



# Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS Closing Production

## World's Strongest Kid Tournament

Wally is back in his first duty as the official Knight of Kingdom Rock. Wally has decided to host a World's Strongest Kid Tournament, but he needs the help of VBS kids and leaders to teach the contestants how to really *stand strong!*



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## How to Use This Closing Production

Kids already know the songs, you already have most of the props—so congratulations! Most of the hard work in preparing your Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS Closing Production is already done!

This closing production is flexible. Kids and staff who have been a part of your Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS can perform it for:

- \* a family-night program to cap off the VBS week
- \* a Saturday or Sunday Mass
- \* a special religious education session
- \* a parish matinee
- \* ...and more!

The closing production is easy to prepare for. Simply follow these steps:

- 1. Read this entire script.**
- 2. Use clip art to decorate flyers, bulletins, and posters to publicize the event.** Check out the *Kingdom Rock Clip Art & Resources* CD for cool clip art! Send information home with children during Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS so their families will be sure to come to this exciting event!
- 3. Have kids help you collect and create costumes and props.** You should have most of the props already on hand after using them at Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS. Additional props can be gathered from your parish or from kids' homes.
- 4. Determine who will play the various roles.** For the sake of continuity, the person who is playing Wally should continue in this role. The remaining roles can be assigned to children and adults who have been involved in Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS.
- 5. Practice the play with your actors.** For best results, practice the play one time with all the children participating. The VBS kids will be standing and leading the audience in singing at various points. One dress rehearsal with all the children in place will assure kids of what they're to do and when.

## Props

- \* newsprint
- \* marker
- \* masking tape
- \* Bible
- \* 3-foot-long dowel
- \* 2 large Styrofoam balls
- \* glue
- \* black spray paint
- \* several balloons
- \* 2 straight pins
- \* chair
- \* costumes (see the character descriptions)
- \* *Sing & Play Rock Music CD\**
- \* CD player
- \* microphone/sound system

\* available from Our Sunday Visitor

## Setting the Stage

- \* Use the marker to write on the newsprint: "World's Strongest Kid Tournament." Tape it on a wall close to the stage, where everyone can see it.
- \* Make a barbell by gluing a Styrofoam ball to each end of the dowel. Spray paint it black, then place it center stage.

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Many spray paint brands contain acetone, which will melt Styrofoam, so be sure to use paint that's acetone-free.



## The Characters

**Wally** (same actor from the VBS week)—The star of the show, a bit of a goofball who has learned so much about standing strong for God! He's enthusiastic in all he does, especially in helping people learn how to stand strong for God! He has got a really big problem. He is hosting the Kingdom Rock World's Strongest Kid Tournament, thinking that contestants would come ready to show how to stand strong for God, but boy, was he wrong! Now he needs the help of VBS leaders and kids to teach them a thing or two.

Suggested costume: the knight's hood and tunic he wore all week at Kingdom Rock.

**Leader** (either the Totally Catholic Sing & Play Rock Leader or the Totally Catholic VBS Director)—He or she is happy and excited amidst all the commotion.

Suggested costume: Kingdom Rock T-shirt, crown, royal robe, and royal scepter. The Leader will need a straight pin to pop one of Phyllis the Fake's balloons at the suggested time. Pin it in an easy-to-reach place, such as on the T-shirt.

**Phyllis the Fake** (girl)—She thinks that being strong is the only way to get people to like her. She puts up a good front, but it's only skin deep.

Suggested costume: long-sleeved T-shirt, sweatpants, headband, water bottle, and headphones. Place several inflated balloons inside the T-shirt arms—like muscles. She will need one pin to pop a couple balloons at the suggested time. Pin it in an easy-to-reach place such as on the T-shirt or sweatpants.

**Freddy the Friendless** (boy)—He's a tough and rude dude because he has no friends. His attitude takes care of that. He's sure he can bully his way through this tournament to be crowned victorious.

Suggested costume: bandanna, motorcycle jacket, jeans, and boots.

**The Earl of Muscle** (boy)—He may be the expert when it comes to lifting weights and going to the gym, but he's surely clueless when it comes to being in a relationship with Jesus.

Suggested costume: T-shirt, sweatpants, and headband.

**Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS Kids**—kids who lead everyone in singing songs from the VBS week. During the production, have the kids sit onstage—standing when they're cued to sing and sitting down when the song is over.

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The characters can be male or female; just adjust the respective pronouns in the script!

## The Script

(Wally, Phyllis the Fake, Freddy the Friendless, and The Earl of Muscle are offstage, waiting for their cues to enter.)



