



POWER UP

RAISE YOUR GAME

VBS 2019 | DIRECTOR'S GUIDE



POWER UP VBS PRODUCT CREDITS

Executive Director: Amy Fenton

Project Managers: Dana Anderson, Sunny Williams

Curriculum Writers: Emily Meredith, Sharon Carey, Jodi Blackwell, Brandon O'Dell, Diane Dawson, Kellie Smith, Jacob York, Mike Tiemann, Logan Brunson, Kevin Litton, Greg Payne, Laura Milner, Megan Johnson, Julie Tiemann, Ashley Pierce, Holly Crawshaw

Theme Song Writers: Casey Darnell

Copy Editors: Dana Wilkerson, Elloa Davis, Dana Anderson, Kathy Hill

Illustrators: Brian Bascle, Mike Davis, Jacob Hunt

Creative Team: Mike Clear, Dan Scott, Elloa Davis, Sheeva Olyae, Kathy Hill, Brittany Compton, Mike Tiemann

Videos Produced by: Story First, StoryOak Media, Steve Thomason, Beth Helmer, Sunny Williams, Leigh Halsema, Jen Tamborello

Video Directors: Abby Parker, Steve Young

Art Direction: Sharon van Rossum

Graphic Designers: Kelsey Swanson, Kaci Ariza

STATEMENT OF FAITH

ABOUT GOD

God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He's at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

ABOUT PEOPLE

People are made in God's image and for His pleasure. But everybody falls short of the glory of God's intention, or ideal, for people. In other words, everyone has sinned. As a result, we are all separated from Him, even though He wants an intimate relationship with each of us.

ABOUT SALVATION

That's why Jesus—God's Son—came and lived on this earth, died, and rose again. God offers His free gift of salvation to all who believe in Jesus and accept Him as Savior—the only way to be forgiven and reconciled to God. Anyone who accepts this gift is adopted as a son or daughter into God's family and will live with Him forever in heaven.

USER AGREEMENT

The reThink Group, Inc., gladly grants permission to churches, schools, and other licensees to tailor Power Up materials to fit their unique leadership requirements, locale, format preferences, and physical environment needs. However, if you wish to edit the content substantially, including Bible stories, learning activities, scripts, and any other content in which biblical principles and concepts are presented, you are obligated to do so within the doctrinal guidelines expressed in our Statement of Faith.

Scripture is taken from the NEW INTERNATIONAL READER'S VERSION®. Copyright © 1996, 1998, 2014 Biblica. All rights reserved throughout the world. Used by permission of Biblica.

These resources are intended to be printed for use by the purchasing entity only and may not be electronically transferred or duplicated by any other non-purchasing entities. Any unauthorized reproduction of this material or incorporation into a new work is a direct violation of U.S. Copyright laws.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Director's Guide
- Large Group Material
- Small Group Material
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Games
- Missions
- Music
- Parent Cues
- God Time Cards
- Family Experience Script
- Preschool Curriculum
- Audio and Video Elements
- Promo Video
- Countdown Video
- Bible Story Videos
- Drama Videos
- Live Lyric Videos
- Dance Moves Videos
- Music Videos

Marketing Materials & Additional Resources

All items are available at OrangeVBS.com. Some samples are provided in your Power Up Kit.

- Student Game Map
- Backpack
- Stickers
- 8-Bit Sunglasses
- Lanyards with Water Resistant Nametags
- Tattoos
- LED Bracelets
- Buffs
- Buttons: Six Unique Designs
- Silicone Bracelets
- Poster Set
- Wall Mural
- Mural Extender
- Elementary EP
- Preschool EP
- Outdoor Banner
- Kid T-shirts
- Leader T-shirts

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Mylar Balloon Set
- Gobos



Dear VBS Director,

Thank you for joining this Power Up VBS experience as we lead kids to learn what it means to “Raise Your Game”! We are so glad to have you on our team as we partner together to bring VBS to your community.

Orange is a strategy designed to help church leaders and parents synchronize their efforts to fuel wonder, discovery, and passion in the next generation. Yellow is symbolic of Jesus as the light of the world. Red is symbolic of the heart of the home: family. Together red and yellow make what? Right! Orange. To read more about Orange, you can go to thinkorange.com.

