

VBS 2024

Swift Creek Baptist Church

June 17 – 20



# **GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SAND**

Get ready for a week of adventures at Breaker Rock Beach where children will learn that God's truth never changes! As they fly kites in the misty seaside air, explore tide pools, and spot orcas and sea lions, children will be challenged to recognize the difference between the lies (or half-truths) of culture and God's unchanging truth.



## **VBS Scripture**

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2 (CSB)

## **VBS Motto**



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## Day 1



### Truth Comes from God (Genesis 2-3)

#### **Bible Story Summary:** *Satan Tricked Adam and Eve*

Adam and Eve listened to Satan's temptation, chose to disobey God, and broke their relationship with God. Their disobedience brought sin into the world. But God also promised a plan to defeat Satan. We now know God's plan was to send Jesus to restore the relationship between people and God.

## Day 2



### God's Plan is Best (Daniel 1)

#### **Bible Story Summary:** *Daniel Chose God's Way*

Daniel and his friends were taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. They chose to follow God's plan with the foods they ate while being trained in the king's palace. The friends chose to follow God's plan and God gave them knowledge and understanding. The king found the four friends even wiser than the other men who had been working for him.

## Day 3



### Everyone Needs Jesus (Mark 10:17-27)

#### **Bible Story Summary:** *The Rich Young Ruler*

A rich man asked Jesus how to get to heaven. Jesus told the man to go sell everything and then come follow Him. Jesus knew the man cared more for his things than following Jesus. The man went away feeling very sad. Jesus said it is nearly impossible for a rich man to enter God's kingdom, but all things are possible with God. God sent Jesus to make it possible for all people to be saved.

## Day 4



### Jesus is the Only Way (John 14:1-6; 18-20; Acts 1:9-12)

#### **Bible Story Summary:** *John wrote about Jesus.*

John was one of Jesus' disciples and closest friends. John wrote an eye witness account of Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught that He is the only way to have eternal life. Jesus was arrested, tried unfairly, and sentenced to death. He died on a cross and was buried in a tomb. Three days later, He rose from the dead. Witnesses found the stone that sealed the tomb rolled away! Jesus appeared to many people over the next forty days before returning to heaven.

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## Daily Leader Devotions

### Leader Devotion – Day 1

#### Today's Point – Truth comes from God

#### Bible Story – Satan tricked Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3)



You probably know the story. God gave Adam and Eve a wonder-filled creation to live in and gave them one rule regarding what they should eat. They were not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But Satan tempted and tricked Adam and Eve into questioning what God said. They disobeyed God's perfect instructions, bringing sin into the world.

It seems straightforward. And yet there's something that bothered me from the time I was a child. God said "On the day you eat from it, you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:17). So why didn't Adam and Eve die that day? In fact, Adam lived 930 years! (See Genesis 5:5.) Why? Did God really say... ?

The question unlocks a treasury of truth your kids need to hear. Yes, God did really say that Adam and Eve would die, and He meant it. It just turns out we don't always recognize death when we see it. Adam and Eve died another kind of death that day: spiritual death. And they passed it on to the rest of humanity.

#### Pause to Reflect:

*Read the following scriptures. Underline the words dead/death. Circle the names of the people who are dead or alive in the passages.*

*"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins." Ephesians 2:1*

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*“Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24*

*“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?” Romans 7:24*

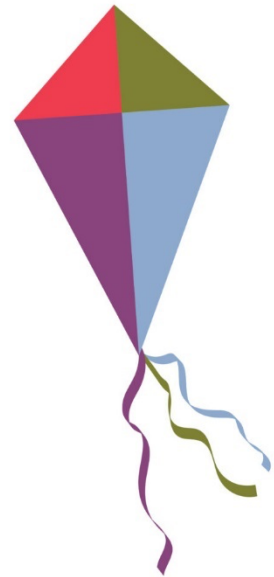
The New Testament repeatedly describes the spiritual death that Adam and Eve dies that day, just as God said. And what’s more, we are each born into that death.

