

# Captain VBS & Grouchy Rooster skits

Day One: Courage

## CAPTAIN VBS AND THE GROUCHY ROOSTER: "FIRST CONTACT"

**Story Line:** The Grouchy Rooster is set on ruining VBS. By making disparaging comments about the Worship leader, the Grouchy Rooster begins to plant seeds of doubt, causing the Worship leader to lack the courage to lead the children. Before the Grouchy Rooster can ruin VBS, the children call Captain VBS, who rushes in and wraps the Worship leader in his cape of courage. Back to his old self, the Worship leader helps Captain VBS drive the Grouchy Rooster away by leading the children in the *Booster* song.

**Worship leader:** Hello, everyone! Welcome to this year's Vacation Bible School! Is everyone excited to be here? Are we having a good time yet? This year our VBS is going to be better than ever!

**Grouchy Rooster:** *(Hiding offstage)* No it's not! It's gonna be the smelliest!

**Worship leader:** *(Falters)* Who said that? Um...What was I saying? *(Thinking to himself)* Hmm...Oh, yeah! This year we are going to have a pretty good VBS.

*[Peeking up from a pew or around a prop, the Grouchy Rooster makes himself visible only to the audience.]*

**Grouchy Rooster:** *(In a long whisper to the Worship leader)* This is going to be the worst VBS ever! And do you know why?

*[The Worship leader begins to doubt himself.]*

**Worship leader:** This is going to be the worst VBS, and I don't know why.

**Grouchy Rooster:** Because you're a stinky leader! This VBS stinks! You're afraid of failing...and, oh, yeah! You can't sing! COCK A DOODLE DOOO!

**Worship leader:** You know, kids...I don't think I can do this! What if no one likes me? What if I fail?

**Grouchy Rooster:** *(Happy with himself and giggling)* Good thinking! You're not cut out for this! Go home...COCK A DOODLE DOO...go home!

**Worship leader:** I should probably just go home. I can't do this. I stink! VBS is over!

**Audience member:** NO! You have to fight it! Don't listen to HIM!

**Grouchy Rooster:** YES! Listen to ME! VBS STINKS! You're AFRAID! GO HOME!

*[Grouchy Rooster slips up and puts a hat of "FEAR" and a sign of "SELF-DOUBT" on the Worship leader. Then the Grouchy Rooster takes ahold of the Worship leader's arm.]*

**Grouchy Rooster:** I've got you now! (*Laughs*)

**Worship leader:** (*Hangs his head*) I can't go on.

**Audience member:** Quick, kids, before it's too late, we have to call for Captain VBS! He is the only one who can save [Worship leader's name] and banish the Grouchy Rooster! We have to chant the cry of help! Say, "WE NEED A BOOSTER! NOT A GROUCHY ROOSTER," three times, then "CAPTAIN VBS!" Ready?

*[Begin chanting, turn off light or turn down and use video projector or overhead to project the Captain VBS Signal ("CaptainVBS.ppt" located in the templates folder on this disk). After the chant, have Captain VBS "fly" in from the back, bust through fake brick or enter in some other extremely dramatic fashion.]*

**Grouchy Rooster:** No! Not him!

**Captain VBS:** (*To the audience*) When roosters cry and happiness dies,  
When faces are downcast and high spirits are outcast,  
When that frown needs turning upside down,  
Don't distress - Call Captain VBS!

**Audience member:** (*Interrupting Captain VBS*) Captain VBS, we need your help!

**Captain VBS:** OH, I'm sorry. I just get so excited...Uh, what seems to be the problem?!?

*[Audience member and children point out the Grouchy Rooster and Worship leader.]*

**Captain VBS:** AH HA! The Grouchy Rooster! I didn't know you were back in town. I thought I'd seen the last of you! What trouble are you causing this time? Whatever it is, you won't get away with it!

**Grouchy Rooster:** You're too late, Captain VBS! I've already ruined VBS! (*Point to Worship leader*) Your Worship leader is useless now! COCK A DOODLE DOO!

**Captain VBS:** Oh, no! [Worship leader's name] has been hit with FEAR and SELF-DOUBT! I'll have to wrap my Cape of Courage around him to restore his courage.

*[Captain VBS wraps his cape around the Worship leader, who then takes off the hat and sign.]*

**Captain VBS:** Quick now, [Worship leader's name]. Rise and help lead the kids in the only song that will banish the Grouchy Rooster. *The Booster song!*

*[Captain VBS whips his cape off of the Worship leader. The Worship leader jumps up and begins leading the kids in the "Booster" song. NOTE: If you are unfamiliar with the Booster song see track 9 on the audio CD.]*

**Grouchy Rooster:** (*In pain and covering his ears*) You've not seen the last of me! I'll be back! I'll be back Captain VBS! COCK A DOODLE DOOO!

