



PreK VBS Leader Guide

June 2-5, 2026

The Heights Church

Thank you for joining us for The Best Week Ever 2026! We couldn't do it without all of you coming together to serve, love, lead, and make disciples of Jesus in the next generation. We love you and we are praying that this week the Lord speaks to you in fresh ways as you celebrate him and share his love with kids at The Heights.

♥ Kathy, Jen, and Jessica

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VBS Vision

Thank you for volunteering to serve at VBS this year! Your willingness to give your time and serve in this way has an eternal kingdom impact, and we are so grateful. Your excitement about knowing and loving Jesus is the most important thing! It is contagious to our kids, and it changes lives, so thank you. Our team is praying over you, that you connect with your group, have a blast, and that the Lord does a special work in your life through your time in this ministry.

Our core goal of VBS is to draw each child into the love and JOY of following Jesus. We intentionally aim to slow down the pace of events to make space for real connections to happen! Connection with your kids looks like- knowing their name, a big smile on your face and a personal greeting when they walk in the room. We aim to foster connection by providing moments for kids to talk about their own lives and interests and giving opportunities for the group to work/play/learn together.

PURPOSE: Invite kids into the love and joy of a relationship with Jesus.

STRATEGY: Focus on connection and minimize chaos while still having lots of fun!

ROTATIONS:

Learn (in your room)

This is time for daily intentional connection and team building, as well as reinforcing the Bible story taught in The Clubhouse. This will include a Connection activity and discussion to review the Bible story.

Create (Courtyard room)

This is a creative, hands-on time for children to make something special. We will go to the courtyard room, where a team will provide instructions and lead the craft activity. Volunteers are asked to assist by supporting the children at the tables.

Move (playground)

This rotation is all about moving, playing, and having fun! Feel free to spread out around the playground so all areas are covered, and everyone stays safe while they play.

** During rotation time, volunteers are welcome to take turns stepping out for a snack in the refreshment room, using the restroom, or heading back to the classroom to get ready for the next activity. Please make sure there's always at least one volunteer from your classroom with the group and try to keep any time away short, so the kids are always supported.*

Snack (Chapel Lobby)

We will eat snacks picnic style in the Chapel lobby. Please help clean up the space when you are finished. **Don't forget to double-check your allergy list.**

Daily Provided Snack:

Tuesday: Chocolate Chip Granola Bars

Wednesday: Pirates Booty

Thursday: Goldfish

Friday: Rice Krispies Treats

TEAM HYPE: Each classroom will have an animal assigned for a playful way to recognize your group. You can decorate your room as much or as little as you'd like! We care more about the prayerful preparation of your heart than we do the look of the room. However, we know that décor makes the room feel exciting, so if that's your thing, go for it!

Small Group Leader Expectations

BEFORE VBS:

- Complete your Child Protection Training.
- Watch the Leader Training Video (sent by email).
- Attend the VBS all leader meeting on Sunday, June 1 in the Chapel at 4:30pm.
- Coordinate with your team and use one of the designated times to organize materials and prep your room – Sunday, June 1 from 5:30-7:30 or Monday, June 2 from 9-2.
- Work with your co-leaders on team swag and room décor (both are optional) in a spirit of community.
- Designate one member of the team to be the check-in & check-out lead.
- As a team, familiarize yourself with the supply box in your classroom.

WEEK OF VBS:

- Keep your group safe.
- Build relationships with the kids in your group.
- Be prepared and ready to implement curriculum.

ON FRIDAY OF VBS:

- Clear your classroom of VBS materials and decorations and bring leftover items to Room 125-The Preschool Resource Room.

Schedule

8:30 Arrive to Classroom

8:45 Drop Off Begins at classroom – Greet and welcome students. Hand each child their name badge and make sure their adult has the code for pick up. Each team will have a designated check-in leader who will hold the clipboard and be ready to greet kids. All other leaders should be interacting with the kids in the classroom.

9:00 Arrival and Social Time

This is a time for children to play and settle in. Allow opportunities for different types of activities at the table and around the room. Offer opportunities to use the restroom before meeting as a group to line up and move to the first rotation

9:30 Transition to Rotation #1

Check your nametag for your team's rotation schedule and locations

9:50 Transition to Rotation #2

Check your nametag for your team's rotation schedule and locations.

10:20 Transition to Rotation #3

Check your nametag for your team's rotation schedule and locations.

10:50 Transition to Rotation #4

Check your nametag for your team's rotation schedule and locations.

11:20 Transition back to classroom

11:30 End of day activities

*Retelling of Story for the day
Group activity
Memory verse*

12:00 Pick Up

Make sure the designated check-out leader is ready for parents to show their security tag for pick up. Take the child's name badge to use for the next day.

