



## Frequently Asked Questions

VBS is around the corner, and we can't wait to welcome the kids! It really is a fabulous moment when we see them coming in on Monday morning. We are excited that your child will be joining us Monday–Thursday, June 15 - 18, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, at St. John the Divine. Below are answers to the **FAQ's** for this year's Vacation Bible School.

### **What group is my child in and who is his/her group leader?**

Your child's crew assignment is based on their rising grade level and will be included in their VBS packet and emailed out to you before VBS. As of today, we are still recruiting crew leaders and placing them with kids. Let us know if you would like to help! Please understand that with so many children to place in crews it is difficult to rearrange our crew assignments once materials are printed. Remind your child that **grade levels rotate together** and they will be with their friends even if they are in different crews. This is a great opportunity for them to make new friends!

### **What will my child do at VBS?**

Our theme this year is **G.L.O.W. God Lights Our Way ! I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!** I am including our Week at a Glance outlining our daily Bible stories, themes, and bottom lines. The kids will be on the MOVE rotating between Crafts, Snack & Small Groups, Games, and Mission. They will attend high-energy, large group opening and closing worship sessions where the daily message and Bible points will be revealed in a fun way with characters they will love. Preschool has a special program and music designed and written exclusively for them with the same elements of our elementary program.

### **What does my child need to wear or bring?**

Dress your child in their VBS t-shirts and/or casual play clothes and closed toe shoes. No need to pack a lunch or snack as they receive a snack during Small Group & Snack rotation.

### **What are you collecting for our VBS mission partner?**

Our Mission focus this summer is Amistad Mission in Bolivia. We're challenging kids to donate coins throughout the week which will fund activities at Casa Amanecer, the SJD supported house at Amistad. The house provides a home and adoptive family for children in need and offers them peace, stability, and a life with siblings and friends. Bring your coin donations to Sumners Hall beginning Sunday, June 14 and throughout the week. Look for the yellow coin funnel and help us contribute to the Amistad Mission.

We'll also be assembling sandwiches for the Kids' Meals program on Wednesday with a GLOW and GO project from 11am-1pm inside Doris Sumners.

### **Why do we have a nurse?**

If your child has allergies that may require medication/restrictions an/or any medical needs /health concerns, please check in with the nurse at the morning information table located in Sumners Hall. All medications must be checked in with the nurse. Bring your medication in a Ziploc bag with proper labeling and instructions. The nurse is the **ONLY** one authorized to administer medication. Please check in daily with our nurse for allergy and medical alert bracelets prior to checking in with your group leader. Our nurse will remain on campus each day during VBS to administer medications, care, first aid, band-aids, hugs, etc.

**How does the church celebrate VBS?**

9:15am – Begin the celebration in Awesome Worship with Sara Gividen, the band, and the Shine Squad VBS Dancers

10:15am – Glow with the flow and head to Sumners Hall for the official VBS Kick-Off party. Join us for cupcakes, activities, dance music and more. Packets and t/shirts will be available for pick up as well.

**Did your plans change?**

If your plans have changed, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can balance out the groups.

**What if my child has a need that I did not include on my registration form?**

Please email ReBecca at [ralcala@sjd.org](mailto:ralcala@sjd.org) with that information.

We are excited to be with your kids and praying for the **Very Best Summer!**