



May 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Vacation Bible School 2019 at Island Christian Church. VBS is an exciting opportunity for us to partner with you to help your child catch a glimpse of the greatness of the God who made them and loves them. Here's why VBS is a great place for this to happen:

- ❖ The focus of VBS is to build an enthusiasm for God in your child. God delights in those who seek Him through faith in Jesus and who live their lives to honor Him.
- ❖ Our wonderful VBS staff is concentrating their efforts and prayer on helping each child experience the love of Jesus. Whether it's registration, the opening skit, the Bible teachers, the crew leaders or those who help with recreation and refreshments, we do it all for one reason - that each child would experience and come to personally know Jesus' love for them.
- ❖ Experiencing the fun and challenge of VBS with other kids their age builds the right kind of friendships - the kind built around learning truth together in a safe and loving atmosphere.
- ❖ This year during our Bible Discovery time, we will learn all about the goodness of God. Sometimes life can be unfair and a little scary. It can change in ways we don't understand and cause us to be sad. And yeah- life can also be really, really good! We will discover that through it all, no matter what, God is still God. He never changes. He is always good and we can count on Him!
- ❖ Finally, we have **lots** of fun. Our theme this year is **ROAR- Life is wild. God is good.** Our stage will come alive with skit characters that help our kids to learn to trust God in real-life situations and follow Him and His ways all through life.

Your child will receive the greatest benefit from VBS if they attend each of the five days. Please take some time to ask them what they learned and to go over the Scripture memory verse for that day- and memorize it along with them! Among the attached materials you will find an overview sheet that lists each day's Lesson Focus, Bible Passages and a whole lot more. One way to deepen the impact on your children is to read the Bible passages for yourself so that you can speak of them with your children as they learn day-by-day.

By the way, we are happy for your children to invite their friends to come - all are welcome!

At the beginning of this letter, I said it was our intent to partner with you to help your child catch a glimpse of the greatness of God. As a father of six, I know there is no greater gift we could give our children than to help them come to know the God who made them and learn to walk in His ways. This week, as intense as it is, is just one of 52 weeks in the year. If you do not have a church home that you regularly attend, I invite you and your child to come and experience our Sunday worship services at 9 and 10:45 am. We have an interactive children's program called Promise Land that I believe your child will truly enjoy.

So let's trust God together for a blessed week!

By God's grace,

Pastor Lee Hamblen
Children's Pastor



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2019 Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26
9:00 am - Noon

For kids entering K-6th grades



We're glad you're going to be part of our ROAR VBS adventure this year. It's a week of Bible lessons, songs, crafts, skits and lots of fun as together, we discover amazing truths in God's Word- the Bible!

ALL WEEK YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN SPECIAL VBS TICKETS to use at the Fair on Friday night. Here are some ways that your child can earn tickets:

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| 1 for each day in attendance | 1 per day for good Christian conduct |
| 5 for each new visitor your child brings | 5 per day for doing Bible memory work |

***** Costume Day- Thursday- earn 5 extra tickets!*****

Come dressed for safari, as an African animal or a Bible character.

Your child is welcome to bring their Bible to VBS each day.

VBS Missions Project: Each day of VBS we will collect an offering. The money will be used toward the designated Missions Project for 2019- renovating a Sunday School building for kids in Ghana, Africa. More info will be available VBS week. We will also collect school supplies for local kids in need! Collection day will be Wednesday. We appreciate your generosity!

Join us at the VBS FAIR

Friday, July 26th- 6:00-8:00 pm

Use the tickets you've earned for: games, balloons, face painting, jumbo slide, moon bounce and more!
We will also have hotdogs, soda and other treats for sale!

The VBS child and their family are invited to attend. Children *MUST* be accompanied by an adult.

Dear Parents,

If your child is entering K, please remember to bring proof of age with you on day 1!

The program begins **promptly** at 9:00, which means you need to arrive as early as 8:30 so your child can line up, be accounted for and be seated safely with their group. When arriving, please park your car and walk your child to their line each morning. Follow directions from our very capable traffic team as you enter and exit the church grounds. **Name tags** will be distributed on line each morning and returned to your child's leader at the end of the day.

Our **Opening**, from 9:00 to 9:40, is filled with lively songs, a video and a missions update. We set up extra chairs in the back of the Sanctuary so that you can join us if you wish to watch the fun. After the skit, please stop by the parent resource area in the lobby for coffee and light refreshments. You are invited to attend our parent workshops offered during the week. Child care is available for workshops- sign up during the week.

We encourage the children to bring their friends. Our policy is to place each child in their age-appropriate grade. If there are any special circumstances we need to be aware of, please discuss with the registration department at drop off.

Dismissal is at 12 noon. The "person responsible for pick up" must go to each dismissal location within the church buildings to pick up their children. Exact dismissal locations will be announced the week of VBS. If someone other than you is picking up your child, they may be asked to provide the 'safe word' you assigned for your child upon registration. Please be sure to inform them of it. Children **do not** need to know the dismissal safe word.

Each day, your child will receive a daily paper highlighting the day's events and announcements about the next day's activities. **Lost your daily paper?** These will also be available on our website during VBS week: www.islandchristian.com/vbs.

Thank you for choosing to send your child to VBS at Island Christian Church. It's sure to be a week filled with possibilities!

Suzie Nicolosi, Amy Walker & Angela Politis - VBS Directors

BIBLE POINT

BIBLE STORY

KEY VERSE

DAY 1



When life is unfair... *The Israelites are slaves for the Egyptians.*
(Exodus 1:5-6)

"The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes."
(Psalm 124)

DAY 2



When life is scary... *God sends plagues on Egypt.* (Exodus 7:14-12:32)

"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me."
(Psalm 23:4)

DAY 3



When life changes... *The Israelites enter the wilderness.* (Exodus 14-17)

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."
(Psalm 106:1)

DAY 4



When life is sad... *Jesus dies and comes back to life.* (John 16-21)

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted."
(Psalm 34:18)

DAY 5



When life is good... *The Israelites build a memorial to remember God's goodness.* (Joshua 3-4)

"Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious."
(Nehemiah 9:34)