



"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

By Kay Moll

more than 35 years Standard Publishing has produced craft paks, taking much of the work out of craft preparation for busy VBS leaders. A creative program for 2003 introduces an exciting new way to provide more craft options than ever before. Standard Publishing is teaming up with S&S® Worldwide, the leading distributor and manufacturer of Christian crafts, to provide more than 25 craft projects.

Each project is available individually. The projects cover a broad range of skill levels, price ranges, and time requirements so churches can select only the projects that meet their needs. Craft projects can be purchased through your local Christian bookstore or directly from S&S® Worldwide.

Rich Resources

Treasures of the Nile also offers a wealth of resources designed to help both small and large churches choose the format that works best for them.

The drama resources are a perfect illustration. This year's **Puppet Pak** features two puppets—Niles the crocodile and Humphrey the camel. These skits are easier than ever to present because both puppeteers can be behind stage. There are no lines to learn and the narrations are recorded on an easy-to-use CD, complete with sound effects.

But that's just the beginning of the drama resources. The **Skits Guide** contains 11 action-packed humorous skits, as well as 10 Bible character sketches. The **Treasures of the Nile Skits Video**, containing six humorous skits and five Bible character sketches, offers an alternative method for presenting the skits.

If churches like presenting the skits live, they can use the scripts provided. But if they have trouble recruiting actors or if they don't have anyone to help make props, the work has been done for them. They can just pop in the **Skits Video** and let the action begin.

Exciting Innovations

The cutting-edge new products available this year are real gems!

The innovative **Treasures of the Nile Interactive CD** will be prized long after VBS is over. It contains 12 theme-related games and activities, including *Pyramid Surfing*, *Marketplace Trading*, *Memory Verse Rescue*, and a *sing-along* with Niles and Humphrey. Kids can write messages to their friends and code them in hieroglyphics. The CD includes craft projects to print out and make at home. It even includes ideas for Egyptian snacks (chocolate-coated beetles, anyone?). The CD provides an innovative way to go beyond paper and pencil and take the VBS experience to a new level. It is priced so affordably (\$3.99) that leaders will want every child to have one to provide hours of learning and fun.

Younger children will delight in the finger puppets, miniature versions of Niles and Humphrey, created just for them. The finger puppets are perfect for leaders to use, but they also make a great gift to help kids remember VBS.

Eternal Impact

Perhaps the greatest strength of **Treasures of the Nile** is the potential it has to impact young lives for eternity. The daily Bible adventures feature stories that took place in Egypt and focus on the lives of people like Joseph and Moses. But in each lesson there is something that points the kids to Jesus, with a strong emphasis on the truth that he is indeed the greatest treasure of all.

So mount up those camels and look out for the crocodiles! Prepare for an action-packed, fun-filled journey, uncovering rich, spiritual treasures from those who lived in the land of the Nile!

"Leading kids to Jesus, the greatest treasure of all!" ■

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WOULD YOU LIKE to uncover a real treasure this summer? It's mapped out in Standard Publishing's all-new VBS course, **Treasures of the Nile**. Kids will go on an expedition to Jesus, exploring some of the mysteries of ancient Egypt. But the real treasure they will uncover lies hidden in awesome Bible stories that took place in that land.

Kids will uncover God's most important plan of leading the world to Jesus, the greatest treasure of all. Along the way they will discover great truths about the way God works: *He Plans! He Sees! He Empowers! He Acts! He Saves!*

New Features

VBS directors and leaders will be excited about the wealth of new features in **Treasures of the Nile**.

Music is a key element in VBS and this year's music from Standard Publishing is both *reproducible and included in the Starter Kit!* Churches will be able to duplicate copies of the music for workers before VBS starts. They will also be able to duplicate as many copies as needed to send home with every child or every family—making sure that the impact of VBS continues long after it is over. (If a church does not have the equipment to duplicate tapes or CDs, then inexpensive pass-along versions are still available.)

Another new feature of **Treasures of the Nile** is the craft program. For