**CD Track 11** | (Play "Fanfare Rock" from the Sing & Play Rock Music CD. The Leader gets the crowd clapping as the Kingdom Rock kids come onstage, moving to the beat. After the track ends, the VBS kids sit down.)

**Leader:** (Walks across the stage and looks around at the audience.) Hear ye! Hear ye! I am [King/Queen... your name]. I'm pleased to welcome you to the royal castle of Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS! All week long at Kingdom Rock we've been learning how to stand strong for God! Standing strong means having courage to do the right thing. We're glad you joined us! Before we proceed, I want to officially crown you kings and queens of Kingdom Rock.

(Pauses, then dramatically announces the coronation.) Do you, future kings and queens of Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS, promise to uphold the honor of Kingdom Rock royalty by standing strong for God? If so, please place your fists on your hips, pose like superheroes, and shout "Stand strong!" (VBS kids lead the audience in posing and shouting "Stand strong!")

You may now crown yourself, using those fabulous imaginary crowns found at your seats. (Leads audience in placing imaginary crowns on their heads.) Now that you are official Kingdom Rock royalty, I think it's time you join us in singing our Kingdom Rock theme song. The VBS kids will lead us!



**CD Track 1** | (Play "Stand Together." Kids stand and lead the audience in singing along and doing motions. As soon as the song ends, the kids quickly sit down.)

**Leader:** Wow...that was incredible.

(Wally runs in very frantically.)

**Leader:** What's the matter, Wally?

**Wally:** Umm, something went way wrong, and I need your help to fix it. (Drops to his knees, begging.) Will you help? Pleeeeease will you help me fix this big mess? (Latches onto Leader's leg and will not let go.)

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Encourage the kids to do the crazy moves they made up during the VBS week—march to the beat, pat backs, shake hands, give high fives, jump up and down, and pretend to play trumpets. Anything goes at the Kingdom Rock Closing Production. Celebrate God's love for everyone!

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If you have extra Kingdom Crowns from the VBS week, give those out to the participants. Or order more crowns from [vbs.osv.com](http://vbs.osv.com).



**Leader:** *(Tries to walk as Wally drags along.)* Well, before we can help you, Wally, we kind of need to know what in the world is the matter. I mean, didn't you get your lifelong wish and become an official Kingdom Rock knight?

**Wally:** *(Still hanging on as he looks up at the Leader.)* Well, yeah, but that's kind of where the problem started. I was so excited to become an official knight at Kingdom Rock and wanted to share with the entire world how I learned to *stand strong* *(lets go of Leader, stands, and places fists on hips)* for God, so I decided that my first official act as a knight would be to host Kingdom Rock's very first World's Strongest Kid Tournament.

**Leader:** *(Surprised and confused)* A World's Strongest Kid Tournament?

**Wally:** Yeah! I don't know why you're acting so surprised...I mean, we *did* learn all week about standing strong for God! *(Leads the kids in posing and shouting "Stand strong!")*

**Leader:** Yeah, Wally, but standing strong doesn't mean we have to have big muscles or lift heavy weights. Standing strong means to do the right thing—trusting that God will give us strength to get through tough times.

**Wally:** *(Scratching his head)* Well...that's where the problem started. I was so excited to see who could show how *strong* they were that I didn't realize the contestants would all come wanting to show off their big muscles *(exaggerates showing off his "big" muscles)* or lift the heavy weights *(attempts to lift the barbell, but can't lift it off the floor)*. I tried to explain to them what it really means to stand strong for God, but they just weren't getting it. *(Paces back and forth and around Leader.)*

**Leader:** Ohhh...I'm starting to see where this is going!

**Wally:** *(Stops pacing and interrupts excitedly.)* I know! I know! You guys did such a "royal" job of showing *me* how to stand strong that I figure you can help these friends of mine out, too! I really want them to learn how to stand strong for God! So what do you guys think? Can you help me?

**Leader:** *(In a contemplating voice)* Well, we did have a program planned, and then we were going to start taking down all the decorations, and...

**Wally:** *(Excitedly)* I *knew* you'd say yes. That's why I went ahead and invited them to join us now! *(Yells toward backstage.)* Come on out, guys...I've got some real "strong" people for you to meet!

