



## PREVENTING BLIND SPOTS

Pastor Rick Warren suggests these steps for discovering and overcoming blind spots:

- 1) Pray, asking God to remind you what is true about him — and about you. (Psalm 139:24).
- 2) Ask some trusted Christian friends or family to point out things in you that you can't see (Proverbs 12:15).
- 3) Ask Jesus to change you. The Bible says the truth will set you free (John 8:32), and Jesus calls himself the truth (John 14:6). As God's truth helps you see clearly, you'll be less vulnerable to "blind spots" or self-deception.

## BIBLE QUIZ

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man

*Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY

**July 1-5:** Psalm 30, 66:1-9; 2 Kings 3:4-20, 4:1-37, 21:1-15; Ephesians 5:6-20; Romans 7:14-25; Luke 9:1-6; Jeremiah 3:15-18, 23:16-22, 51:47-58; Matthew 10:16-25; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Zechariah 14:10-21

**Sunday, July 6:** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-20

**July 7-12:** Psalm 6, 25:1-10, 82, 119:73-80; 2 Kings 5:15-27, 6:1-7; Acts 7:9-16, 19:21-41; Joshua 23:1-16; John 3:16-21; Jeremiah 6:10-19, 8:4-13; Amos 1:1-3:8; James 2:14-26; Genesis 41:14-49; Leviticus 19:1-37

**Sunday, July 13:** Amos 7:7-17; Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

**July 14-19:** Psalm 7, 15, 25:11-20, 52; Amos 3:9-4:13, 5:1-27, 6:1-14; James 2:1-7; Job 24:1-8; Luke 8:4-10; 1 John 3:11-17; Proverbs 19:1-17; Matthew 25:31-46; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Hebrews 5:1-6; Genesis 12:10-20, 13:1-18, 14:1-16; Ephesians 3:14-21

**Sunday, July 20:** Amos 8:1-12; Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-2:7; Luke 10:38-42

**July 21-26:** Psalm 85, 119:17-104, 138; Amos 7:1-6, 8:13-9:15; Exodus 18:1-12; Acts 1:15-20, 2:22-36; 1 John 2:1-6; Proverbs 9:1-18; John 6:41-51; Deuteronomy 12:1-12; Hosea 1:11-2:15, 4:1-19, 5:1-15; Esther 2:19-3:15, 4:1-17; Luke 8:22-25

**Sunday, July 27:** Hosea 1:2-10; Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:8-3:1; Luke 11:1-13

**July 28-31:** Psalm 44, 49:1-12, 55:16-23, 107:1-43; Hosea 2:16-3:5, 6:1-7:16, 8:1-14; Matthew 5:43-48; Esther 5:1-14, 6:1-8:17; Romans 9:30-10:4, 11:33-36; Proverbs 23:1-11

# CHURCH CALENDAR

7/4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
 7/6 12:00pm-4:00pm Assembly Room  
 Reserved (Jayne Lingle)  
 7/17-7/19 Church Reserved (VBS Set-Up)  
 7/20-7/24 **5:30pm-8:00pm True North VBS:**  
**Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**

**SUNDAYS – 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27**  
 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship  
 9:30am – Sunday School  
 10:30am – Worship

## WiFFLe

**Dates:** Every Monday, Tuesday,  
 Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC  
**Times:** 10:00am-11:00am

## Volunteers & Decorations Needed for VBS!

- **Volunteers:** Crew Leaders, help with registration, setup and take down VBS decorations
- **Wilderness / Adventure / Alaska / Camping Decor:** Christmas trees, projector lights (aurora borealis or stars), white tinsel garlands, lanterns, camping gear (tent, chairs, etc.), VBS animals (bear, moose, bald eagle, sea otter, king-crab, and husky)



2 – Amanda Meacham  
 3 – Donnie Moose  
 4 – Coy Hill  
 5 – Linda Walker  
 6 – Tyler Williams  
 7 – Avery Wright  
 12 – Harold Lingle  
 13 – Lela Fisher  
 14 – Grant and Gavin Meacham  
 15 – Linda Modlin  
 19 – Tommy Canup  
 Tim Williams  
 Ginger Smith  
 24 – Maggie Murray  
 26 – Beck Cobb  
 27 – Amy Crawford  
 29 – Vicki Meyer  
 31 – Lara Drew  
 Allen Kirks

### ANNIVERSARIES:

5 – Randall & Edie Barger  
 16 – Joe & Sheila Williams  
 18 – Jimmy & Gennene Parker

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY (and August)!

