We’re thankful for VBS leaders who have alerted us to several concerns in Roar VBS that could be considered insensitive. We sincerely apologize, and offer these modifications to help your Roar experience be the very best for all your children and community.

This document includes the following updates and revisions to Roar VBS:

- Sing & Play Roar Leader Manual page 43, addressing Maasai dance
- Sing & Play Roar Leader Manual page 57, addressing the continent of Africa
- Sing & Play Roar Leader Manual page 71, addressing the click/Xhosa language experience
- new Day 1 Wild Bible Adventures experience, addressing Israelite role-play
- updated Spotlight VBS script for Day 1
Before Today’s Trek

- Set the Day 3 Bible Point Poster up front.
- Download the “Jumping Maasai” clip from group.com/vbsTools. Have it ready to play with your media presentation.
- Thirty minutes before Roar is scheduled to start, begin playing the Sing & Play Roar CD.
- Five minutes before Roar is scheduled to start, gather Crew Leaders for a Huddle-and-a-Prayer.

A Wild Welcome

Say: **Welcome back, terrific trekkers! We’re venturing into another wild day at Roar, where life is wild but God is always, always good. Let’s sing about that right now with “I’m Trusting You.”**

Lead everyone in singing “I’m Trusting You.”

Words are on page 85.

Roar is a really cool place because we feel like we’re in a country in Africa—a place most of us haven’t ever been. When you think of Africa, you probably think of cool animals like lions and elephants and zebras. But a whole lot of cool people live there, too! One group of people are called the Maasai (pronounced “mah-SIGH”), and they have a special dance they do. Let’s watch.

Show the short clip of Maasai warriors jumping. Explain that these warriors jump during the dance as a way to demonstrate their strength to the women in the tribe.

Share God Sightings*

Say: **Learning more about people from around the world shows me just how big and awesome and creative God is!**

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**Day 3 Supplies**

- Day 3 Bible Point Poster*
- Day 3 Irving Carter Skit script and props (optional)
- “Jumping Maasai” video clip (from group.com/vbsTools)

*available from Group Publishing or your Group VBS supplier

**FIELD TEST FINDING**

Kids loved learning unique things about different people groups in Africa! We heard lots of whispers of “That’s so cool!” Be sure to treat this respectfully, pointing out how awesome it is that God gave everyone different traditions, abilities, and customs.
Before Today’s Trek

- Download the photo of the Himba woman from group.com/vbsTools, and add it to your media presentation.
- Set the Day 4 Bible Point Poster up front.
- Review the day with your teenage assistants so they know when to help lead singing and assist with media needs.
- Thirty minutes before Roar is scheduled to start, begin playing the Sing & Play Roar Music CD.
- Five minutes before Roar is scheduled to start, gather with Crew Leaders for a Huddle-and-a-Prayer.

A Wild Welcome

Say: Welcome back to Roar! I can’t imagine any cooler bunch of kids to take on a trek! Let’s start our safari by singing “I’m Trusting You.”

Lead everyone in singing “I’m Trusting You.” Words are on page 85.

I’m so glad you’re on this adventure with me! Africa is such a cool continent to explore. Did you know that some parts of Africa really are cool...as in cold! They get snow! But a lot of the countryside is very hot. That makes me wonder...

When is a time you were really hot? What did you do to cool off?

Tell your own experience, such as a trip to the desert or even a hot day at an amusement park. Then call on a few kids to share their stories, repeating them into the microphone.

You’ve been able to see some of the people in Africa and the amazingly wild things they do! They’re all so different, just like you and I are different from each other. Show the picture of the Himba woman.

One tribe in the country of Namibia (nuh-MIB-ee-uh) has a colorful way to keep the sun off. The women in that tribe mix a red dust called ochre (OH-kr) with fat to make a sort of red makeup. They do it because they like how it looks, and it’s sort of like sun block! That’s pretty smart.
Before Today’s Trek

- Review the day with your teenage assistants so they know when to help lead singing and assist with media needs.
- Download the video of “click/Xhosa language” from group.com/vbsTools, and add it to your media presentation.
- Set the Day 5 Bible Point Poster up front.
- Choose four volunteers who will help hold the Bible Point Posters and call out the Bible Points during your review.
- Thirty minutes before Roar is scheduled to start, begin playing the Sing & Play Roar Music CD.
- Five minutes before Roar is scheduled to start, gather with Crew Leaders for a Huddle-and-a-Prayer.

