



# VOLUNTEER MEETING

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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.