Our hope and prayer is that this resource will help you in several ways.

- We want to see you leverage this time to **connect kids** with their weekly Sunday morning **Small Group Leaders**. Outside of Sunday morning, they rarely have the chance to make great memories, have tons of fun, and get to know each other in a way that can only come when you spend three, four, or five straight days together. Use this time wisely.
- We hope you and your leaders have **FUN!** We believe that fun over time with a group of kids will allow you to gain more influence in their lives. Spend this week laughing with them!
- Our goal is that VBS will give you another way to **partner with parents**. We believe that parents are the primary influence in a child’s life. We want to help you find ways to partner with them.
- We want this to be an on-ramp for your church to reach those who are far from God or who may never have set foot in a church. We hope this helps you **win the hearts of families** to see their lives changed forever!
- At the end of the day, our goal is to connect kids into a **growing relationship with Jesus Christ** to lead them to a better future.


This guide will help you plan and prepare for the days ahead. Included are daily schedules, preschool suggestions, meeting agendas, and a timeline leading up to your VBS.

As you read through the materials, please note that we intentionally give you lots of choices. You can take these elements and mold them into your own personal VBS. But don’t panic. If coming up with something new is not your thing, we will give you sample schedules and ideas.

Be sure to check out our Orange VBS Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/groups/orangevbs) and join in the discussion! You will find great resources that will not only help you start planning early, but also inspire you with new ideas along the way. You can also check out <http://orangevbs.com> and our Pinterest Page at <https://www.pinterest.com/orangevbs/>. We will post pictures of the crafts, snacks, and decorating ideas.

Thank you for serving your church and your community. Thank you for your passion for kids and families. We see the difference you are making. We applaud you. We say, “Thank you!” Keep up the great work!

Amy Fenton
Executive Director, Orange VBS



POWER UP

RAISE YOUR GAME

FREE SUMMER CURRICULUM!



first look™

252 KIDS™

252 PRETEEN™

Register your Power Up VBS Starter Kit today to get your FREE SUMMER CURRICULUM along with additional bonus resources and special deals from the Orange VBS team!

ThinkOrange.com/Register

Questions? We'd love to help! Drop a line to OrangeVBS@rethinkgroup.org.

Free curriculum from First Look, 252 Kids and 252 Preteen will be sent via email to the email address provided during product registration. The curriculum files are intended to be used during June and July although you have the option to use them during any month. The June files will be delivered during the first week of April, 2019. And the July files will be delivered during the first week of May, 2019.



START HERE!

Here are some tips and answers to our most frequently asked questions to ensure you are in the know. If you are a “quickly scan the Director’s Guide” person, please take the time to read this page.

Here are some tips and answers to our most frequently asked questions to ensure you are in the know. If you are a “quickly scan the Director’s Guide” person, please take the time to read this page.

Websites you need to know:

OrangeVBS.com

Orange VBS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/orangevbs/>

Orange VBS Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/orangevbs/>

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/album/5378652>

Elementary Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/user/orangeleaders/playlist/4SKluGuVzyW684KFOwa9St?si=mUq3xak0Tt-NQ_tEMCuD6Q

Preschool Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/user/orangeleaders/playlist/2dqXmnSz9gSzkWLudKM9XT?si=KARf0BftQU2QPENkIPI3ag>

Where do I register my VBS? [OrangeVBS.com/register](https://www.OrangeVBS.com/register)

Why should I register? You will receive FREE curriculum for June and July from First Look Preschool, 252 Kids and 252 Preteen! Yes, it’s FREE!

Where do you talk about salvation, and how do you present salvation during a week of Orange VBS? We’re so glad you asked! This is why we do what we do. We present the message of the good news of Jesus on Day 3. It is always presented in Small Group time. This is VERY intentional. We want this to be extremely personal. We explain why in this video we recorded last year. Believe us, it is worth your time to listen to Amy Fenton interviewing Mike Clear on this topic. We recorded this during VBS 2018, but the message of salvation is ALWAYS the same! <https://vimeo.com/album/5378652>

What’s the best way to help parents and kids talk about salvation? We are so passionate about seeing kids and families enter into a growing relationship with Jesus that we are offering you a free resource to help! START HERE is a presentation designed to give parents what they need to participate in the most important event of their child’s life. With this simple gospel presentation and a conversation guide for parents, START HERE provides everything churches need to help equip parents to lead their children to Christ. <https://store.thinkorange.com/start-here.html>

Where can I get the music? Most of the music found in this VBS kit can be found on iTunes®. We also sell EPs for Preschool and Elementary music. These are sold in sets that you can give to any and all families attending Orange VBS. Purchase at [OrangeStore.org](https://www.OrangeStore.org) or by contacting Partner Support at 866-343-4874.