**Captain VBS:** Great work, kids! We did it! We banished the Grouchy Rooster! All we needed was a little courage! Today we are going to learn all about the courage that God gives us by looking at the story of David & Goliath! Until next time, remember, if you need me, all you have to do is call!"

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**Day Two: Samson's Strength**  
**CAPTAIN VBS & GROUCHY ROOSTER:**  
**"ALL WRAPPED UP AND TIED UP"**

**Story Line:** The Grouchy Rooster is wreaking havoc on VBS by immobilizing everyone with his "Sponge balls of self-absorbency!" Protected by his "Booster Protectorss" (ear muffs), the Grouchy Rooster seems unstoppable. Once the children help Captain VBS regain his strength by singing to God, Captain VBS breaks free from his self-absorbency and chases down Grouchy Rooster and removes his "Booster Protectors." Together, Captain VBS and the children sing the *Booster* song and drive the Grouchy Rooster away. Captain VBS encourages the children and the Worship leader to rely on God for their strength to help them at all times.

***[Worship leader should be dressed in very poor imitation of Captain VBS's costume.]***

**Worship leader:** Hello kids! Welcome back to the second night of our VBS! I'm ready to be SUPER, aren't you? Who helps us to be super?

**Children:** God!

**Worship leader:** That's right! God helps us to be super and full of courage! If that Grouchy Rooster tries anything today, will you help me take care of him?

**Children:** Yeah!

***[Grouchy Rooster sticks his head around a corner.]***

**Grouchy Rooster:** COCK A DOODLE DOOOOOOO!

**Worship leader:** Did you guys hear something? Where did that come from?

***[As the kids point, the Worship leader whips around, but Grouchy Rooster hides before he can be spotted.]***

**Worship leader:** I don't see anything! Well, as I was saying...

***[Grouchy Rooster sticks his head out again from a different spot.]***

**Grouchy Rooster:** COCK A DOODLE DOO!

**Worship leader:** Where is that coming from?

***[Again, kids point and the Grouchy Rooster hides before the Worship leader can spot him. Repeat this several times. Have fun with it. The Worship leader should keep playing dumb. Finally, the Grouchy Rooster comes out of his hiding space. He is wearing ear muffs that he calls "Booster Protectors."]***

**Grouchy Rooster:** COCK A DOODLE DOO! So, what are you supposed to be?

**Worship leader:** We (*referring to himself and the children*) are training to be SUPER for God! And as Captain VBS's unofficial sidekicks, we're not going to let you ruin today's VBS.

**Grouchy Rooster:** Oh, is that so? How do you think you can stop me?

**Worship leader:** We'll sing the *Booster* song.

**Grouchy Rooster:** NOT TODAY! While that may have stopped me yesterday, today I've got a special Booster Protectors! Now take this!

***[Grouchy Rooster hits Worship leader with a soft sponge ball. The Worship leader immediately goes limp as if there were no bones left in his body.]***

**Grouchy Rooster:** Now that I've immobilized you with self-absorbency, I'll have free reign to ruin VBS!

**Worship leader:** ***(Immobilized)*** You'll never get away with this! Captain VBS will stop you!

**Grouchy Rooster:** You mean HIM?!?

***[Captain VBS comes out tied up, weak and limp as if he, too, were boneless.]***

**Captain VBS:** ***(In a weak voice)*** You'll never get away with this Grouchy Rooster. You may have immobilized me with your sponge balls of self-absorbency, but that won't stop me. You see, I grow stronger when children sing songs to God. That helps me to remember what it's like to rely on God! ***(To the children)*** Children if only you'll sing for me!

***[Have an audience member start the "Booster" song.]***

**Captain VBS:** Keep singing! It's working!

***[As the kids continue to sing, Captain VBS gets his strength back and breaks the bonds that are holding him.]***

**Captain VBS:** Thanks, kids! ***(Turns to the Grouchy Rooster)*** And now, I'm free to deal with you!

**Grouchy Rooster:** ***(Screams)*** Retreat!

***[Captain VBS chases the Grouchy Rooster around the auditorium, finally catching him and bringing him to the front and rips his "Booster Protectors" off.]***