**Our Packing Party to jump start Operation Christmas Child will be held during Church Chat on Sunday, August 31st at 9:30am.** You can support our efforts by collecting items or by making monetary donations through your offering designated for Social Ministry – Operation Christmas Child.

You may leave items for our packing party in the room off the narthex.

Operation Christmas Child also has an Amazon Storefront -

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild>.

We may have another packing party before the National Collection Week November 17-24. Families and individuals may still choose to pack their own shoeboxes. Feel free to Contact Barbara Moose with any questions.



*\*Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*



# Looking for Mountains of Fun?



Get ready to hit the trails for the ultimate Alaskan adventure!

**WHERE:** Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

205 S Main St. Faith, NC 28041

**WHO:** Children Ages Pre-K to High School

**WHEN:** July 20th - July 24th

5:30pm - 8:00pm

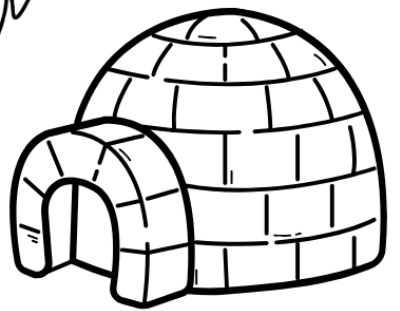
Sing Catchy Songs, Play Team-Building Games, Experience Surprising Bible Stories, and Create Amazing Crafts!



**REGISTER:** [vbspro.events/p/flc2025vbs](https://vbspro.events/p/flc2025vbs)

You Can Trust Jesus!

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**TRUE  
NORTH**







# Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

## A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



## TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



## DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

**Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?**

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches

Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE).



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- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



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- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



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# PUZZLE




## TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

*Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.*

- This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. \_\_\_\_\_
- A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. \_\_\_\_\_
- Having deep understanding and sound judgment. \_\_\_\_\_
- A person in charge of military troops. \_\_\_\_\_
- A person in authority. \_\_\_\_\_
- The season when daylight hours are longest. \_\_\_\_\_
- A substance you eat for nutrition. \_\_\_\_\_
- When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. \_\_\_\_\_

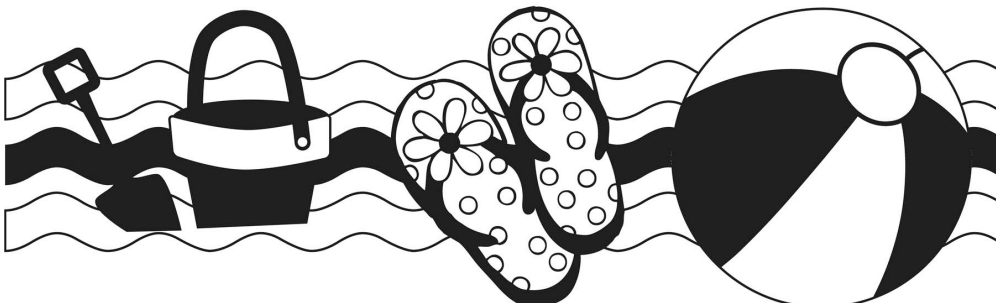


*Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_;  
consider its ways and be \_\_\_\_\_!  
It has no \_\_\_\_\_, no overseer or \_\_\_\_\_,  
yet it stores its provisions in \_\_\_\_\_  
and gathers its \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV**



Answers: ant, sluggard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



# SHOO fly!



Make this candle to keep  
uninvited insects from your  
outdoor summer meals.

### What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half.  
Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate.  
Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.





