

VBS Survival Canteen

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This canteen is a simple prop to make. If you collect enough metal tins, you can allow older kids to create one during VBS or during a pre-enrollment event. Provide a Survival Canteen for all your leaders during enlistment to get them excited about VBS!

Gather:

- Metal cookie tins
- Spray paint
- Colored tape if desired
- Utility knife
- Water bottle
- Hot glue gun
- Plastic, fabric, or leather strap
- Duct Tape
- VBS Artwork on self-adhesive paper



Assemble:

1. Decide what will be the top of the canteen and cut a circle for the water bottle spout.
2. Punch a hole through both sides about three inches from the spout for the strap to attach.
3. Spray paint the exterior of both lid and tin. Let dry.
4. Cut the spout from the water bottle and insert it from the inside. Hot glue spout in place.
5. Cut strap about two feet long or smaller for a child.
6. Thread the strap through the holes and tie a knot so it doesn't pull out.
7. Use duct tape inside the tin to cover any sharp edges.
8. Add tape stripes on the lid or around the canteen for decoration.
9. Personalize the tin with your name and VBS artwork.

Extra Idea: VBS Survival Kit for Leaders

Gather these items and place them in a zip bag with the following description showing:

VBS Survival Kit

Candle- To remind you to share the light of Jesus through your life.

Rubber Band- To remind you to be flexible as we serve the Lord.

Life Saver- To remind you to help others and accept the help of others.

Eraser- To remind us that God forgives our sins and we need to forgive as well.

Cotton Ball- To remind you to keep your heart soft toward God and others.

Hersey's Hug- To remind you we all need a hug from time to time.

Cross- To remind us of God's great love for us and to share that gift with others.