Pause to Reflect:

*Can a dead person make himself alive again?*

We can’t resurrect ourselves, but the glorious truth is we are not trapped in spiritual death. And God promised this truth back in Genesis! In Genesis 3:15, before God even told Adam and Eve the consequences for their sin, He told the serpent, “I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between you and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” Bible scholars agree that this was the first record of God promising to send Jesus. Wrapped up in the horrible consequences of sin is the promise of how God would one day fix everything.

Death cannot hold us captive if God sets us free. And Jesus came, just as God promised, to bring that freedom.



Pause to Reflect:

*Has Jesus freed you from sin and ended your spiritual death? When did He do that? What can you share with children about that experience as you teach this week?*

Scripture says that, in the beginning, God wrote the truth into the fabric of the universe He created. (See Romans 1:20.) Satan convinced Adam and Eve to question if God’s truth really applied to them.

But God proved His words about the consequences of sin were true. And, much later, God proved that His words about Jesus were true. From this we can learn that truth comes from God. All His words are true. And only He can heal us from the consequences of believing anything else.

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Make sure children know that God didn't lie to Adam and Eve and He won't lie to them.

"The entirety of your word is truth, each of your righteous judgments endures forever." Psalm 119:160

Pause to Reflect:

*Does God's truth apply to you? Is there any area in your life where you may treat truth like it's different for different people?*

## Leader Devotion – Day 2

### Today's Point -God's plan is best

### Bible Story – Daniel chose God's way (Daniel 1)



Daniel. What words come to mind when you hear that name? Good food? Dreams? Lions? I imagine those might be among the words children would shout out when asked that question. But there's so much more. As a teacher, wouldn't you love to hear boys and girls shout out words like brave, obedient, and faithful?

From the beginning of his book, Daniel declares his confidence in the sovereignty of God. Daniel acknowledges that God, Himself, handed Jerusalem over to King Nebuchadnezzar and therefore allowed Daniel and his friends to be captured. It is estimated that Daniel and his friends were around 15 years old when they were taken captive. Yet even as this young age, Daniel was unwavering in his obedience and faithfulness to God.

Pause to Reflect:

*In what ways has God been faithful to you? In what ways have you been faithful to God?*

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The king wanted Daniel and the other captives to learn the Chaldean language, the literature, and the wisdom of his wisest men. He commanded them to eat the royal food and to drink his wine. He changed their names from those that honored God to names that instead honored the gods of Babylon. He wanted to indoctrinate them. He wanted them to forget who they were and become what he wanted them to be.

Sound familiar? The world today is trying to do the same to us and to our children, but not by marching in and taking us captive. No, the enemy is taking a more subtle approach now. His lies are so enticing: “Follow your heart.” “You be you.” “You believe what you want – I’ll believe what I want.” “There is no right or wrong.” “Personal happiness is all that is important.” Instead of falling for these lies, listen to God. Follow His heart. Be who He designed you to be. Believe His truth. His plan is always best for us.

Pause to Reflect:

*How has following God’s plan brought you true happiness?*

Because Satan’s lies are so enticing, we may be tempted to listen to and embrace them. Daniel was ready to stand firm against temptation. As a descendant of Judah, he likely was taught from an early age to honor God and His commands. Daniel was reminded again and again about the faithfulness of God. Because of knowing and believing God’s truth, Daniel was able to be steadfast in the small things – like choosing to obey God even in what he ate. His unwavering faith grew so that ultimately, he could stand strong even in the face of death. Like Daniel, are we ready and equipped to stand firm against today’s cultural lies?



The good news is that God is STILL faithful. He provided His Word – His truth – to guide us through these shifting sands and swirling tides. Time after time, we read about God’s faithfulness in helping His people. As we read in Scripture about God’s faithfulness in helping His people, we can know that, indeed, His truth never changes. He will deliver us just as He has always delivered His people.