**Captain VBS:** Keep singing!

***[Upon hearing the "Booster" song, the Grouchy Rooster screams, covers his ears, and runs from the room.]***

**Grouchy Rooster:** You've not seen the last of me! I'll be baaaaack!

***[Grouchy Rooster exits]***

**Worship leader:** Thanks, Captain VBS!

**Captain VBS:** ***(Helping the Worship leader up)*** There you go! ***(To the Worship leader and the children)*** I hope that you've learned an important lesson today - That no matter how strong we think we are, we can never handle bad situations without God's strength. When we glorify God, He strengthens us to do His work. Samson knew the importance of relying on God's strength. Today, in your classes, you are going to learn more about God's strength through Samson. Until next time! When roosters cry and happiness dies, when faces are downcast and high spirits are outcast, when that frown needs turning upside down, don't distress...Call Captain VBS!

***[Captain VBS EXITS]***

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**Day Three: Esther's Selflessness**  
**CAPTAIN VBS & GROUCHY ROOSTER:**  
**"DISGUISED"**

**Story Line:** The Worship leader calls Captain VBS out, eager to thank him for all his help. Unknown to the Worship leader, the Grouchy Rooster (*disguised as Captain VBS*) tries to convince the kids that they should all go home and look after their own interests. Captain VBS makes his appearance and puts a stop to his shenanigans. Finally, Captain VBS captures the Grouchy Rooster and announces his plans to transform him from the "Grouchy" to the "Happy Rooster."

**Worship leader:** Welcome back to day three of our Vacation Bible School! We've had a great VBS so far, even with that Grouchy Rooster coming around. Today we want to bring out and thank the man who has helped keep this VBS on track! Captain VBS!

**[Grouchy Rooster comes out dressed in sunglasses, a hat, and a big trench coat.]**

**Grouchy Rooster:** (*Mimicking Captain VBS*) Hello, everyone!

**Worship leader:** Captain VBS, you look different today? Is something wrong?

**Grouchy Rooster:** No, nothing is wrong. This is what I look like on my day off.

**Worship leader:** I don't know, you seem different, oh well. Why don't you tell us how things are going in your search for that mean ole ugly Grouchy Rooster.

**Grouchy Rooster:** Ugly! Grouchy Rooster's not ugly!

**Worship leader:** (*A little confused*) Okay. Uh...Sorry Captain VBS. He is mean though. Isn't he?

**Grouchy Rooster:** He's not mean, just misunderstood. Anyway, I've decided to give up my search. I came here today to tell you that, and to tell you that we should just give up on VBS. You could be at home right now taking care of yourselves. It's really all about you! You should all be home thinking of yourselves, not here learning about serving others!

**Worship leader:** Captain VBS, this doesn't sound like you at all! Are you feeling OK? You're not yourself.

**Grouchy Rooster:** I've never felt better! Listen - When roosters cry, it's as sweet as pie. When faces are downcast and high spirits are outcast - that's great. When that frown needs a tongue sticking out of it - don't distress...Call Captain Stinkiness!

**[Grouchy Rooster begins singing the "Booster" song, only he changes the words.]**

"Booster, Booster, don't be a Booster! Let's be grouchy like the Rooster!"...

**Captain VBS:** ...That's quite enough of that! (*Rips off hat*) Grouchy Rooster!

**[Grouchy Rooster starts to run away, but Captain VBS quickly grabs him and holds his arms from behind.]**

**Captain VBS:** [Worship leader's name], on my belt I have the Hood of Selflessness! I brought it with me today in order to subdue the Grouchy Rooster. You'll have to grab it quick!

**Grouchy Rooster:** That will never work! I'll escape just like I've done before!

**Captain VBS:** [Worship leader's name], take the Hood of Selflessness and put it on Grouchy Rooster's head! Hurry!

***[Worship leader takes the Hood of Selflessness (A paper sack or pillow case with Selflessness written on it) and puts it on Grouchy Rooster's head.]***

**Captain VBS:** Good work! Now, we have to wait for the Hood to take effect!

**Grouchy Rooster:** This is never going to work! I'm going to...hey, its nice and peaceful in here. NO! I must FIGHT IT! COCKADOoooooobee...I really shouldn't be yelling like that. I should be quiet. Others might not be able to hear when I'm loud and noisy. How thoughtless of me.

**Captain VBS:** Its working! The Hood of Selflessness is taking effect! Its causing him to think of others. Look how it has quieted him down.

***[Grouchy Rooster begins quietly humming to himself and strutting around.]***

**Worship leader:** Good Work! What do we do with him now?

**Captain VBS:** I'll take him with me. The Hood of Selflessness will only hold him for so long. I've got a plan that I think will work! I'll take him to my lair to watch him. I've devised a way to transform the Grouchy Rooster forever into a Good Rooster! Tomorrow, I'll be back to put my plan into action!

