



# **+RENEW**

a Take-Home VBS adapted and offered by

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

**DAILY PROGRAMMING**

## **ORIENTATION DAY**

Monday, July 23rd, 2020

Morning or Afternoon

Welcome to ReNew VBS! We're so happy you're joining us this week. Today is a light day, but there are a few things you and your parents can do before our Opening Ceremony.

### **Look through the Box**

First, take a quick look through your ReNew box! It's filled with most of the materials you will need for activities this week. Don't worry if there is something strange in there — we'll be unboxing a package during the opening ceremony tonight to provide explanations.

### **Read the Welcome Packet and Parable**

Next, parents and kids can read through our **Welcome Packet**, which tells them everything they need to know about our camp program. If anything, pay attention to the **Parable of the Sower**, which is what our camp theme is based on this week. See if you can watch, listen, or read the story before our Opening Ceremony tonight.

### **Choose Your Camp Space | Make it Special**

Finally, you might want to find a space or two that you'll do camp in this week. It's always good to know where things are going on well in advance. You might also want to take a walk around your neighborhood to investigate where you might encounter nature this week

Finally, you might choose to make your space special by decorating it with some houseplants, recycled items, or found-objects from nature. The choice is yours. See you at the Opening Ceremony at 7:00 PM!

## **ORIENTATION DAY**

Monday, July 23rd, 2020

Evening

**6:55**

Get ready to log-on for our Opening Ceremony! This gathering will introduce VBSers to our program, the parable, and each other. It lasts for about 30 minutes. Please note: your microphone will be turned off!

**Join Us Here:** <https://zoom.us/j/93367993038>

**7:00**

Welcome from the VBS Team

**7:05**

The Parable of the Sower — told live.

**7:15**

How ReNew Works

**7:20**

Unpacking Your Box

**7:25**

Final Notes

**7:30**

Closing Prayer and Song

## A DAILY RITUAL

### Before VBS Activities Begin

## PRAYER

### A Prayer for Creation

Begin with prayer.

The leader does not need to be an adult. If there are enough people, assign someone other than the leader to read or lead the prayers.

Leader

God, you are a great God, greater than all gods.  
In your hands are all the corners of the earth.

People

**You made majestic mountains.**  
**You made the deep sea and all that lives in it.**  
**You prepared the dry land for beasts, bugs, and, birds.**  
**And you brought us into your creation.**

Leader

Make us bold to sow seeds of hope,  
seeds of justice, and seeds of love in all the world.  
Through your grace we pray,  
Amen.

## PARABLE

of the Sower

Choose if you'd like to watch the Godly Play version online, **or**, read a version of it below. Alternatively, read the unadapted version from a family bible (Mark 4). Try to emphasize the part of the parable that corresponds with the daily theme each day.

**T**here once was someone who did such amazing things and said such wonderful things that people followed him. As they followed him, they heard him speaking about a kingdom. The kingdom was not like the one they were in. It was not like one that anyone had ever visited. It was not like any kingdom anyone had even heard about. So they had to ask him, "What is the kingdom of heaven like?" One day when they asked him that, he said, "The kingdom of heaven is like when a sower, someone who scatters seeds, goes out and scatters seeds along the path. As the sower sowed seeds along the path, the birds of the air came..... and ate the seeds. The sower also sowed seeds among the stones. When the seeds tried to put their little roots down among the stones, they could not push their way into the ground. When the sun came out, it scorched the seeds and they died. The sower also sowed seeds among the thorns. When the seeds tried to push their little roots down among the thorns, they could push them part way in, but the thorns choked them, and they died. The sower also sowed seeds in the good earth. When the seeds pushed their little roots down into the good earth, they could go all the way in. They grew and grew. When they were all grown up, they were ripe for the harvest. Then they were cut off and gathered up. The harvest was thirty, sixty, and one hundred bushels."