Pause to Reflect:

*Faithful. Steadfast. Constant. Enduring. Tried. True. Unchanging. Unwavering. Words that describe God. Words that describe Daniel. Do they describe you?*

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## Leader Devotion – Day 3

### Today's Point – Everyone needs Jesus

### Bible Story – The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-27)



As a child, I was always intrigued with the story of the Rich Young Ruler. Looking back, I was hung up on the thought of fitting a camel through the eye of a needle. In elementary school I was on a problem-solving team that competed internationally to solve potential future problems. I had the mindset that where there's a will, there's a way. Surely we could put our heads together and find a way to get that camel Jesus was talking about to go through the eye of a needle. I was completely missing, yet completing proving, what Jesus was explaining.

Fast forward to my early twenties. I was crossing the Niger River on a ferry headed to my West African home on the edge of the Sahara Desert. An entire caravan of about 50 camels boarded the ferry with us. After that hour-long ferry ride, this Bible story clicked. I knew getting any one of those camels through the eye of a real needle would be 100% impossible - no matter how great my problem-solving skills were.

It's not uncommon for people to believe being a good person gets you into heaven. In fact, that was my basic belief as a child before I understood sin and Jesus' sacrifice. If someone has lived a life of being kind to his neighbors, giving money to charities, and being the model parent, doesn't he deserve the gift of spending eternity in heaven? Jesus debunked this belief in His discussion with the rich young ruler. Just as the conversation was getting started, Jesus proclaimed that no one is good except God alone. The conversation of being good could really stop right here. Being good doesn't get a person into heaven because, well, no one is good. Even that generous, patient, volunteering parent has sin in his life, preventing him from entering the kingdom of God.

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Pause to Reflect:

*Do you believe being a good person gets you into heaven? What did Jesus say about this belief in today's passage?*

So if “good” people can’t get into heaven on their own, how does anyone get to heaven? The rich man was told to sell everything he had so that he could have treasure in heaven. We want children (and ourselves) to understand that being wealthy and having a lot of possessions wasn’t the young man’s problem. Jesus knew his heart. Jesus knew he cared about his possessions so much that he wouldn’t give them up to follow Jesus. The rich man didn’t completely understand it, but he needed Jesus. Everyone needs Jesus because everyone sins and needs a Savior.

Pause to Reflect:

*Is there something in your life you’re choosing to value over your relationship with Jesus? Ponder over this question with God. Ask Him to show you any changes or decisions you need to make to follow Jesus completely.*

Mark gives us a beautiful description of how Jesus approached the young man as He explained a difficult truth. “Looking at him, Jesus loved him” (Mark 10:21). Jesus could have said, “Dude, are you kidding Me? You’re not getting into heaven just because you’ve kept all the commandments.” Jesus didn’t shy away from the truth, but He said it with love and compassion. We are surrounded by people who believe misconceptions, half-truths, or complete lies about God’s Word. Some days we might even believe them too. Let’s make it a habit to open God’s Word first to know the truth, and share the truth because God’s truth never changes.



Pause to Reflect:

*Ask the Holy Spirit to give you boldness when you see friends or family members believing lies instead of God's truth. Look for opportunities to love people even as you share hard truths with them.*

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## Leader Devotion – Day 4

### Today's Point – Jesus is the only way

### Bible Story – John wrote about Jesus (John 14:1-6; 18-20; Acts 1:9-12)



It's amazing how quickly people believe something to be true just because they read it on social media or heard it somewhere. We've forgotten how to consider the source and discern what is true from information that has been twisted to deliver a desired message. How reliable is the source? How close is the source to the facts or events? What's in it for the messenger?

When we turn to the Gospels, we discover many details about the life and ministry of Jesus. In God's Word we are presented with corroborating facts from four men, two who were disciples and two who were close personal friends of men who knew Jesus well. Three writers were Jewish and one was a Gentile. Four unique personalities wrote as inspired by the Holy Spirit so that we can know God's Son, our Savior. While the first three Gospels give details about the miracles and teachings of Jesus, John's Gospel provides a different approach. John focuses on identifying Jesus as the Son of God and what our response to that truth should be. John describes the time Jesus told them, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus came to pay the penalty for our sins. His way is the only way. His death is the only sacrifice needed. His victory over death and the grave proves that Jesus, who is "the life," can provide eternal life for those who believe in Him.