***[Grouchy Rooster and Captain VBS exit. Worship leader continues with opening assembly.]***

**Worship leader:** Wow! What a night! The Grouchy Rooster tried to trick us into thinking only of ourselves. He thought he could ruin our VBS by turning us into selfish people! But we didn't fall for it, did we? Thankfully, Captain VBS subdued the Grouchy Rooster by making him think of others instead of himself. That's what being selfless is all about. Today, we are going to learn about Selflessness through the story of Esther.

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**Day Four: Noah's Faith**  
**CAPTAIN VBS & GROUCHY ROOSTER:**  
**"TRANSFORMATION"**

**Story Line:** Captain VBS comes out and explains how the Grouchy Rooster came to be and what must be done to change him. Selecting volunteers from the audience, Captain VBS lays his plan before them. Once everyone is in place, Captain VBS retrieves the Grouchy Rooster. The children transform the Grouchy Rooster by showing him love.

**Worship leader:** Today is our last day of VBS! Have you had as much fun as I've had? I'm so excited today! This is the day when, if everything goes well, Captain VBS will transform the Grouchy Rooster into a Happy Rooster! Here he is - Captain VBS!

**[Captain VBS enters]**

**Captain VBS:** Hello, everyone! Today, we are going to try the impossible - we will attempt to TRANSFORM the Grouchy Rooster!

**[Wait for cheering to die down.]**

To do this, we'll need to work together!

**[Turns to the Worship leader.]**

[Worship leader's name], from all of these faithful and loving children, I need for you to choose ten volunteers!

**[Turns back to the crowd.]**

**(Building excitement)** Who will show their faithfulness and loving heart?!

**[After the Worship leader chooses ten volunteers, line them up in front of Captain VBS.]**

This will not be easy; are you up to it? Are you faithful? Are you loving? Good, because today I need you to HUG the Grouchy Rooster!

**[Address the audience]**

The only way we can truly transform the Grouchy Rooster is by showing him our love and our faith in God. You see, the Grouchy Rooster wasn't always so grouchy. When he was but a little chick pecking around the yard, he was never shown God's love. As much as he tried to join in with the other chicks, they wouldn't let him. They had their fun, but never included the little Rooster. Over the years, he became more and more bitter until finally he changed into the Grouchy Rooster! Ever since, he has made it his goal to ruin the fun of others, especially during VBS!

**[Captain VBS pauses, getting choked up.]**

**(Crying)** Every time I think about that little chick.....it breaks my heart. He just wanted to be loved! He just needed to see someone with faith!

**[Captain VBS regains composure.]**

And that is where the ten of you come in! Today, we are going to show him how good men and women of faith treat others. We are going to show him God's love.

**Captain VBS:** *(To all the children)* I'm going to go and get Grouchy Rooster now. When I bring him out, I'll need all of you to sing the *Booster* song. That will keep him disoriented while these ten give him hugs. After that, I'll wrap him up in my cape and hopefully he will transform into the Happy Rooster!

*[Captain VBS exits, then returns shortly after with the Grouchy Rooster wrapped in cloth. (Material should be wide enough to cover the "Happy Rooster" shirt he is wearing. The Grouchy Rooster is struggling as Captain VBS brings him to the front.)]*

Okay, kids - sing! *(Audience begins singing)* Quick, begin hugging him while he is disoriented!

*[The more the kids sing and hug Grouchy Rooster, the more he is weakened. Grouchy Rooster sinks to his knees.]*

It's working! Keep singing!

*[Captain VBS wraps his cape around Grouchy Rooster. Once covered, the Grouchy Rooster removes his cloth binding exposing his "Happy Rooster" shirt.]*

No longer are you the Grouchy Rooster. Now, you are the HAPPY ROOSTER!

*[Captain VBS whips his cape back and Grouchy Rooster jumps up and begins singing and hugging all the kids in the audience.]*

**Happy Rooster:** It's soooo good to be free of my grouchiness! Now, I can join in with the fun!

**Captain VBS:** Isn't it great what God can do when we show others our faith and love?!

**Happy Rooster:** I want to know more about faith! COCK A DOODLE DOO!

**Captain VBS:** Well, today is your day! We are going to be learning about faith through the story of Noah!

**Happy Rooster:** I can't wait! Let's go!

*[Grouchy Rooster and Captain VBS exit together and the Worship leader takes over.]*

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