*(Phyllis the Fake, Freddy the Friendless, and The Earl of Muscle enter—showing off and flexing their muscles. They stand close to the "World's Strongest Kid Tournament" banner.)*

**Leader:** Well...I guess you made our mind up for us! Why don't you go ahead and introduce us to your friends here.

**Wally:** I don't mind if I do. *(Grabs the Leader's crown and scepter and clears his throat.)* I, Wally, the knight of Kingdom Rock, am pleased to introduce you to Phyllis the Fake *(Phyllis steps forward and tries to do stretches but does them all wrong)*, Freddy the Friendless *(Freddy runs to the front row of the audience while pounding his fist—asks if someone has a problem with him)*, and The Earl of Muscle *(the Earl stomps his feet like King Kong, flexes his muscles, and kisses them)*.

**Leader:** I'll take those back. *(Grabs the crown and scepter from Wally.)* Well, I speak on behalf of all the Kingdom Rock royalty by saying that we're honored to have you in the royal courts here at Kingdom Rock!

**Wally:** *(Excitedly)* Hey...Freddy and Earl, why don't you guys go have a protein bar or something! We'll start with Phyllis.

*(Freddy and Earl exit, continuing to flex their muscles.)*

**Wally:** Phyllis, come here!

*(Phyllis acts tough and strong as she walks over to Wally and the Leader.)*

**Leader:** So, Phyllis, you think that you're the World's Strongest Kid?

**Phyllis:** *(Acting offended)* Huh? Do I think that I'm the World's Strongest Kid? Puhhh-lease...I know without a doubt that I'm the World's Strongest Kid! *(Shows her balloon muscles and throws her hands out to the crowd.)* I mean, take a look at me! People cheer when I walk by because they're so impressed by my strength. *(Clears her throat at the audience.)* Ahem... excuse me, *(speaking louder)* people cheer when I walk by because they're so impressed by my strength! *(VBS kids and audience cheer.)* That's much more like it!

**Leader:** Wow! Pretty impressive, Phyllis. I mean, those are some of the most...uh, interesting muscles I've ever seen! *(Tentatively pats a balloon muscle.)* Let's put your strength to the test. If you're so strong, look at the barbell over there; why don't you go lift it?

**Phyllis:** Lift it? I can't believe you'd want me to waste my time! I could lift weights like that with one hand and with my eyes closed! I mean, really...is that the toughest challenge you could find?

**Leader:** Okay, Phyllis...let's see it, then! *(Leads VBS kids and audience in cheering.)* Phyllis! Phyllis! Phyllis! *(“Pushes” Phyllis over to the barbell.)*

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Encourage the actors to really ham it up when they are introduced!



**Phyllis:** *(Hesitantly)* All right, then! Fine! I mean, you guys are just going to be so amazed by my strength! *(Turns back to audience and prepares to lift the barbell with one hand. She gets the straight pin in her other hand so people can't see it.)*

*(Shouting over her shoulder)* I said I'd do it with one hand!

**Leader:** We'll count down for you! *(Leads VBS kids and audience in counting down.)* Three...two...one...

**Phyllis:** Uggghh! *(Attempts to lift it, but falls backward. Tries it a second time, pops a balloon, and wails loudly! She tries it a third time, pops another balloon, and wails even louder. She then falls to the ground, sobbing comically.)*

**Wally:** Phyllis! What did you do? What happened?

**Phyllis:** *(Sniffing)* Well...as you can see, I'm the furthest thing from World's Strongest Kid. When I heard about this tournament, I thought people might like me more if I pretended to be strong! But now I'm here and can't even lift a barbell. I'm such a failure. I'm a fake. *(Motions toward her "muscles.")* Even my muscles are fake.

**Leader:** *(Has the pin in hand so nobody sees it.)* Aw, Phyllis, you're not a failure.

*(Leader places hand on Phyllis's shoulder to comfort her and pops another one of her balloon muscles. Phyllis wails hysterically again. Wally and Leader try to console her.)*

**Leader:** It's okay, Phyllis. This week at Kingdom Rock we learned that **God's love helps us...stand strong!** *(VBS kids lead audience in placing fists on hips and shouting "Stand strong!")* God's love isn't fake! God is real and really loves you in a big, powerful way.

**Wally:** Yeah, Phyllis...the Kingdom Rock kids helped me learn that God loves me just the way I am—even if I am afraid of horses. **God's love helps you and me...stand strong!** *(VBS kids lead audience in posing and shouting again.)*

**Phyllis:** So God loves me even though I'm not the strongest kid? *(Leader pops another of her balloons.)*

**Leader:** Absolutely! God loves you just the way you are. Let's sing a song about God, who loves us all so much!



*(Play "Here Is Our King." The VBS kids lead the audience in singing along and doing the motions. As soon as the song ends, the kids quickly sit down.)*



**Phyllis:** Well, I'm pleased to announce that I'm withdrawing from the World's Strongest Kid Tournament because I know that God made me and that his love for me is all the strength I need. **God's love helps you and me...stand strong!** (VBS kids lead audience in posing and shouting. Phyllis waves as she starts to exit.)

