



Staff Appreciation

Treat your leaders in *Jonah: An Overboard Adventure!* in a special manner to let them know you appreciate their help and dedication in helping others learn how to walk in God's ways. Use the following ideas:

- 1 Pray for your leaders.** No one likes to feel like he/she is working alone! Let each leader know that God, the kids, and you value what he/she does. Pray for each leader, asking for God to lead him/her.
- 2 Provide ongoing support** throughout the program. Once the program begins, be sure to touch base with each volunteer daily. Leave little candies with a small heart or a "Walk With God" footprint attached to them. Include a newsletter of updated information, if necessary. Be sure to ask if there are any problems or concerns that need to be worked out so that a small trouble spot doesn't become a mountain too tough to climb!
- 3 Build a staff album.** This will be a great reminder of their experience and will provide recognition that their work was appreciated. Be sure to get several pictures of each volunteer with a digital camera. Turn these pictures over to someone who has computer capabilities and can put the pictures into a fun design. Add a thank you note and several pictures of smiling kids who enjoyed the program.
- 4 Distribute appreciation certificates** found on page 79 in *Veggie-Kids*. These make fun VeggieTales thank you cards that your volunteers can hang on their refrigerators. What a great way to remind someone how thankful you are for all the work that they have done!
- 5 Create thank you cards** using Madame Blueberry thankfulness clipart. Attach a VeggieTales balloon, a flower, a "Walk With God" footprint, or a package of sea life gummy treats.