#### Pause to Reflect:

*Culture tries to claim that there are many ways to go to heaven.*

*Why is this message so dangerous?*

Chapters 18 – 20 continue John's first-hand account of the final hours leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, the description of His death and burial, and then the glorious account of Resurrection Day. Take a few moments to read John 18 -20. If you can, read them aloud. Can you almost hear John's voice describing the harrowing events of those hours and days? John

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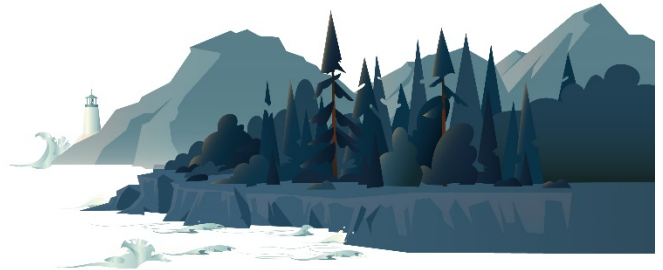
must have wrestled with the roller coaster of human emotions wondering why the Son of God didn't simply say, "Stop." John's reflection on all the details from arrest to resurrection helps us understand the powerful love that drove our Savior to complete His mission. God, the ultimate Author of all Scripture, inspired John to write these things so we may believe. (See John 20:31.)

Pause to Reflect:

*Did you read John 18 – 20 or skim over verses you've read many times? Why is slowing down to focus on Scripture passages important? Imagine John talking to you. What expressions do you think you would see in his face or what would you notice in his body language? What difference does it make when you listen to someone who knows the truth?*

John stood with the other disciples on the Mount of Olives and witnessed Jesus' ascension back into heaven. He heard Jesus promise the power that would come with the Holy Spirit. And he heard the promise that Jesus would return. John wrote it down, at least as much as possible, because if everything Jesus did were written down, "I suppose not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25).

To verify truth it helps to have multiple sources, which we do. And it helps to have eyewitnesses, which we do. John signs his affidavit, so to speak, in John 19:35, "He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth."



Pause to Reflect:

*How does knowing the truth about what Jesus did refute culture's claim that there are many ways to get to heaven?*

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# VBS 2024 Dates



rotation.

**NOW** – Pray

**Sunday – May 19** – **Last day** to turn in supply needs and room set up requests!

**Monday – June 10** – Start using Prayer Guide (pages 20-23)

**Sunday June 16** – Decorating in rotation classrooms/Refuge

Training opportunity for those helping in the crafts rotation and recreation

## Daily Schedule

8:30-8:45	Drop off for Leaders
8:45	Leaders in place in Preschool classes and Worship Center for General Drop Off*
9:00-9:20	Worship Rally
9:25-9:50	Rotation #1
9:55-10:20	Rotation #2
10:20-10:30	Snack
10:35-11:00	Rotation #3
11:05-11:30	Rotation #4
11:35-12:00	Rotation #5
12:00	Dismissal from Last Rotation Location **



## Sunday June 23 – VBS Celebration

\*Rotation Leaders are encouraged to attend Worship Rally and should exit first to be in place at 9:25

\*\* We will take down rotation classroom decorations right after dismissal on Thursday.

## VBS 2024 Rotation Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>

	9:00-9:20	9:25-9:50	9:55-10:20	10:20-10:30	10:35-11:00	11:05-11:30	11:35-12:00
Rotation A	Worship	Lesson	Crafts	SNACK	Music	Missions	Rec
Rotation B	Worship	Crafts	Lesson	SNACK	Music	Rec	Missions
Rotation C	Worship	Missions	Rec	SNACK	Lesson	Music	Crafts
Rotation D	Worship	Rec	Missions	SNACK	Crafts	Music	Lesson
VBX 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Worship	In Refuge	In Refuge	In Refuge	In Refuge	In Refuge	Music