What do the round stamps next to each Small Group activity mean? We have included a document to explain each stamp. Please refer to the VBS Activity Stamp Descriptions included in your VBS files.

Who do I contact if I have any problem with my Orange VBS products? Our amazing Partner Support Team can handle most issues. They can be reached at 866-343-4874 or by email at PartnerSupport@rethinkgroup.org.

How should I decorate? A decorating guide is included with your VBS. You can also head over to our Pinterest page or VBS Facebook page to see the ideas that have been generated already.

Do you offer supplemental products? Yes! They are listed in this guide. You can shop online at [OrangeStore.org](https://www.OrangeStore.org). We offer everything from giant wall murals, buffs, T-shirts for kids and adults, LED bracelets, and more!

What should I do if I only have a three- or four-day VBS? We suggest using Days 1, 3, and 5 for a three-day VBS or Days 1, 2, 3, and 5 for a four-day option.



OVERVIEW OF PRESCHOOL VBS

We have included Preschool Curriculum in the Power Up VBS material. Preschoolers will study a preschool-friendly version of the Bible stories that are presented in the Elementary version.

BASIC TRUTH: God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

KEY QUESTION: Whose power gives you everything you need?

BOTTOM LINE: God's power gives me everything I need.

MEMORY VERSE: "God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

THEME: Power Up

DATE	DAILY FOCUS	BIBLE STORY
DAY 1	God knows everything.	Abraham Genesis 1; Genesis 12:1-2; Genesis 15:1-7; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 1:20
DAY 2	God wants me to know Him.	Josiah 2 Chronicles 34 2 Timothy 3:16-17
DAY 3	God sent His Son, Jesus.	Jesus The Gospels
DAY 4	God gave Jesus to be my friend FOREVER.	Jesus Visits His Friends John 20:19-20; John 20:17; Luke 24:34 John 20:26; Matthew 28:16-17 John 21:14; 1 Corinthians 15:6 1 Corinthians 15:7; Matthew 28:18-20
DAY 5	Because of Jesus, I can have joy, love, and peace.	Fruit of the Spirit John 15:5; Galatians 5:22-23



PRESCHOOL VBS SAMPLE SCHEDULE

This schedule is based on a three-hour time block. It is COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE, as pieces can move around to accommodate your facilities and schedule.

30 Minutes: Small Group Social Activities (set up as centers)

5 Minutes: Bathroom Break

30 Minutes: Worship and Story (Worship, Intro Sketch, Bible Story, Outro Sketch)

20 Minutes: Snack

15 Minutes: Groups – Bible Story Review Activity (Second Activity)

5 Minutes: Bathroom Break

15 Minutes: Groups – Journal and Prayer Activity (Final Activity for 3s-5s Only)

10 Minutes: Groups – Movement Activity (Third Activity for 2s; Fourth Activity for 3s-5s)

20 Minutes: Groups – Craft Activity (Fourth or Fifth Activity for 2s; Fifth or Sixth Activity for 3s-5s)

5 Minutes: Bathroom Break

20 Minutes: Additional Groups Activities

For Planning Purpose:

Movement Activities (Games):

Twos: #1 Social and #3 Groups

Threes to Fives: #1 Social and #4 Groups

Crafts:

Twos: #4 and #5 Groups

Threes to Fives: #5 and #6 Groups



OVERVIEW OF ELEMENTARY VBS

Power Up Raise Your Game

We want kids to know that:

- **God wants you to know Him.**
- **You can know God through His Word.**
- **God sent Jesus to save us.**
- **God sent His Spirit to help you.**
- **You can help others know God.**

Memory Verse:

"God's power has given us everything we need to live a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

DAY 1

Bible Story: God calls Abram • *Genesis 12:1-4, 15:1-7*

Bottom Line: God wants you to know Him.

