

FaithBIT



Seeds of Faith Planted, Watered and Nurtured

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As a child, I loved going to VBS. I grew up in a small town and I could ride my bike to the church/churches. For several years, I attended up to three different VBS weeks within my town joining with friends at their churches. I remember carrying my sack lunch eager for Bible stories, music and crafts.

I can still remember the music leader, Mrs. Richter, teaching the song: "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder". I never quite got the meaning of this song, but I liked singing it.

Back in the day, each child received a packet for the week that was kept in our assigned rooms. The packets held worksheets, craft instructions, stories, etc...for the teacher to use to lead us through the curriculum. I soaked it up...and it germinated my faith.

NOW in my middle adult years, I continue to be involved in VBS with the band. NOW I recognize the multitude of volunteers needed to create the environment of love for learning and faith development. NOW I appreciate even more the many people who served at the VBS churches I so eagerly attended.

VBS is not an activity to give moms and dads a break – although that is a perk. Rather, VBS unites generations in telling the story of God's love.

Seeds of faith get planted and soaked up. Soil is nurtured and turned over for faith to grow. Little ones' faces shine and their voices exclaim: "GOD IS GOOD!"

May the truth of God's love continue to bless these little one's throughout their lives! The music has changed over the years, but the message of God's love stays the same. Students return to serve...parents and grandparents get involved...faith grows and faith is shared.