**Worship Rally** – Worship Center

**5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> Grades VBX** – Refuge

**Orca Music** – Worship Center

**Bible Study at Sand Castle Cove**

**1** Donna Harrison – Room 204    **2** Connie Gunther– Room 203    **3** Jan Celoria – Room 202

**Tide Pool Crafts**

**1** Jennifer Kroon- Room 206    **2** Mandy Brown – Room 205    **3** Megan Clark – Room 201

**Bonfire Missions**

**1** Zonia Hunter – Room 207A    **2** Colleen Moore – Room 207C    **3** Elaine Rierson – Room 207E

# Breaker Rock Beach Rules



- 1) Be in place in the Worship Center each morning by 8:30. If there is an emergency and you will not be able to make it text or call Tracey at 804-517-3674.
- 2) **Lead Guides** make sure your attendance sheet is filled out and left on your row at the end of Worship Rally. Please do not take it with you!
- 3) If any parent or other VBS leader approaches you about switching a child to a different class DO NOT do it. They need to go through Tracey. And if a switch is made Tracey will talk with you!
- 4) Class Guides company children from rotation to rotation and assist the Rotation Leaders as needed.
- 5) Please refrain from using phones around the students. We want to give our students our undivided attention during the week. If there is an emergency you need to attend to please step out of the room and you can make your way to the snack area and rejoin your group when you are done.
- 6) We will have a snack area set up in the Music Suite. Please try not to take breaks during Crafts or the Bible Study rotations or Thursday's Missions Rotation. And only one at time please!
- 7) **Lead Guides** will take over at the end of the last rotation to take charge of dismissal. You will have a list of persons approved for pick up for each student and the person picking up will need to show their ID the first time they pick up. If the same person is coming each day you do not need to check their ID again.
- 8) Adult helpers and teen helpers will assist at dismissal by helping students remain seated, listen for their names to be called and helping make sure they leave with any take home items.
- 9) If you have children left in your care at **12:15** please bring them to the Worship Center to meet Tracey and she will watch them until their parent arrives.
- 10) The Gospel will be presented during the Missions rotation on Thursday. **Lead Guides** will be responsible for counseling any children in their class that has questions.
- 11) For our Mission project we will be collecting fund for Mercy Mall.

## Discipline

We want all the children in our ministry to feel welcomed and loved!

We have to maintain order though for learning to occur and to provide a safe environment.

Physical or abusive punishments (spanking, grabbing, slapping, hitting, yelling) is NEVER allowed. Try to redirect the child, place them in a safe spot till they calm down or ask for assistance from Tracey. If you have a child who is being disruptive in class on a regular basis or who intentionally harms another child, contact Tracey.



## Security

2 Person Rule – A child should **never** be alone with an adult. There must be 2 adults in a room, or anywhere, with a child at all times. Teen helpers cannot count as one of the two adults!

Bathroom - Never go into a bathroom alone with a child. If you must check on a child, prop the door open and stay where a second adult can still see you. An adult needs to escort a child to the bathroom not a teen helper. Adults should use the bathroom in the Worship Center foyer and we will leave the bathrooms on the main hall and the children's hall for children only.

Pick Up –Lead Guides will be given a roll that lists each student and the person(s) approved for pick up which is designated on their registration form. When a person comes to pick up they will need to show you their ID and you will confirm they are a person approved for pick up. Normally this will be the same person every day so after the first day the pick up process should go quicker. If someone other than an authorized person comes to pick up you will have to make an on the spot decision. Be sure that you write down the name of who picks up in this case on your roll. You can call Tracey if you are uncomfortable with the situation. If any parent tells you special pick up instructions for the day when they drop off be sure and make note on your roll!



Leaving the Classroom –Other than when moving from one rotation to another as a class, children should not leave the classroom unless they are 1) picked up by an authorized person, 2) going to use the bathroom, or 3) there is a discipline issue Tracey needs to be involved in.

Emergency Evacuation – In the event there is an emergency direct the children to the nearest exit. If you are in the Worship Center you will exit the doors at the front that lead to the grassy hill. If you are in the Fellowship Hall you will exit through the doors on the main hall out to the front parking lot. If you are down the Music Hall you should use the door off the Music Hall out to the front parking lot. Direct the children up to the grassy area across the driveway and keep your group together. If you are on the Children’s Hall take the doors straight off that hall to the grassy area across the parking lot and keep your class together. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades should proceed to the playground area from the Refuge. Do a count and check attendance to know right away whether you have everyone or not. Rotation Leaders will be responsible for making sure their rooms are clear before they leave. Tracey and Pastor Luke will be responsible for checking bathrooms and other common areas.

