

# ALTERNATE VBS SCHEDULES

## ALL DAY SCHEDULE

An expanded daily schedule allows VBS activities to extend beyond the basic three-hour schedule.

Expanded schedules allow churches to provide for children who might not otherwise attend VBS. The amount of time a church expands the schedule depends on the church and the circumstances.

### *Sample All Day Schedule*

9:00-12:00	Follow the children's schedule in Administrative Guide
12:00-12:30	Lunch (brought from home or provided)
12:30-1:30	Recreation
1:30-2:30	Musical rehearsal using the <i>VBS Music Book</i> and the <i>Music Rotation and Musical CD</i>
2:30-3:00	Refreshments
3:00-4:00	Crafts
4:00	Dismissal

## ONE DAY PLAN

When time is short, plan a one-day VBS. Consider kicking-off your VBS the night before and shorten some of the rotations. Omit anything from the schedule, but Bible study times. The following example will get you started:

### *Suggested One-day Plan*

8:00-10:00	Day 1 Teaching Plans
10:00-10:15	Snack
10:15-12:15	Day 2 Teaching Plans
12:15-12:4	Lunch (brought from home or provided)
12:45-2:45	Day 3 Teaching Plans
2:45-4:45	Day 4 Teaching Plans
4:45-5:15	Dinner (brought from home or provided)
5:15-7:15	Day 5 Teaching Plans
7:15-8:15	Family Night Celebration

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

If a weeklong event is too much to handle, try a weekend VBS. Select some of the crafts, recreation, and music ideas from the rotation leader guides to incorporate into our Bible study. Use the following example to map out your VBS Weekend Schedule:

### ***Friday Evening***

5:45-6:30	Snack supper
6:30-6:50	Worship Rally
6:50-8:50	Day 1

### ***Saturday***

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally
9:20-11:20	Day 2
11:20-11:50	Lunch
11:50-12:10	Worship Rally
12:10-2:10	Day 3

### ***Sunday Morning***

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally
9:20-11:20	Day 4

### ***Sunday Afternoon***

3:00-3:20	Worship Rally
3:20-5:20	Day 5
5:20-6:00	Picnic dinner
6:00-7:00	Family Night/VBS Celebration

## TWO WEEK SCHEDULE

When you have an extended amount of time, consider a two week schedule for VBS. Expand the schedule to allow for exploration of all the activities. Plan to spend two days on each day as follows:

**Day 1**—Use Day 1 Bible Study and lengthen time for rotations.

**Day 2**—Begin with Day 1 application or review activities. Choose a Day 1 game, snack idea, and craft. For music, use the *VBS Music Book* and the *Music Rotation and Musical CD* to learn the musical.

**Day 3**—Begin with Day 2 Bible Study and lengthen time for rotations.

**Day 4**—Begin with Day 2 application or review activities. Choose a Day 2 game, snack idea, and craft. In music, continue learning the musical.

Continue in the same manner for the remaining days.

## **SUMMER VBS**

The curriculum can be used as a once-a-week program for kids (such as “Wacky Wednesday”) throughout the summer.

### ***Sample Wednesday Schedule (1½ hours)***

<b>SESSION 1</b> —6:00-6:30	Day 1 Bible Study
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Music
<b>SESSION 2</b> —6:00-6:30	Day 1 Application/Review
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Missions
<b>SESSION 3</b> —6:00-6:30	Day 2 Bible Study
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Music
<b>SESSION 4</b> —6:00-6:30	Day 2 Application/Review
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Missions

Continue dividing each day into two weekly activities for 10 weeks.