DAY 2

Bible Story: Josiah • *2 Kings 22-23*

Bottom Line: You can know God through His Word.

DAY 3

Bible Story: Jesus' Baptism • *John 1:29-34; Matthew 3:1-17; Easter Story*

Bottom Line: God sent Jesus to save us.

DAY 4

Bible Story: Pentecost • *Acts 1-2*

Bottom Line: God sent His Spirit to help you.

DAY 5

Bible Story: Fruit of the Spirit • *Galatians 5:22-23*

Bottom Line: You can help others know God.



FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Why have we included a Family Experience in your VBS kit? At Orange we believe the experiences families share together will have the power to shape the way children see the world.

When families experience fun together, children begin to understand they were made to enjoy and be enjoyed.

When families share experiences together, they create history as a family.

Parents can use shared experiences as teachable moments to shape the way their child sees the world.

As church leaders, we have an incredible opportunity to create a shared experience that is designed to help shape the way children and parents see faith TOGETHER. We have the ability to provide an environment that gives parents the cues they need to nurture their child's growing faith.

That is why we include a **script for a Family Experience** as a part of this VBS. We know you may have parents who are not part of a local church but who will come to an event with their children at the end of VBS week. Let's leverage this opportunity to influence families to grow in their relationship with God and each other!



VOLUNTEERS

There are a few elements that help make a great VBS. You need volunteers, and you need a plan. Our VBS is written for Small Group times, Large Group times, and Activity Tracks that your group will visit. We will help you navigate all three. As you begin to recruit your volunteers, consider these suggested positions:

LARGE GROUP VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Host: Serves as the emcee; usually welcomes the kids; may transition to the Bible story and worship; dismisses the kids to Small Group

Bible Storyteller: A master teacher who is your BEST communicator; can tell the Bible story in a creative, **attention-gripping** way (if you don't have one of these, don't worry; we offer a video resource for the Bible story)

Worship Team: Leads children and Small Group Leaders in a fun and meaningful time of worship through music

Tech Team: Works together to provide audio, video, and computer graphics support

Producer: Oversees and directs the Large Group environment; makes sure onstage and backstage volunteers are ready to go; keeps a close watch on time

SMALL GROUP VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Coach: Provides leadership and support to a team of Small Group Leaders; oversees the learning environment in the classroom during the week

Small Group Leader: Becomes the primary model or teacher for a group of up to ten kids; stays with the same group all week; encourages spiritual growth, relationships, discussion, and other Small Group activities; **THIS PERSON IS KEY!**

(We suggest using your current Small Group Leaders who already serve in your ministry and allowing them to keep their regular Sunday small group intact.)

Host Team: Greets and helps with check-in/registration process; explains the security procedures

Registration Team: Organizes registration; collects information on each family; inputs data if needed

Area Coordinator: Provides Coach and classroom support during Small Group time; assists in moving kids to and from Large Group and rotation areas; collects roll and attendance numbers from each classroom or grade

(If you have a large number of kids in your VBS, you may need this position.)



ACTIVITY TRACK VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Crafts Director: Oversees preparation and setup of craft area; purchases and organizes needed supplies; facilitates craft activities; manages and trains craft helpers

Snacks Director: Purchases and organizes all food and kitchen supplies needed for the snacks; oversees preparation and setup of snack area; facilitates snack activities; manages and trains snack helpers; ensures that good hygiene is maintained

Games Director: Purchases and organizes all supplies; oversees preparation and setup of the game area; facilitates games with each group of kids; manages and trains game helpers

Missions Director: Oversees preparation and setup of missions area; works with VBS director to determine the missions focus for the week and implement the missions curriculum; manages and trains all missions helpers

Music Director: Oversees preparation and setup of music class; downloads all needed music, dance motions videos, and graphics; enlists the help of the tech team; trains volunteers to help teach the music class

(We recommend you use your Worship Team to help in the music class and leading the motions.)