Allergies – You will have a list with your attendance sheet of any children assigned to you who have allergies and what arrangements have been made for their snack.

## **Gospel Conversations**

Our curriculum uses a specific 5 step presentation of the Gospel. It is included here with a copy of the decision card we will use. On Thursday during the Missions Rotation a specific gospel presentation will be made with the opportunity for a response by students.

If you have the opportunity during the days before that to have a gospel conversation please do so though! The Lead Guide will have a copy of this plan and decision cards with her all week. When taking a child aside to have these conversations please just move to a hall where there are others around so you still will be in adherence to our two person rule!



# THE GOSPEL

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## GOD'S PLAN for US

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The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use these prompts to share the gospel with your kids.



### **GOD RULES.**

Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything.

Read Revelation 4:11.



### **WE SINNED.**

Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read

Romans 3:23.



### **GOD PROVIDED.**

Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve.

Read John 3:16.



### **JESUS GIVES.**

Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.



### **WE RESPOND.**

Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10.

# The Gospel Never Changes.....



Student's Name:

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VBS Class: Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Decision:

- I am NOT ready to talk about becoming a Christian.
- I have already trusted Jesus as my Savior.
- I am ready now! I want Jesus to be my Savior.
- I have questions: (please list any below)

Counselors' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Comments:

# YOUTH VOLUNTEER TIPS



YOU CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

Here is how you can make a difference in VBS:

**Report to your Lead Guide/Teacher at 8:30 each morning!**

And then do whatever they ask of you!

**Help with security** - Leaders are never alone with a child. Help adults follow the 2 person rule! Youth do not count as one of the 2 adults required. But youth should never be left alone with students either! Help make sure no one wanders off from your group during transitions.

## **Follow the schedule**

Everyone needs to stick to the schedule and be in their assigned location at the right time.

## **Bathroom**

Adults need to accompany children to the bathroom.

## **Emergencies/Evacuation**

Help the Lead Guide/Rotation Leader get everyone out safely to the designated area and then help them to make sure everyone is accounted for.

## **No horseplay or carrying/Set Boundaries**

No horseplay, no piggyback rides, no carrying younger children. If children become physically aggressive – climbing on teen helpers, for example – give the child clear instructions to stop or get an adult to help redirect.

**Give positive directions**

Directions to children should be given in the affirmative, not the negative. “Keep your feet on the sidewalk” is better than “Don’t go in the street.” In other words, helpers must make it clear what they want the child to do.

**Use the phrase "I need you to..."**

If a child needs to be told to stop doing something or to modify their behavior, “I need you to...” is a good way to give the direction.

**How to call a child**

To effectively communicate with a child, the helper needs to go to the child rather than yell from a distance.

**Allergy issues**

Your Lead Guide will make you aware of any allergy issues in your assigned group.

**Respect the space, and clean up**

Everyone is expected to show respect for each other and for the materials – i.e., to clean up after themselves at snack, to assist in organizing craft materials, etc. Help direct children to pick up after themselves.

**Serve *all* the children**

You are to serve all children equally in a way that is inclusive, inviting, and welcoming to all of the children. Move from child to child and engage them in conversation! Make positive and encouraging comments as they work on activities....help them complete tasks as needed! Have GOSPEL conversations!

**Role models = Rock Stars**

You are role models, better yet, ROCK STARS in the eyes of younger kids. As such, you are expected to be intentional in how you interact with children. Sarcasm, teasing and certain kinds of language are not to be used.

**Focus on the students, not your friends**

If you are working with other teens remember your focus needs to be on the students rather than interacting with one another

**Put cell phones away**

Helpers need to keep their cell phones out of sight.

