

# VBS Frequently Asked Questions

## What will my child do when they are at VBS?

Have a lot of fun! Each day, your child goes to multiple rotations that include games, small group time, snacks, teaching, worship, and other fun activities. All rotations are equipped with well-trained adults who love four and five year old kiddos! Our worship rotation will teach your child the dance moves and motions to the songs we learn all week. The teaching includes fun skits that share God's true Word on a preschooler's level. During small group time, your child will have a chance to hear God's truths and make new friends in a safe and loving environment. We'll also provide a fun snack each day. Your child will have lots of opportunities to get their wiggles out!

## I've registered my child, now what?

We will have a packet for your child with all the details on what will happen during the week. Here is what you'll find in your packet:

- Your child's t-shirt for the week
- Colored bracelet to identify what group/classroom your child will be in
- FAQ sheet
- Leader info card for your child's small group leader
- Postcard inviting you to join us at the end of every morning for worship and more!

**Your packet will be mailed to the address that you enter when you register.** In the case of late registrations, packets can be picked up the morning of the start of the session (June 11 or June 25). In this case it is recommended that you come a few minutes early.

## Where do I go when I get there?

**Westlink Campus:** VBS is Monday through Friday from 9:15am to 12:00pm. Enter through the Maize Road entrance. Proceed to the computer check in stations in the center of the atrium to receive a name tag and a claim tag for your child. You will check in using the last four digits of your phone number. Your child's name tag will have a room number on it. Follow the signs to drop off your child in their classroom at 9:15am. Look for our friendly volunteers wearing the "Gadgets and Gizmos" shirts and they will be happy to help you find your child's classroom and answer any questions you may have. No need to visit the Information table, unless you need your packet or have a question for the director.

**Goddard Campus:** VBS is Monday through Friday from 9:15am to 12:00pm. Enter through the main entrance. Proceed to the computer check in stations located outside the Children's Area to the left of the atrium to receive a name tag and a claim tag for your child. You will check in using the last four digits of your phone number. Your child's name tag will have a room number on it. Follow the signs to drop off your child in their classroom at 9:15am. Look for our friendly volunteers wearing the "Gadgets and Gizmos" shirts and they will be happy to help you find your child's classroom and answer any questions you may have. No need to visit the Information table, unless you need your packet or have a question for the director.

**Valley Center Campus:** VBS is Monday through Friday from 9:15am to 12:00pm. Enter through the Main Street entrance and proceed to the tablet check in stations on the wall as you enter the building to receive a name tag and a claim tag for your child. You will check in using the last four digits of your phone number. Your child's name tag will have a room name on it. Follow the signs to drop off your child in their classroom at 9:15am. Look for our friendly volunteers wearing the "Gadgets and Gizmos" shirts and they will be happy to help you find your child's classroom and answer any questions you may have. No need to visit the Information table, unless you need your packet or have a question for the director.

## What do I bring?

You'll need to bring the items inside your packet. **Please make sure your child wears their VBS shirt every day and that they wear their colored bracelet.** **Parents: You will receive a claim tag when you check your child in each day. Make sure you bring your claim tag with you so you can safely pick up your child.** Also, make sure your child wears

tennis shoes each day. We do a lot of walking and often times the games we play in the games rotation require tennis shoes. Please leave all special items at home for risk of losing their special treasure!

## **My child has a food allergy. Will your snacks be safe for my child to eat?**

**Pathway Church Westlink Campus** is a peanut and tree nut free facility. If your child has additional food allergies, notate that on your medical release form. Our snack team works hard to provide healthy snacks that the kids will enjoy with food allergies in mind. If you have any additional questions or concerns about the snacks being served please email us: Shelli Dechant [shelli.dechant@pathwaychurch.com](mailto:shelli.dechant@pathwaychurch.com)

**Pathway Church Goddard Campus** is a peanut and tree nut free facility. If your child has additional food allergies, notate that on your medical release form. Our snack team works hard to provide healthy snacks that the kids will enjoy with food allergies in mind. If you have any additional questions or concerns about the snacks being served please email us: [tiffany.furnish@pathwaychurch.com](mailto:tiffany.furnish@pathwaychurch.com)

**Pathway Church Valley Center Campus** is a peanut and tree nut free facility. If your child has additional food allergies, notate that on your medical release form. Our snack team works hard to provide healthy snacks that the kids will enjoy with food allergies in mind. If you have any additional questions or concerns about the snacks being served please email us: Sierra Osborne [sierra.osborne@pathwaychurch.com](mailto:sierra.osborne@pathwaychurch.com)

**\*\*Please let us know if your child has a specific food allergy we need to be aware so we can prepare a safe snack for them before the week**

## **I can't pick up my child so can someone else do it for me?**

We know lives get busy and complicated. As long as someone who is authorized to pick up your child has a claim ticket when they come to pick up, they'll be allowed to go with that person. **The person picking up your child MUST have the claim ticket or they will not be allowed to pick up your child.** You may even take a picture of the claim ticket and text it to whomever will be picking up your child!

## **What about Safety?**

We value safety and security. Here are some key ways we ensure that all kids are safe:

- All of our small groups are led by an adult who is passionate about sharing Jesus with children.
- The classroom sizes are conducive to the amount of kids that are registered. All of our rooms adhere to a ratio of 1 adult per 7 children.
- Each volunteer is screened through an extensive background check process.
- Children are checked into and out of their assigned classroom each day
- **Parents may only pick up their child after they show their small group leader their claim ticket.**
- We have a registered nurse on campus during the whole week, ready to give out band aids, ice packs and hugs if needed!
- All snacks are planned to avoid common food allergies.

## **My child loves the VBS music! Can I get a copy of the songs?**

We will have a list of the songs and artists for the week. Due to copyright laws, we can't give you or hand out CDs at the event. But we can point you to where you can download them. Look for the list on your child's take home paper the first day of VBS. You can also follow us on Spotify at "westlink-ballpark." The playlist will be called "Day Camp/VBS."

## **Will you take an offering and where does it go?**

Yes, there will be an opportunity to give offering every day. The offering will go to support wells to provide clean water for international communities in need. More details to come soon!

## **Closing session**

Parents and grandparents, you are invited to join us every day at our closing session to join us in worship and hear a little about our day. Closing session will start at 11:35 in the Ballpark. **For the security of our VBS attendees, please do not pick up your child until they are back in their small group rooms with their small group leaders (after the end of closing session), and you will still need your claim tag.**

## **Follow us on Social Media!**

Follow our fun this week and beyond! On Facebook: "Pathway Church Neighborhood", on Instagram: "neighborhoodwestlink".



