



Your **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** can forever change the lives of **Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's (BCH)** boys and girls by taking on **MISSION: Kids NC!**

**THE MISSION:** To show God's love by praying, giving and connecting with boys and girls living at **Baptist Children's Homes across North Carolina.**

**pray**

- Please take time during your VBS to pray for the BCH ministry:
- Pray that God will heal children's hurts. Many come to BCH because of family dysfunction, abuse, neglect, and abandonment.
  - Pray for the cottage parents who provide a safe, caring home for the children and teach them about God's unconditional love.
  - Pray the children will ask Jesus to be their Savior. **70% of BCH's residents come to us unchurched and unreached for Jesus.**

**give**

- Prayerfully consider collecting a VBS offering for BCH's children. Your offering will help to...
- Provide hot, regular meals. Some children have gone without eating every day before coming to BCH.
  - Buy new clothes. Many children come to BCH with clothes that don't fit or are old and tattered.
  - Reach out to children even beyond NC. Your offering will also help provide a caring home for Guatemala orphans where BCH ministers to impoverished children.

**connect**

- Connect and learn more!
- Invite a BCH speaker to share the BCH story at your VBS. Call 336-474-1209 to schedule.
  - Show a short video. Download at [www.bchkids.org](http://www.bchkids.org) or call 336-474-1209 for a DVD.
  - Use the downloadable activity sheet at [www.bchkids.org](http://www.bchkids.org)
  - Bonus: Bring your church children to a "Friends of Children" workday, a one-day missions trip at BCH's statewide locations. Dates and info at [www.bchfamily.org/foc](http://www.bchfamily.org/foc)



### It was not safe for Noah and Jessica to live at home.

Their family’s house was very dirty and unsafe. It was not a healthy place for anyone to live, especially the young brother and sister. Noah and Jessica were brought to Baptist Children’s Homes (BCH) late one night. All they had with them was the dirty clothes they were wearing. The children devoured the food BCH’s cottage parents, Bobby and Sonya, had waiting for them. They could tell the children did not eat often.

The cottage parents prepared baths so the children could be warm and clean before giving them new pajamas to wear. Bobby and Sonya then took them to see their bedrooms.

“I’ve never had my own bed before,” Noah told the cottage parents. “Do you have rats in the cottage?” Bobby and Sonya assured the concerned boy that there were no rats. Noah and Jessica were frightened of the rats inside their old house, but they did not have to worry anymore.

**At BCH , Noah and Jessica have a safe home where they are learning about the love of Jesus. Your VBS makes it possible!**

*Note: the children’s names and photo have been changed for their privacy and safety.*

# KID KUDOS Check out the **AMAZING** ways VBS kids have made a difference !



How awesome is this? High school student Ava Tharpe, who lives in Ronda, NC hosted a golf tournament for her senior project raising more than \$3,000. It gave the children a special outing.



For years, Madi, third from left, has planted a garden and sold her produce to help boys and girls living at our Broyhill Home in the mountains of Clyde, NC. In 2018, she raised \$1,600 from her garden. We love and appreciate you, Madi!



It’s such a blessing to see children helping children! Pastor Cliff McKnight stands with the children of Oak Grove Baptist in Lake Toxaway who collected money in jars to help BCH’s boys and girls. In all, the church collected \$2,000! Thank you, friends!

## IDEA! Take the **Mile of Pennies** challenge!

Did you know a mile of pennies from end to end is 84,440 pennies? That equals \$844.40! Set a goal and ask your VBS kids to bring in their change (or bills) throughout the week. **Boys vs. Girls!** Make it a challenge between the boys and girls to see who can raise the most. Maybe the winning group receives a special reward. Or if the goal is exceeded, perhaps a church leader is willing to be pied in the face by the winning group. No matter how you help, the real winners are BCH’s boys and girls! **Download Mile of Pennies labels and resources at [www.bchkids.org](http://www.bchkids.org)**



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Please make out Mission: Kids NC offering checks to “**Baptist Children’s Homes of NC**” and mail to: P.O. Box 338 Thomasville, NC 27361. If you take a photo of your children’s efforts, send it to [jbgragsdale@bchfamily.org](mailto:jbgragsdale@bchfamily.org) so he can share it.