VOLUNTEER MEETING

We recommend that you meet with your VBS teams starting at least two or three months out. Make sure you cover these items as you meet together to plan your event:

1. Have fun! Make sure your volunteers know this is going to be a fun event they have volunteered for. Start the meeting with an icebreaker game. We have included a few favorites.

Option 1

Who Am I?

Place names of various video game characters on each person's back. Ask them to walk around the room and try to find out who they are by asking only yes or no questions. The first person to correctly guess their character wins. Ideas include: Pac-Man, Mario, Luigi, Zelda, Q*bert™, Ms. Pac-Man, Princess Peach, Sonic, Toad, and Donkey Kong™. If you need help coming up with more names, ask any kid you know!

Option 2

Minute to Win It™-Type Games

These games have become some of our favorites. If you need a good laugh, search the Internet for games based off the game show *Minute to Win It*, and the list is long. Most are easy and require very few supplies. They are sure to break the ice and make your team laugh at themselves and each other in the best possible way. Here are two of our favorites:

Oreo® Cookie Face: Everyone gets one Oreo cookie. Have each player lean their head back and put the Oreo in the middle of their forehead and their hands behind their backs. Using only their facial muscles, they must work the Oreo down their face and into their mouth without dropping it. The first person to succeed wins.

Ping-Pong Jump: Gather empty tissue boxes; some rope, string, or ribbon; duct tape; and ping-pong balls. Tape the tissue boxes to the ribbon. Place at least five ping-pong balls in each tissue box. Tie the boxes around contestants' waists. Each person must jump around until all the ping-pong balls are emptied from their box. Get your video camera. This is always hilarious!

Option 3

Sentence Starters

Write some sentence starters on slips of paper. Ask your leaders to each choose a sentence starter, read it out loud, and then complete the sentence. You can either go around the group and ask everyone to share their answer to the same question, or you may let each person choose a different sentence starter.

Some possibilities are:

If I had a superpower, it would be . . .

When I was a kid, my favorite game (or video game) was . . .

If I had unlimited funds for a day, I would . . .

One of my favorite teachers as a child was . . . (share who and why)

My favorite thing to do in the summer is . . .

2. Cast vision for the event. Explain why you are passionate about this event. Let them know what this could mean to your church, your community, and the families that will attend. Help them see how this fits into your church's overall strategy and how you can partner with the parents of the kids who attend.

3. Overview the event. Walk them through a typical day at VBS. Explain each role and how the team will work together. If you have done a VBS in the past, share some wins. What were the amazing things that you saw God do in the last VBS? Keep your volunteers inspired.



4. Explain the volunteer needs and divide them into teams. Make sure you already have team leaders in place to lead each of these teams, and give them time to plan. Once the volunteers are broken up into their teams, the team leader will need to go over specific job responsibilities. Allow volunteers to ask any questions they may have.

5. Thank your team for serving.

6. *Pray* for the week, the families that will walk through the door, the volunteers that will be serving, and the details that need to fall into place.



DAILY SCHEDULE

Here are some recommended daily schedule options. Note that Activity Track choices include: Crafts, Games, Snacks, Music, and Missions

If you are doing a three-day VBS, we suggest using Days 1, 3, and 5.

If you are doing a four-day VBS, we suggest using Days 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Option A: (3 hours)

Large Group Opening Session (35 minutes)

Small Group (30 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Large Group Closing (15 minutes) *Return to Large Group Space

Option B: (3 hours)

In this option, groups can rotate to all of the various tracks and the Small Group session. Make sure to provide a schedule of how each group will rotate. Simply assign each group or grade a starting point to then move from one station to another. We suggest you lay out the rotation clockwise or counter clockwise between classrooms to avoid traffic jams in the hallways.

Large Group Opening Session (40 minutes)

Rotations:

Small Group (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Activity Tracks (25 minutes)

Large Group Closing (15 minutes) *Meet back together for closing worship.

*In this option, a sample schedule could be Music, Games, Snacks, Small Group, Crafts; **OR** Games, Snacks, Small Group, Crafts, Music. It all depends on where a group starts.*

Option C: (2 hours)

This is a great option for an evening VBS.