*(Freddy pushes past Phyllis as he makes his way to Wally and the Leader.)*

**Freddy the Friendless:** I don't mean to interrupt this big-happy-family-moment, but my name is Freddy the Friendless, and I'm ready to prove that I am the World's Strongest Kid!

**Wally:** *(Hides behind Leader.)* Sorry, I meant to give you a heads-up about this one...he's definitely earned the name "friendless!"

**Leader:** *(Tries to pull Wally out from behind.)* Welcome, Freddy the Friendless! Go ahead and explain why you think you're the World's Strongest Kid.

**Freddy:** Well...*(pounding fist toward all the kids and audience)* first thing is that nobody here wants a piece of me! *(Arrogantly)* Take a look at me! Hands down, I'm the toughest, strongest, and meanest. *(Growls.)*

**Wally:** *(Getting bold, with hands on hips)* Well, now, that's not very—

**Freddy:** *(Pounds fist at Wally.)* What?

**Wally:** *(Hides behind Leader again and in a high screechy voice)* Nothing!

**Leader:** *(Tries to pull Wally out from behind again.)* Freddy, we're glad that you're here, because this room is filled with our VBS friends and family. You're welcome to be a part of it.

**Wally:** *(Bravely)* Yeah! At Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS, we learned that **family and friends help us...stand strong!** *(VBS kids lead audience in posing and shouting.)*

**Freddy:** *(Starting to get irritated, lifts a chair over his head, and shouts)* I don't want no friends, and I don't want no family! All I want is to show you that I'm the World's Strongest Kid! Is that asking too much? *(Looks like he's about to throw the chair.)*

**Leader:** Whoaaa, Freddy...put that down!

*(Freddy slowly puts down the chair.)*

**Leader:** I'm sorry you feel that way, but since there really isn't a tournament here, I guess you can leave out that way. *(Leader and Wally motion toward the exit.)*

**Freddy:** What? Wait a minute!

**Leader:** You said you didn't want any friends or family. But we learned something very important at Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS—**family and friends help us...stand strong!** (VBS kids and audience pose and shout.) We all need friends and family to help us do what's right.

**Freddy:** But...ohhhh...(Falls in the middle of the stage, pitching a big, silly crying fit.)

**Leader:** Wait, Freddy, why are you so upset?

**Freddy:** (Wipes his nose and eyes on the Leader's shirt.) Well...it's just that I really do want friends and family because I have none. Well, at least none that will talk to me. And it's lonely being so tough!

**Wally:** (Tiptoes to Freddy as if trying to make sure he's not just faking.) Well, Freddy, you've come to the right place! This room is filled with friends and family that will stick by you and help you stand strong for God!

**Freddy:** Really? You mean they really want to be my friend?

**Leader:** Well, let's ask them! (To audience) Friends and family, do you want to be Freddy's friend? (Kids and audience respond with cheers.) See, Freddy? Let's meet some new friends right now! Give lots of people high fives as we sing a song. (Leader and Wally take turns giving Freddy and each other high fives.)



(Play "Let's Get a Little Crazy." The VBS kids lead the audience in singing along and doing the motions. Freddy runs throughout the audience, saying things such as "Love ya, man" or "Let's get together for ice cream." He can put his thumb and pinkie—like a phone—to his ear and mouth, "Call me!" Freddy exits at the end of the song, and the VBS kids quickly sit down.)

(Wally positions himself over to one side of the stage—kneeling as if he's praying really hard.)

**Leader:** Wow...I'm glad to see that Freddy the Friendless is now Freddy the Friendly. (Looks around the stage.) Wait a minute—where's Wally? (Begins looking frantically.) Wally! Wally!

(Kids point to Wally.)

**Leader:** There you are, Wally! What in the world are you doing?

**Wally:** (Looking up toward the ceiling) Dear God...it's me...Wally! You know...the knight from Kingdom Rock! I'm sorry to bother you, but I really want to pray for someone! (Notices the Leader, then looks back up.) Can you hold on one minute?

*(Looks at the Leader.)* Oh, hey! Well, at Kingdom Rock, you guys taught me that when I really feel alone or need help to pull through tough times, I could pray! God always hears us. So right now I'm really nervous about this last contestant—so I was praying. *(Gulps nervously.)* Unlike Phyllis and Freddy, this guy is really strong!