A Wild Welcome

Say: Welcome to our last day at Roar, where we’re discovering that even though life is wild and unfair and sad and even scary... God is always, always, always good! Let’s sing “I’m Trusting You” and celebrate. Your awesome voices will let everyone know that Sing & Play Roar is beginning.

Lead everyone in singing “I’m Trusting You.” Words are on page 85.

Communicate With Clicking

Say: You’ve had fun learning about animals you might see in Africa and even discovering some of the cool people who live in Africa, too. People in different countries in Africa speak a lot of different languages. But one amazing thing you might hear if you visited a certain area in Africa would be people talking with clicks in their language.

Show the video.

How cool is that?
Isn’t it awesome to hear all the surprising ways we can talk to each other?

Day 5 Supplies

- Days 1–5 Bible Point Posters*
- Day 5 Irving Carter Skit script and props (optional)
- “click/Xhosa language” video clip (download from group.com/vbsTools)

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To discover more about the Xhosa language, check out this video of a Xhosa language lesson: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZlp-croVYw
**Day 1**

When life is unfair... God is good!

**Wild Bible Adventures**
Discover how unfair life was for the Israelites in Egypt.

**Sing & Play Roar**
- Learn the Day 1 Bible Point and key verse, and meet Bible Memory Buddy Mack.
- Sing Roar songs.
- Meet Irving Carter, a gamekeeper who warns them to be quiet or risk waking up some sleeping hyenas.

**Hungry Herd Café**
Build-a-Bug

**Imagination Station**
Tip the Tumble Drum and remember that when life is unfair and knocks you down, God is good and will put you back on your feet.

**KidVid™ Cinema**
Gift goes to a small school where they listen to a teacher on a radio. Nearby, there’s a bigger school where kids have uniforms, desks, and a real teacher. That may seem unfair, but Gift knows he’s loved and that God is always good.

**Safari Celebration**
Discover how our perspective makes a difference in how we see God’s goodness.

**Stampede Sports**

At **Roar VBS**, the daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each station’s activities for unforgettable Bible learning. See how your station reinforces today’s Bible Point.
Before Today’s Trek

• Blow up and tie off 2 green balloons and 10 blue balloons. (Have a few extra on hand in case some pop.)

Welcome Crews

For each rotation, you’ll greet Crews outside the Wild Bible Adventures room. When all Crews have arrived, introduce yourself.

Say: **Welcome to Wild Bible Adventures! I’m [your name], and I’m so glad you’re here! Each day at Wild Bible Adventures, we’ll explore a different totally true story from God’s Word, the Bible.** Hold up your Bible.

Play an Unfair Game

I love having you here, and thought we could celebrate all these new friends with a fun game.

Form two groups and send groups to opposite sides of your room. Have kids sit down, facing the opposing group. Put a masking tape line down the middle of the room. Hold up a blue balloon and a green balloon, assigning one color to each group.

Say: **When the music stops, let’s see who has bopped more of their balloons to the other side of the room. You can’t pop the other group’s balloons, but can bat them back across until the music stops. Then the balloons have to stop. Got it?**

Field Test Tip

Here’s a great optional idea. On poster paper, write the questions kids will discuss in their Crews. Hang the paper on a wall, and cover it with another sheet of paper. Reveal each question when it’s asked so Crew Leaders and kids can refer to it. Easy reference!
Bring out all the balloons, so the green team has only 2 and the blue team has 10. Turn on the Sing & Play Roar Music CD for about 30 seconds while kids play. Then see which group has more of their balloons on the other group’s side of the room. Ask:

❓ How did you feel when I brought out the balloons? Why?

❓ How did you feel about playing a game that wasn’t fair?

Move balloons to the side of the room.