Large Group Opening Session (30 minutes)

Small Group (30 minutes)

Activity Tracks (30 minutes)

Activity Tracks (30 minutes)

In this option, you would pick two of the Activity Tracks to include. At pickup time, you may either have the kids picked up in their last classroom or have all kids return to the Large Group area.



LARGE GROUP

Large Group is meant to be a high-energy, fun environment for the kids! This is where you capture the kids' attention and set the tone for the rest of the day. There are many things that can be included in this environment, and we will provide lots of ideas. We will also provide a sample script in your Large Group material. However, you have the freedom to personalize this to fit your needs.

Getting Ready:

Before the kids come into the room, we recommend that you have the room set to feel like FUN! Dim the lights, start some spotlights spinning, and play your Power Up music or our VBS Spotify playlist. More songs will be added as we approach summer 2019!

Throw some beach balls in the mix and maybe even have your worship team on the stage dancing and emceeing as kids come in. You can ask: "Who brought a friend?" "Who has a birthday?" "Who knows how to dab?" "Who has ever been to a foreign country?" and so on. Have fun with it!

Designate where small groups will sit when they arrive. If you are using your church's main auditorium, you may want to put signs on the ends of the rows to designate where kids are to sit, to be dropped off, and to be picked up. For example, if you have four first grade small groups, you could mark the first four rows "1A," "1B," "1C," and "1D." Always make sure you have communicated with parents about where to pick up, how to pick up, and what your safety and security procedures will be. We recommend using the same system you use for Sunday mornings for consistency. If you do not have safety and security policies in place for your typical Sunday environment, you need some today! You can read an article from Orange Leaders on this topic here: <http://tinyurl.com/plymh8b>.

We know that some churches have a local missions emphasis that you support. If you would like to use time during Large Group to talk about this, feel free. You may also want to insert a time to receive an offering. Again, feel free to personalize this VBS to meet your needs. This year we are encouraging you to get involved in your community by partnering with a local food bank or other missions-based organization in your community. We've included a guide in your Missions folder.

We will end each day in the Large Group room for pickup. Please use this time to make any announcements that pertain to the next day of VBS. Again, we recommend using lights, music, and other fun elements as kids return to the room. In the Large Group Script we will provide a sample schedule for this closing time.



DECORATING IDEAS

Power Up VBS lends itself to some great decorating ideas.

For our favorite ideas stop by our Pinterest page at: <https://www.pinterest.com/orangevbs/>

Some of the best ideas are shared on our OrangeVBS Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/orangevbs/>

This group is a great place to brainstorm with other leaders who are also planning for Power Up.

These pages are organic pages that will be ever growing and changing as the year goes on. We have an amazing team of creative kids' pastors from all over the country who are pinning and posting for us, so check back often. This is going to be fun!

We have included a Decorating Guide to help you plan your décor for every area. These will be separate files in your "Start Here" folder.



DIRECTOR'S TIMELINE

6 Months Prior to Event

- Select date, time, and location.
- Determine event budget.
- Determine needed space and verify availability with church calendar.
- Begin recruiting volunteer team leaders.

12 Weeks Prior to Event

- Determine décor.
- Continue volunteer recruitment.
- Work with volunteer team leaders to fill their needs.
- Begin to advertise with promotional items.
- Schedule technical team.
- Schedule rehearsals for Large Group teams.
- Send scripts to Large Group teams.

8 Weeks Prior to Event

- Host volunteer training meeting.
- Display promotional items for VBS.
- Purchase supplies for decorations, crafts, small groups, and games.
- Purchase props.

4 Weeks Prior to Event

- Mail postcards.
- Send practice CDs of songs to vocalists.
- If performing the live stage version of the drama, begin weekly rehearsals.

2-3 Weeks Prior to Event

- Host volunteer training meeting for those who could not attend the previous meeting.
- Provide all volunteers with any updates and the final schedule for VBS week.
- Place insert in bulletin to advertise. (*Graphics provided in your VBS kit.*)
- Continue to recruit volunteers.

1 Week Prior to Event

- Send out reminder email blast.
- Check in with volunteer team leaders.
- Walk through Large Group programming elements with the tech team.
- Hold pre-registration for your VBS.

3 Days Prior to Event

- Rehearse with the Host and Storyteller.
- Rehearse with the Worship Team.
- Set up the stage for the event.
- Set up decorations in your environments.
- Purchase non-perishable snack items.

