your hand. *Pause and wait for responses.* If you think red-tailed hawks can see only black and white, raise your hand. *Pause and wait for responses.*

**Say:** Okay, who is ready for me to reveal the answer? And the answer is…. red-tailed hawks can see colors! In fact, they can see more colors than humans can! Imagine that!

**Say:** Today we’re discovering that Jesus’ power gives up hope. I don’t know about you, but I really need the hope that Jesus gives us! Today for our Sciency-Fun Gizmo we are going to make a Hope ‘n’ Hover. It is really cool. Watch how it works!

*Demonstrate how it works. Place one ball in the holder, cover the hole that’s not under the ball, and gently blow into the open end of the flute piece so the ball rises into the air.*

**SAY:** Sometimes when I am feeling a little down, I like to remember the hope that Jesus gives us. The hope Jesus gives raise my spirits and always makes me feel better.

*Blow into the flute again to lift the ball. Then add a second ball to the holder*.

**SAY**: And sometimes another person might be feeling down, and I can tell that friend about the hope we have in Jesus. Then the hope Jesus gives us can make that friend feel better!

*Cover the hole that is not under the second ball and gently blow into the flute so the second ball lifts into the air.*

**SAY:** And then other times I can celebrate with my friend that we both have hope in Jesus. We can thank Jesus together for the hope he gives us!

*Don’t cover either hole, and gently blow into the flute so both balls rise into the air.*

**SAY:** Now it’s your turn! Your fun Hope “n” Hover can remind you that JESUS’ POWER GIVES US HOPE. Now you are going to be able to make your own Hope ‘n’ Hovers.

**Directions for Hope ‘n’ Hovers**

1. Give each child a cardboard flute, a ball-holder, and two balls.

2. Demonstrate how to press the ball-holder into the square hole in the middle of the flute. The two rings of the ball-holder should be facing in the same direction as the flute-the long way.

3. Kids can draw faces on the two balls if they want. Suggest that one face could be them and the other a sibling, friend or a family member.

4. Kids can use markers to decorate their flute pieces, if they want.

5. Show kids how to blow into the open end of the flute piece. Then let kids experiment! Give them time to play.

**As kids experiment say**: Sometimes we are up, and sometimes we are down and going through tough times in our live but the hope Jesus gives us can always lift us up! And we can share the hope we have in Jesus with our friends and family members. Hope means believing that something good is going to happen and there is nothing better to put our hope in than Jesus. Because **JESUS’ POWER GIVES US HOPE.**

**IMAGINATION STATION (DAY 3)**

**THURSDAY**

**BIBLE POINT-** *Jesus’ power helps us be bold.*

**SUPPLIES -** [Bible point posters](https://www.group.com/product/1210000313324-bible-point-posters.do?sortby=ourPicksAscend&refType=&from=fn), [Talk-starter posters](https://www.group.com/product/1210000313447-imagination-station-posters.do?sortby=ourPicksAscend&refType=&from=fn)

**Say:** Welcome to Imagination Station! I am so glad to see everyone today! I cannot even imagine all the discoveries we will make today! But you know what comes first, right? I just have to ask!

**Ask:** Did you bring your imagination today?

**SAY:** Well we are going to need a bunch of imagination today. That is why I had a chat with my friend Sierra, the mountain lion. *(point to the Bible point poster)*

You all have met Sierra, haven’t you? Well Sierra told me something amazing about herself and her mountain lion friends. Mountain lions like Sierra can leap up to 15 feet in the air! That is higher than most ceilings! Let’s see if we can do that! Everyone hop up.

**SAY:** On the count of three, let’s see how high we can jump. Ready? 1, 2, 3! *Lead kids by jumping into the air.*

**SAY:** Hmm, I don’t think any of us jumped as high as 15 feet. Okay, lets try one more time. Here we go! 1, 2, 3! Okay that was fun, but I don’t think well ever be able to jump as high as Sierra-unless maybe we had a trampoline. Sierra and her mountain lion friends are so cool!

**SAY**: Let’s look at today’s special talk-starter question! *(point to the Talk-Starter poster)* Okay here it is. Does a mountain lion have a stronger sense of smell or a stronger sense of hearing? *(This question is listed on the Talk-starter poster)*

**Say:** If you think a mountain lion has a stronger sense of smell, raise your hand. *Pause and wait for responses.* If you think a mountain lion has a stronger sense of hearing, raise your hand. *Pause and wait for responses.*

**Say:** Now the answer is … mountain lions have a weak sense of smell, but they have an extremely sensitive and powerful sense of hearing! Imagine that!!

**Say:** Today we’re discovering that Jesus’ power helps us be bold. Sometimes we may not feel very bold, especially when it comes to sharing our faith in Jesus. Who has heard the phrase, “practice makes perfect”? Well, we will never be perfect, but practice can help us be bold. It is kind of like this: You take one little step, like praying before lunch at school. Maybe someone asks why you do that, so you take the next little step and say you are thanking God for your food. Then maybe you take another little step and say that you are really thankful to God for sending Jesus. And so, on and so on. Each step makes the next step a little easier to be bold for Jesus.

Say: Now it’s time for our Sciency-Fun Gizmo*! Hold up an unassembled Bold Blaster for everyone to see.* This is my Bold Blaster! Let’s see what it can do!

*Hold the single piece of the Bold Blaster at shoulder height and let go.*

**Say:** Uh-oh. That was kind of a dud. Let’s try again.

*Repeat dropping from shoulder level.*

**Say:**This Bold Blaster sure isn’t very bold. Something seems to be missing.

*Add the other piece to the Bold Blaster so kids can see*.

**Say:** I added the power pack-that should help the Bold Blaster be bold. Let’s see what happens!

*Drop the assembled Bold Blaster from shoulder level, being careful not to have your head positioned directly over the drop.*

**Say*:*** Wow! That was amazing! The Bold Blaster really became bold! Did you see

how it jumped? Without Jesus in our lives, we are kind of like the blaster that was a dud. But with Jesus, as our power pack our boldness can reach new heights! JESUS POWER HELPS US BE BOLD!

**Say:** Now you will get to make your own Bold Blaster.

**DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING BOLD BLASTER**

1. Open the bag and separate the two parts of the Bold Blaster.
2. Stand and hold the piece with the green straw at shoulder lever with the ball facing down. Drop it-it will barely bounce.
3. Insert the green straw into the “power pack”-the second piece of the Bold Blaster.
4. Hold the assembled Bold Blaster by the end of the straw, with the ball facing down. CAUTION: REMIND KIDS NOT TO LEAN WITH THEIR HEADS OVER WHERE THEY INTEND TO DROP THE BOLD BLASTER.
5. Drop the Bold Blaster and watch how high the second piece can fly!

*As kids play: Remind them that Jesus is like our very own power pack. With Jesus, our boldness can reach new heights! JESUS POWER HELPS US BE BOLD!!!*