

**WBBS**  
@ROCK BRIDGE



**LARGE GROUP  
LEADER HUDDLE**

**APRIL 7, 2025**



## **\*\*NEW!! 2025: VBS @Rock Bridge**



Welcome to Stellar VBS—the summer event that helps kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light! At Stellar VBS, kids will explore how the light of Jesus shines with power over all of Creation - even the stars in the galaxies! Even more, that same light shines through us too!

### **FLIGHT PLAN**

5:45PM- Dinner

6:00PM - Welcome

- VBS @Rock Bridge
- Our Why
- Large Group Experience Overview
  - Worship Rally Guide - First Draft
  - Attention Getters
  - Missions
  - Offering
  - Tokens
- Exploring God's Word

7:00PM - Huddles

- Worship Leaders
- Hosts and Production

**MISSION OPENER**   
You're stranded on the moon! What's one Bible verse that would encourage you while waiting for rescue?

# OUR "WHY"



## MISSION

VBS @Rock Bridge exists to make the gospel known to kids from all walks of life, equipping them to live a life rooted in Christ by exploring biblical truths in engaging and meaningful environments.

## GOALS

Everything we do flows from achieving these goals:

**1. Every kid hears the gospel.**

- The good news of Jesus is shared clearly, in age-appropriate and engaging ways. Leaders guide kids to connect the gospel to their own lives, encouraging questions and conversations that help them understand Jesus' love and respond to His invitation to follow Him.

**2. Every kid is seen, known, and loved.**

- Kids experience meaningful connections as leaders call them by name, invite participation, and engage in intentional conversations. We cultivate a welcoming, safe environment where every child feels valued and cared for—reflecting the love of Christ to them and their families.

**3. Every kid experiences Biblical truth in a fun and gospel-centered atmosphere.**

- Through worship, play, and hands-on activities, kids learn God's Word in exciting, memorable ways.
- Large Group is high-energy and joy-filled, always rooted in Scripture, helping kids from all walks of life engage deeply with biblical truth

## WHAT'S YOUR "WHY?"

*Share with your tablemates:*

*How long have you been serving at VBS?*

*How often have you served in our large group environment?*

### **Grab an index card:**

*List the name of 3 kids who will come to VBS at your campus.*

*What kind of experience do you want them to have during VBS?*

*Write down the name of 1 kid you can personally invite to VBS.*

*Keep this card as a reminder to pray for these 4 kids.*



# VBS 2025

## Large Group Schedule

### **OPENING SESSION:**

5:45 - 6:00 Crew Leader Connection

6:00 - 6:10 Jump Start

6:10 - 6:40 Opening Assembly

6:08 Countdown

6:10 Host Welcome

6:15 Worship (2 songs)

6:25 Bible Story- Host(s)

6:30 Worship (1 song)

6:35 Preschool Dismissal

6:35 Missions Highlight

6:40 Prayer/Dismissal

6:45-7:50 Rotations

### **CLOSING SESSION:**

7:50-8:00 Mini Jumpstart

8:00-8:15 Closing Session

8:00-8:05 Recap

8:05-8:10 Offering Update

8:10-8:15 Worship (1 song)