**Leader:** I'm glad that you listened at Kingdom Rock, because you're right! We learned that **prayer helps us...stand strong!** *(VBS kids and audience pose and shout.)* We can always go to God in prayer! I think it's time to meet your friend.

**Wally:** *(Shouting)* Hey, Earl of Muscle, come on out!

*(As The Earl of Muscle walks out, he stomps each foot one at a time. The VBS kids, Leader, and Wally shake with each step—like the ground is trembling.)*

**Wally:** Oops! I forgot to tell you. It's best to be by something you can hold onto when The Earl of Muscle is around!

**Leader:** Hey, Earl...we're glad you're here! *(Shakes hands with Earl and falls to his knees, as if Earl's handshake is really strong.)*

**Earl of Muscle:** *(Helps the Leader back up. In a booming voice)* Thank you! So let's get this started. *(Points to the barbell.)* Is that what I have to lift?

**Leader:** Yeah! Be careful though it's heav...

*(Before the Leader can finish, Earl walks over to the barbell, lifts it above his head with one finger, and then tosses it across the stage. When the barbell lands, the kids, Leader, and Wally shake again.)*

**Leader:** *(Letting the last of the word finish)...*vy! Well, Earl...it's pretty obvious that you are an expert in fitness!

**Earl:** You bet I am. I'm so strong, I can lift...*(goes around the stage, hamming it up, picking up various heavy objects).* I'm so strong, I can even lift you! *(Walks over to Leader and starts to lift him or her.)*

**Leader:** *(Puts hands out.)* Wait a minute! *(Puts an arm around Earl.)* Sometimes we think we're really strong and we can do anything. No matter how strong we are, we still need Jesus.

**Earl:** Huh? Who's he? I've already got a personal trainer.

**Leader:** No, Jesus is God's Son. Earl, have you ever done something wrong? *(Earl nods his head.)* Have you ever been mean to someone? *(Earl lowers his head sheepishly.)* Have you ever, maybe...told a lie? *(Earl lowers his head even more.)* We all do bad things. At Kingdom Rock, we learned that *(Earl raises his head and listens closely)* Jesus died for our sins and rose to new life. Nothing is strong enough—not even death—to keep God from showing his love for us.



**Earl:** Wow! Now *that's* strong!

**Leader:** Christ's sacrifice can bring us to eternal life so we can be happy with God in Heaven forever. *(Both hug.)* Scripture and Church Tradition show us how to love, serve, and trust God. **Trusting God helps us...stand strong!** *(VBS kids lead audience in posing and shouting.)*

**Wally:** *(To Earl)* What do you say?

*(Wally and Earl walk to the side of the stage during the song.)*



**CD Track 25** | *(Play "God Keeps His Promises." The VBS kids lead the audience in singing along. At the end of the song, the VBS kids quickly sit down. Wally and Earl walk back to center stage.)*

**Earl:** *(Excitedly)* I'm so happy! I feel like doing jumping jacks. *(Does a few jumping jacks.)* I feel like doing push-ups! *(Does a few push-ups.)* I feel like lifting you again. *(Starts to lift Leader again.)*

**Leader:** No! Wait a minute! *(Hands Earl a Bible.)* Try lifting this instead! It's a Bible—God's Word to us. Once you lift it, open it and read it! **The Bible helps us...stand strong!** *(VBS kids lead audience in posing and shouting.)* The words and stories in the Bible help us stand strong and do the right thing in tough times. Let's sing a song and say what we believe and learned at Kingdom Rock Totally Catholic VBS.



**CD Track 26** | *(Play "God's Good Rules." The VBS kids lead the audience in singing along. Earl jumps up and down, holding the Bible high as he exits at the end of the song.)*

**Leader:** Well, Wally! You are an official knight who learned how to stand strong for God! It looks like Kingdom Rock is coming to a close. We're sure glad you joined us, but words of advice: Be careful next time you plan royal events!

**Wally:** Ha, ha, *ha!* I get it! I definitely learned that lesson. I'm kind of bummed that this week is over, but I'm excited about all we learned. Before we leave, can we sing one more song?

**Leader:** Sure!



**CD Track 4** | *(Play "Soon and Very Soon." The VBS kids lead the audience in singing along and doing the motions. During the last verse, Wally and the kids bow to the audience, then exit down the aisle. The Leader gives announcements and thanks people for coming.)*

### Tip From the **TOWER**

If you decided to host a refreshment time, have all participants lead the audience to the area you have set up. Prepare and eat the snacks as you celebrate Kingdom Rock—where kids stand strong for God.