

Celebrate VBS Training



“Those who are wise will shine
like the brightness of the heavens,
and those who lead many to
righteousness, like the stars for
ever and ever.”

Daniel 12:3b

Teacher Training Manual



Celebrating Wins

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Celebrating wins reminds us of the goals we set and why we set them in the first place. It's easy to forget why a goal was important, but forgetting that removes all meaning from the task. When we remember why the work we do helps connect children to Jesus Christ, we will be inspired to do more.

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Celebrating wins can help keep us focused on the heart changes that we are looking for. We set a goal, create strategies to achieve it and reach the outcomes we want. As we celebrate those outcomes, we will more easily stay focused on heart change, and not get pulled into worldly values.

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Celebrating wins keeps our whole team motivated to continue doing good work. Volunteers who feel appreciated and know their efforts are noticed, become even more productive in the next church project or activity. Every one of us can participate in making each other feel appreciated.

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Celebrating wins unifies our team around a positive outcome. If there are members of our team who are struggling to get along, reminding ourselves that we have achieved a common goal, helps bring us together.

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Celebrating wins reminds our team that we serve in a successful ministry. People want to be a part of successful ministries! So, one of the greatest morale-builders that we can offer each other is the knowledge that we serve in a successful ministry, even if – and especially if – there are other areas where our church or ministry might be struggling.

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Celebrating wins builds momentum for the team. When a success is celebrated, everyone is reminded that their ability to reach one specific goal indicates just how close they are to achieving even greater goals.



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Celebrating wins forces us to concentrate on the positive rather than the negative. Even if your church has taken some hits in the down economy, there are still wins you can celebrate. Give your team a boost by celebrating and reminding them that good things are still happening for the Lord.

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Celebrating wins with our teams helps build friendships in our team members. It allows us to connect with brothers and sisters in a way that is not solely ministry-related. It helps us to build a more personal connection with others on our team.

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Celebrating wins allows for specific rewards to brothers or sisters for special achievements. When we are clear about what went well – naming names, dates, great ideas and the deadlines that were met or exceeded – we not only legitimize the celebration, but we reinforce the kinds of behaviors that we value. This shows the whole team exactly how they can earn similar celebrations in the future.

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Celebrating wins helps pull our minds away from our mundane tasks like changing diapers or preparing our 231st lesson. No matter how briefly, changing our team's mind-set from "boring work" to "celebration" gives the whole team a renewed positive focus.

Celebrating wins is a great way to keep your team motivated and stay focused on the things that really are important.

Ideas to celebrate wins with your students

- High Five!
- Passing of the stuffed animal
- Thank you notes
- Shouts and Cheers!

- Special gift to 1 person, presented in front of everyone
- Stickers
- Small item for everyone
- Hugs
- Special attention: name person, date completed, what they accomplished, etc.