

## PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES FOR VBS

The need has arisen to institute some guidelines for safe and loving behavior at Vacation Bible School. We believe these guidelines will help keep VBS kids safe and allow them to get more out of their VBS experience. We will be sharing these with the children the first night of VBS. Parents please review the guidelines with your child before they attend.

- **Follow directions** - Everyone must follow the instructions of the area leaders, crew leaders and other adult volunteers. Disrespectful arguing with the adult leaders is considered not following directions. Talk respectfully to your crew leader if you need help
- **Stay with your crew** - During activities and while traveling from station to station. Only leave your crew when you've been given permission. Talk to your crew leader if you need help
- **Show respect for others.** - Use respectful and friendly language when talking with others. Do not take others possessions without asking. Respect other bodies by not pushing, poking, pinching, or touch others in a harmful way. Talk to your crew leader if you need help

### Three steps to resolution

1. Volunteers will redirect inappropriate behavior and remind children of the guidelines.
2. Volunteers will remind the child of the behavior we want and let them know that if they continue in inappropriate behavior a call will be made to their parent.
3. If the child does not respond to correction and reminders a call will be made to the parent. The parent is then responsible to come pick up the child, find the director and work out a plan for the child to continue to participate in VBS the following night. This means that a parent or a chosen representative *must be available during VBS hours* to answer the phone and come pick up their child if needed. If leaders cannot reach the parent or their emergency back up after 3 calls the child will not be able to return to VBS the following night.

*With this said, we will of course accommodate any special needs children, and use discretion and parent input in our expectations of their behavior. We have a special quiet room set aside for our kids that become over stimulated by all the activity and sounds of VBS. This room is staffed with 2-3 adult volunteers and allows children a break to relax, get a snack, listen to quiet music and engage in calming activity until they are ready to rejoin their crew.*

## GUIDELINES FOR A COVID SAFE VBS 2021

*Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the Land and prosper. Psalm 37:3*

We will be following the CDC and local guidelines during our event

- Check in volunteers will wear masks or face shields outside. All other volunteers will wear masks only when indoors. Masks for children will be required indoors and optional outdoors. We will have a stash on hand in case a child or leader forgets theirs.
- Participants will be instructed to spread out their arms wide as a visual aide of how to distance themselves from others.
- VBS crews will be formed of siblings and friends as much as possible with 5 children to a crew. Crews will be spread out in each rotation and they will travel with their color crew to each of the stations. No more than 25 to a color crew.
- The color crews will travel in a rotation around the building in such a way that they will not cross paths with the other crews.
- We will provide a designated sick child area away from all other children and a registered nurse will be onsite. Parents will be notified immediately if a child starts feeling unwell.
- There will be staffed water stations throughout the VBS event where disposable cups of water will be given to the participants as needed.
- There will be hand sanitizer at every station and each crew leader will have a travel size sanitizer in the crew bag. Children and staff will sanitize or wash hands before every station rotation.
- Each station will have 2 sets of supplies so one set can be sanitized for the next group while the other is being used. Games will be non-contact and equipment will not be shared.
- Bathrooms and frequently touched areas will be sanitized each