**No drinks or snacks in front of students.**

Enjoy snacks in the designated area

**Rules for posting pictures**

Helpers do not have permission to post images of students on personal social media.

# Prayer Guide



## Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Lord, help us to dedicate our hearts to a time of personal relationship with you, and to hear what you desire of us as we prepare for VBS. Thank You for the gifts you have given us and called us to use for Your Glory through VBS.

We pray for each child and family that will be represented at our VBS. May hearts be open to Your Holy Spirit and help us to see where we can come alongside each child and encourage.

## Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Today we pray for our Bible Study and Missions Rotation Leaders, as they spend time in personal conversation with You, Lord. Give them Your plan for their rotation and Your words for the children. Help them prepare lessons that are engaging and that You can use to touch the hearts of the children.

## Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Today we pray for our Craft and Recreation Rotation Leaders, as they spend time in personal conversation with You, Lord. Give them Your plan for their rotation and Your words for the children. We pray that the games planned will be fun for the children and build friendships among classmates. We pray the crafts planned will be fun and will also continue discussions at home as to what the children learn each day.



## Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>

Today we pray for our Worship Rally and Music Leaders, as they spend time in personal conversation with You, Lord. Give them Your plan for the Rally and Your words for the children. May the Worship Rally set the tone for our day, one of praise and adoration of You. May the songs and the truths they learn linger in their hearts in the days after.



## Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Today we pray for the adults and teens who will be leading our classes through the rotations. Lord give them opportunities to get to know each child and recognize their needs.

We pray for our 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade leaders as they guide their students through each day and their lessons. May this be a time of encouragement and spiritual growth for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they leave their elementary years and move into new adventures. May they form friendships with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders that will help with their transition into Student ministry.

## Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Lord, today as we think of how we were chosen for this VBS Ministry, please be with all the others You have called to do each and every position of our VBS Ministry. No matter what the position, all are equally important and could not function without the others. For those who are preparing our snacks, helped with prep work ahead of time, are on call as substitutes when needed, those who have handled registration, or those who have helped with decorations, we are so thankful for the way you have used all these efforts and pray they will bring glory to You!

Help us to work together as a team as we minister to these children and ultimately their families.

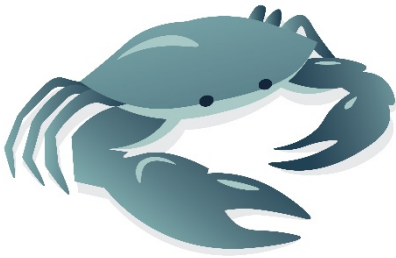
## Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Lord, thank You for the Parents who trust us with their children for these days. Please help them to feel the touch of Your love through our VBS and our Church. Guide us to recognize needs and to reach out.

Lord, today as we think of all the plans and details swimming around in our heads, may we remember that You are the God of All Things Impossible. Give us the strength as we trust You with the details.

## Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Lord, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us through this day. Help us to be welcoming today. We pray that You will help us as we show Your love to Your children during VBS.



Help us to work through all the little details we forgot knowing You did not and You have already provided!

## Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Lord, remind us to give hugs of Christian love to those around us through our actions. Help us to be Your hands today, as we spread Your Love to the children you have brought to us.

Give us all patience and good health to be in attendance!

## Wednesday June 19<sup>st</sup>

Lord, thank you for our VBS days so far and for meeting us where we needed You! Lord we pray that as you open hearts and minds, in students as well as leaders, that all will be receptive to the Holy Spirit.

Continue to grant good health and perseverance!

## Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>

Lord, we pray for the presentation of the Gospel today. We pray that it will be clear and that children will have the courage to step forward and follow You as their Lord.

We pray for the follow up that we will have with children who have made important spiritual decisions and/or have questions about their faith.

## Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Lord, thank you for a great week of VBS! We pray for the children that we were privileged to work with this week as well as their families. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to “grow” the seeds that were planted this week. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the “planting”.

Lord, we pray for visiting families that will attend our 5<sup>th</sup> Day on Sunday. May they feel welcome in our church and have a desire to return

Thank you for the many workers and volunteers that made this week work! Give them much needed rest after a busy few days!





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