



THE VBS CHALLENGE

The Challenge is on—Fill a Bowl, Feed a Child!

Here are ways to get your Missions Challenge started during your Vacation Bible School:

- Launch your mission project
- Teach your kids about the orphan crisis
- Download and show our explainer video, *This is Rice Bowls*, from ricebowls.org/stories
- Hand out bowls to everyone
- Set a competition or overall group goal for your VBS.

When giving the bowls out on day one, make your VBS Challenge a healthy competition. This can be done in a variety of ways - Boys vs Girls, Age Groups vs Age Groups, pair up age groups and make teams, etc.

Children will take on the challenge for their team to bring in the most change!

Alternatively, you could all work towards a single goal - set the bar high and then fight hunger together. Because it takes some time to count the change or run it through a coin counting machine, you will need to set the goal based on the number of bowls returned.

One full bowl feeds a child for a day!

Be sure to highlight an orphaned child that Rice Bowls serves each day of VBS by sharing stories from ricebowls.org/stories

Here are guidelines you can give your children each day:

Day 1 - Road Trip!

Take your bowl everywhere you go for the remainder of the week - the grocery store, dentist office, restaurants, the park, etc. Share with others that you are a hunger fighter and invite them to be one too by dropping their loose change in your bowl.

Day Two - It's a game of Hide & Seek!

Loose change is hiding all over the place - in the car, in the cushions of your sofa, in that crazy kitchen drawer, or Grandpa's pocket. Seek out all the places loose change could be hiding, find it, and put it in your bowl!

Day Three - Be a Good Neighbor!

Share the story of Rice Bowls with three of your close neighbors, friends, or family and ask them to join you by giving their loose change to help fill your bowl! Share a story of the orphaned children you have been learning about at VBS.

Day Four - Give It Up!

Instead of getting your favorite ice cream treat, McDonald's Happy Meal, videogame, etc. ...Give It Up. Take the money that would have gone towards those treats and put that amount of money in your Rice Bowl!

Day Five: Return night!

Stack your bowls up front in a pile and celebrate what God has done through all of you to feed kids all over the world!

(Later, you will need to assign a team to crack the bowls open and count the money, this is a great way to involve your youth group in the missions project!)

The beauty of Rice Bowls is it is very much a "children feeding children" project. Your children are impacting orphaned children all over the world. Use the awesome boxes that your bowls arrive in as another teaching tool!

Be sure to let us know via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter how your group is joining. Use the hashtags: **#Ricebowlsorg**, **#HungerFighter**, and **#GiveYum**.

Thanks for partnering with us to live out *Isaiah 1:17*, "Do good, seek justice, encourage the oppressed, defend the cause of the orphaned."