1 Day Prior to Event

- Set up the registration area.
- Finalize decorations.
- Set up rooms for games, snacks, crafts, music, and missions.
- Send final email to leaders reminding them of first day details, arrival times, and any additions to their Small Group lists.



REGISTRATION TIPS

Registration for VBS is key to tracking the kids and families that are a part of this exciting week. Promote early registration. That can help you and your team plan and avoid a last-minute rush on the first day. Consider offering incentives for pre-registration. One example: "If you pre-register, pick up your nametag and security tags before VBS. That allows for no lines or waiting on the first morning!"

We don't know a parent who loves to stand in line.

Here are some tips to make registration smooth:

- Set up registration online if possible. Make sure you close it down the day before VBS so you do not have any last-minute online registrations that you may miss the morning of the event.
- Offer on-site registration two to three Sundays prior to VBS. Make it a bright, fun, designated area that reflects the theme and helps get families excited.
- Provide clear signage. On the first day of VBS you may want to have a "Pre-Registered" lane that leads kids straight to their seats. You can also create "Register Here," "Pick Up Name Badges," and any other line people may need to go to on the first day of VBS.
- Use your friendliest volunteers to work the registration area. Engage the parents in conversation while they are waiting or filling out paperwork.
- Determine how many people and computers or registration forms will be needed to ensure a fast and easy registration process on your first day.
- Make sure you explain to parents how to pick up and drop off each day.
- Let parents know HOW you are going to communicate information about VBS each day. Do you have a texting service? A daily email? A Facebook page?
- Get your whole church staff involved on opening day. Ask them to help greet and answer questions about your church campus.



SUPPLEMENTAL PRODUCTS

Student Game Map: These Game Maps show you the way as you lead the kids through the Small Group material! These foldable maps are designed for daily use during Small Group rotation. These maps give kids their very own place to journal and put our daily POWER UP stickers (sold separately). *Game maps are sold in sets of 12.*

Backpacks: Carry the reminder to “Raise Your Game” everywhere you go this summer. Kids of all ages will love keeping their stuff in our POWER UP-themed backpacks! These backpacks can be used the week of your event and for the rest of the summer! Volunteer gift idea: Your volunteers will love to have a cool, reusable bag to tote their rosters, schedules, first aid kits, and teaching materials! *Backpacks are sold in sets of 12.*

Stickers: These fun POWER UP-themed sticker sets are designed to be used with your Game Maps (sold separately). Stickers have POWER UP artwork, and can be placed on various areas of each student’s maps throughout the week. *Stickers are sold 12 sheets to a set. Each sheet contains 5 large stickers for daily journaling with the Student Game Map, as well as many other POWER UP-themed stickers.*

8-bit Sunglasses: Retro fun in the sun! These sunglasses are durable, bright, and fun for all ages! They fit both youth and adults. *Sunglasses are sold in sets of 12.*

Lanyards with Nametags: Water-resistant, tear proof and better than ever! Identify your volunteers and kids easily and learn everyone’s name with these durable and safe POWER UP nametags with breakaway safety lanyards. Names can be written on the tags, which also double as a great entry credential to your event! *Lanyard/Nametag combos are sold 12 to a set.*

Preschool Sticker Nametags Digital Template: Print your own preschool sticker nametags using this printable template. This template is designed to print onto Avery Labels 5163, which are 2”x4”. *Sticker nametags are not included; this is only a template. Additional purchase of Avery labels is required.*

Temporary Tattoos: Help everyone remember your theme for VBS this year with these POWER UP tattoos! They are great for your Family Night or even a kick off event to promote POWER UP! *Temporary tattoos are sold in sets of 12.*

LED Bracelets: Kids will love wearing these fun bracelets during your event and beyond. These bracelets are SOUND ACTIVATED and will bring your large group time to the next level! *LED bracelets are sold in sets of 12; each set contains 4 bracelets of each color: blue, yellow, and red.*

Bufs: This colorful, must-have accessory will be everyone’s favorite VBS take-home. Used as a bandana, ponytail holder, hat, or sun guard, these POWER UP-themed bufs will help everyone remember your VBS this year. *Bufs are sold in sets of 12.*