SPECIFICS:

Room	Name	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30-12:00
110	zebra	Arrival / learn	Clubhouse	snack/play	Move	Create	Dismissal
112	kangaroo	Arrival / learn	Clubhouse	snack/play	Move	Create	Dismissal
113	flamingo	Arrival / learn	Clubhouse	snack/play	Move	Create	Dismissal
114	tiger	Arrival / learn	Create	Clubhouse	snack/play	Move	Dismissal
115	lion	Arrival / learn	Create	Clubhouse	snack/play	Move	Dismissal
131	alligator	Arrival / learn	Create	Clubhouse	snack/play	Move	Dismissal
133	penguin	Arrival / learn	Move	Create	Clubhouse	snack/play	Dismissal
135	elephant	Arrival / learn	Move	Create	Clubhouse	snack/play	Dismissal
134	monkey	Arrival / learn	Move	Create	Clubhouse	snack/play	Dismissal
137	giraffe	Arrival / learn	snack/play	Move	Create	Clubhouse	Dismissal
138	panda	Arrival / learn	snack/play	Move	Create	Clubhouse	Dismissal

** Feel free to head back to your classroom for playtime or restroom breaks whenever needed, or anytime you find yourself with a few extra minutes during rotations like snack or movement. Enjoy the extra moments!*

CURRICULUM:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Story	Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-52	Jesus Heals a Blind Man John 9:1-12	Jesus Is Anointed Matthew 26:6-13	Jesus Appears to the Disciples John 20:19-29
Big Truth	Jesus is the Son of God.	Jesus is the Light of the World.	Jesus is the Worthy King.	Jesus is the Risen Savior.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Day 1

Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

Arrival / Learn (In Classroom) 9:00 – 9:30

WONDERFUL Toys

- Wind-up toys or pull-back cars and painter's tape
- Tape a start and finish line a couple of feet apart on the floor of your activity area. Set up toys or cars behind the start line.
- Show the children how to wind up or pull back the toys to make them go. See which ones can make it across the finish line. Once the toys have stopped, use the finish line as the new starting line and play again. Repeat several times to ensure that every child gets to wind or pull back a toy.
- The tub will also have fidgets and squishy toys for the children to play with.

Playdough at the table

- Roll out playdough snakes and measure the length on a mat

Measuring

- Adding machine paper rolls
- Roll out the paper to the length of each child and let them write and decorate.
- Add Bible Verse sticker

Create (Craft Rotation)

I spy Jesus bottle

- Empty bottle, rice, funnel, Jesus figurine, variety of small objects (beads, jewels, buttons)
- Fill each bottle $\frac{3}{4}$ full of rice.
- Allow children to add Jesus and other random objects.
- Seal the lid of the bottle with glue.
- Color sheets are available for children who are waiting.

Learn / Dismissal (Classroom) 11:30 – 12:00

- Re-tell the story with the flannel board.
- Looking for Jesus Game - Have children take turns hiding the picture card of Jesus as a boy and letting the other children seek him out.
- Practice the memory verse with motions

Day 2

Jesus Heals a Blind Man John 9:1-12

Arrival / Learn 9:00-9:30

WONDERFUL Toys

- Wind-up toys or pull-back cars and painter's tape
- Tape a start and finish line a couple of feet apart on the floor of your activity area. Set up toys or cars behind the start line.
- The tub will also have fidgets and squishy toys for the children to play with.

Balance Beam walk

- Pool noodles cut lengthwise. Have children take turns trying to walk across the beam

Playdough at the table

- Playdough with mat and tools

Group activity

- Stick the star on Jesus – Have children try to stick the star on the poster of Jesus while blindfolded.

Create (Craft Rotation)

Mosaic Picture Frames

Learn / Dismissal 11:30-12:00

- Re-tell the story with flannel board.
- Sensory Bag - Fill a bag with small items of different textures and shapes. Each child will take turns reaching into the bag and trying to guess the item by what they feel before pulling it out of the bag.
- Practice the memory verse with motions

Day 3

Jesus is Anointed

Matthew 26:6-13

Arrival / Learn 9:00 – 9:30

WONDERFUL Toys

- Wind-up toys or pull-back cars and painter's tape
- Tape a start and finish line a couple of feet apart on the floor of your activity area. Set up toys or cars behind the start line.
- The tub will also have fidgets and squishy toys for the children to play with.

Playdough at the table

- Playdough with mat and tools

Group activity

- With your feet - Allow children an opportunity to try to pick up a ball out of a laundry basket using only their feet. Child can sit in a chair with the basket in front of them and two or three balls paced inside the basket

Create (Craft Rotation)

Scented cloud dough

- Cloud dough ingredients
- Baggies
- Bible verse sticker / story reference

Coloring pages are available for those that finish early

Learn / Dismissal 11:30 – 12:00

- Re-tell the story with the flannel board.
- Parachute Hearts – Lay out parachute (sheet) for each child to grab a hold of. Place foam hearts in the middle of the sheet. Encourage the children to wave the parachute slowly, fast, low and high. At the end of the activity each child can take a heart home.
- Practice the memory verse with motions

Day 4

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

John 20:19-29

Arrival / Learn 9:00-9:30

WONDERFUL Toys

- Wind-up toys or pull-back cars and painter's tape
- Tape a start and finish line a couple of feet apart on the floor of your activity area. Set up toys or cars behind the start line.
- The tub will also have fidgets and squishy toys for the children to play with.

Playdough at the table

- Playdough with mat and tools

Group activity

Hide and Seek Disciples

Play a simple game of hide and seek.

Talk about how the disciples were hiding then Jesus appeared to them.

Talk about how Jesus always knows where we are and cares for us.

Create (Craft Rotation)

Decorate a Telescope

Doubting Thomas Story Wheel

Learn / Dismissal 11:30-12:00

- Re-tell the story with the flannel board.
- Have pictures of items up close to see if children can guess what they are looking at (answers on the back)
- Practice the memory verse with motions