Discuss Unfair Situations

Say: Well, that’s a tiny taste of how people felt in today’s Bible story. But things were really unfair for them. Let’s dig into today’s totally true Bible story!

God’s people, the Israelites, were slaves in Egypt. In fact, they had been slaves for 400 years. That’s a long time! That must have felt very unfair, don’t you think?

Having to do whatever the Egyptians told them to do? Working in the hot Egyptian sun? Not being allowed to leave Egypt, and not being allowed to worship God the way they wanted to?

Like I said, really unfair! But today we’re learning that when life is unfair... God is good! So let me ask you something.

Ask:

❓ When is a time your life felt unfair? For me... [give a personal example].

Tell your Crew about a time your life felt unfair. Crew Leaders, you can briefly share first. Then make sure everyone in your Crew gets a turn to talk. Pause as kids talk. When discussions seem to be winding down, give a 30-second warning to wrap up. Then call attention back to yourself.

I was listening in, and it sounds like we’ve all felt life was unfair at times. Things don’t always go our way, do they? But that doesn’t mean God isn’t good. God is good! All the time! He always knows what’s happening to us, and he’s always with us.
Talk About It

Say: Life was no game for God’s people. Things were hard and really unfair. They even sent their leader, Moses to ask Pharaoh to let the people go into the desert so they could worship God. But Pharaoh just took away some of their building supplies, making their jobs even harder.

The Israelites were upset with Moses for making things worse. So Moses went back to God and said, “Lord, why did you ever send me to Pharaoh? Now he’s being even meaner to your people. And you don’t seem to be helping much.”

Hmm…I wonder…have you ever felt like God’s people did? Maybe you were in a tough situation that seemed unfair, so you prayed to God for help, but things didn’t get better right away. Ask:

How did you feel then? What did you say to God? Have kids talk briefly in their Crews.

You know, it’s okay to talk to God about how we’re feeling, even if we’re feeling upset with God. That’s what Moses did. And we can do the same. God loves us, and he’s always with us. And even when life is unfair...God is good!
When Moses complained to God, God said, “I am the Lord. I will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh.”

Tomorrow we’ll find out how God was good to the Israelites. I hope you’ll come back to see what happens!

Thank kids for coming to Wild Bible Adventures, and invite them back for tomorrow’s totally true Bible experience.

When you hear your Director’s signal, dismiss kids to their next destination.
When Life Is Unfair... God Is Good!

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![The Israelites Are Slaves For the Egyptians](image1)
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**Slide #2**
Several kids holding up Bibles**

**Slide #3**
A few kids wiping their brows and fanning themselves, as if hot**

**Slide #4**
Four kids, each holding up four fingers

**Slide #5**
Kids using plastic shovels to fill buckets with yellow raffia**

**Slide #6**
Several kids with hands on hips, looking stern

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Today we explored a true story from the Bible. The Bible is God’s Word for us, you know.

We traveled back in time to ancient Egypt, and let me tell you, it was hot!

God’s people, the Israelites, had been slaves in Egypt for 400 years.

Their job was to make bricks for the Egyptians. It was hard, backbreaking work!

The Egyptian guards were always yelling to hurry up and make more bricks.
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**And did I mention that it was hot? That Egyptian sun was blinding!**

**It was all so unfair!**

**But they know that when life is unfair... God is good!**

God told a man named Moses to go before Pharaoh and demand that he let God’s people go. But Moses was scared.

Moses told God, “I can’t do it! I’m such a clumsy speaker! Please send someone else!”

So God told Moses he could take his brother, Aaron, with him. They would both go before Pharaoh!
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But first, they told their people that God had seen their misery and was going to help. The people bowed down and worshipped God.

Then Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh, and told him to Let God’s people go. That made Pharaoh mad! He said “Get back to work!”

In fact, Pharaoh was so mad that he took away the Israelites’ straw and said they’d have to make just as many bricks as before! That was really unfair!

The people had to work even harder. They had to make bricks with no straw.

Life was even worse than before for the Israelites!

And the people blamed Moses and Aaron!
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