Buttons: Volunteers and kids will love wearing these bright, colorful buttons long after your VBS is over! These buttons display the five bottom lines (one for each day) and the POWER UP theme. Get a set for each kid and volunteer to remind them about all of the wonderful things they learned and experienced during POWER UP! Each button set comes with one button of each design (6 designs). *Buttons are sold as 12 sets of 6 (72 buttons, enough for 12 kids).*

Silicone Bracelets: Everyone will love wearing these flexible, brightly-colored bracelets during and after your event to remind people what POWER UP is all about! *Silicone bracelets are sold in sets of 12.*



Poster Set: The POWER UP Poster Set is a great way to advertise your VBS! Post them in your ministry's hallways, rooms, or out in your church's main gathering space as a way to remind families not to miss your event! Each set comes with posters for your preschool and elementary areas, allowing you to preview the messages your kids will hear during their time at your POWER UP event. Each set contains the Elementary Bottom Lines, VBS memory verse, Preschool Basic Truths and Bottom Line, and a POWER UP theme poster. *Posters are sold as one set, 11 posters per set.*

Wall Mural: Transform your environment with this decorative mural! Use the Wall Mural as a backdrop for your Large Group stage, Small Group rooms, or even your hallways! The Wall Mural is comprised of three panels, each measuring 6 feet high and 3 feet wide, which prominently display the POWER UP theme. Panels should hang together to complete one 6'x9' mural. *Each 3-panel mural is sold as 1 set.*

Want to cover even more space? Check out our Mural Extender (sold separately), which extends the sides of the Wall Mural by six feet in each direction!

Mural Extender: Looking for something a little more substantial than our traditional Wall Mural? The Mural Extender is great for those looking to decorate large spaces or create a backdrop for their stage. The Mural Extender set contains four 6'x3' panels, which when added to the Wall Mural (sold separately) create a beautiful and impressive 6'x21' backdrop for your VBS program. *Mural Extender (four panels) sold as one set.*

Mylar Balloon Set: Transform your indoor or outdoor space with these decorative balloons! Inflate these balloons with helium to use them as an accent to your entrances, Large Group stage, Small Group rooms, or even your hallways! Each set includes 5 two-foot tall round balloons, one for each of the following shapes: star, lightning bolt, heart, ghost and the POWER UP logo. *Balloons sold as one set of 5.*

Gobos: Raise the game in your large group environment with POWER UP themed gobos! What is a Gobo? A Gobo is a partial screen or small disc used in front of a spotlight to project a shape. Add these discs to your existing lighting system to create a themed POWER UP logo to your stage set, wall, or backdrop.

These Gobos are metal, Standard Size B. Dimensions are: Outside Diameter 86mm, Inside Diameter 64mm.

Gobos are sold individually.

Elementary EP: POWER UP – Raise Your Game! We hope that this collection of six songs will remind you and the parents and kids in your ministry that God's power has given us everything we need! Compiled specifically for elementary students, this EP contains the POWER UP theme song "Raise the Game" and five other songs from the Orange Kids Music team! *Elementary EP sold in sets of 12.*

Preschool EP: POWER UP – Raise Your Game! We hope that this collection of five songs will remind you and the parents and kids in your ministry that God's power has given us everything we need! Compiled specifically for preschool students, this EP contains the POWER UP theme song "Raise the Game" and four other songs from the Orange Kids Music team! *Preschool EP sold in sets of 12.*

Outdoor Banner: Promote POWER UP in your community with this 3'x6' waterproof Outdoor Banner! This full-color banner features the POWER UP logo and provides space for you to personalize the banner with your church-specific VBS information! Each corner has a metal grommet for easy suspension. *Outdoor Banner sold individually.*

Youth Shirt: The POWER UP-themed youth t-shirts are a great way to dress up your event! Kids will be excited to wear these stand-out shirts during and after your event. Shirts run true to size and run from Youth Extra Small to Adult Large. *Sold individually.*

Leader Shirt: The POWER UP-themed adult shirts are a great way to recognize your leaders and help your kids spot them in the crowd! Shirts run true to size and run from Adult Small to Adult 4XL. *Sold individually.*