8:15 Prayer/Dismissal

# THE LARGE GROUP EXPERIENCE

- **5:30 - 6:00 Crew Leader Connection (30 mins)**
  - \*A calmer, more intentional environment for kids to be known by their crew leaders
  - Production will have house lights up and hosts on mic
  - Host is on stage giving instructions and expectations for kids to come in and sit with their crew leaders
  - Worship Leader is preparing to go onstage for Jump Start
- **6:00 - 6:10 Jump Start (10 mins)**
  - The purpose of Jump Start is to kick things off with excitement, fun, and give time for any registration issues to be worked out before large group starts.
    - Production will have sound loud, videos visible and Worship Leader on mic
    - Hosts will be engaging with kids in the audience while participating in Jump Start
  - We provide a list of approved songs and games
    - We strive to be above reproach as we aim to draw people closer to Christ and avoid seeds of division through the media we select
  - All approved Jump Start songs will be emailed to you in a Google Drive Folder.
    - Please add any recommendations for this list by April 28th to be approved.
      - You Tube videos must be sent to [megan.stockburger@rockbridge.cc](mailto:megan.stockburger@rockbridge.cc) by **April 28th.**
    - Please make sure moves will appeal to all ages as well as boys/girls.
  - Any songs or games that have been big hits? Any places where we want to switch things up?
  - Choose your own style! What appeals to you to bring high energy and fun?!
- **6:10 - 6:40 Opening Session (30 mins)**
  - 6:10 Countdown
    - Production cues the video, hosts audibly countdown the last 10 seconds
  - 6:10 Hosts Begin Skit
    - Main Point
      - The daily truth we want kids to remember!
      - Repetition is key! They'll hear it in large group and Bible Story!



## THE LARGE GROUP EXPERIENCE

- Intro to worship
  - Verbal transition suggestions are in the script, but pre-decide how to transition well so it fits your team dynamic
  - Stage Presence - 2nd Grade and up, boys and girls, quality worshippers over quantity
- 6:15 Worship
  - There are 5 total songs, we rotate them and sing four each day (3 in opening session and one at closing)!
    - Worship - Song 1
    - Worship - Song 2
- 6:25 Bible Story- Host(s)
  - Tell the Bible story yourself. Less about memorization and more about communicating the wonder and awe of God's Word coming alive for us!
  - Production team can use confidence monitors for cues to help you hit all major points
- 6:30 Worship- Song 3
  - Kids dismiss to their crews after this song so they can leave with their Crew Leader
- 6:35 Preschool Dismissal (optional)
  - Encouraged especially for nights 1 and 2 to help minimize dismissal congestion (hallway traffic, noise and confusion), give time for potty breaks, and get preschoolers moving sooner to minimize distractions for older kids
  - Production can offer the same visual cue and hosts can use the same dismissal phrase each night to help preschoolers know what to expect
  - Example: "Preschoolers get a special head start on the next part of their adventure!" or "Preschool Stars, it's your time to shine!" or even a quiet transition song.
- 6:35 Missions Introduction
  - Samaritan's Purse - The Greatest Journey!
    - See the Missions page for more info
    - ASK your CM: Who is collecting offering and what wording you need to use for maximum efficiency.
- 6:40 Prayer/Dismissal
  - Wait well - let kids get quiet as a sign of respect for God. Use your tools!
  - ASK your CM: How will we dismiss with excellence?
    - Know if you're directing kids to certain doors? Are we dismissing specific crews to creates "waves"?
  - Production: Know if there are any visual cues you can offer for clarity.



- **6:45-7:50 Rotations**
  - Our kids worship team is with their crews until the closing session.
  - How can you make the most of this time?
    - *Use this time to evaluate, celebrate, adjust and prepare for future sessions.*
  
- **7:50 - 8:15 Closing Assembly (30 mins)**
  - 7:50-8:00 Mini Jumpstart
    - Start on time no matter how many crews there are. As the rest show up, they'll join in
    - Production: Keep the doors open so the sound filters out as an audible cue that everyone should be heading inside
  - 8:00-8:15 Closing Session
    - Theme Verse
      - Kids focus on memorizing the theme verse during the Activities rotation. Repeat it.
      - Review the Main Point - including each previous day's
    - Offering Update
      - Production: Add a visual cue so kids can see how much money they gave for that day and cumulatively.
    - Worship - Song 4
  - 8:15 Dismissal
    - Stage time for CM. ASK your CM what your dismissal process will look like, especially on the Family Finale night!
    - Every child must only be released after their pickup tag is checked

 Daily Checklist for Large Group Sessions:

1. Pre-Session:

- Team meeting to review the day's plan.
- Equipment check and setup.
- Final run-through of the session.

2. During Session:

- Real-time communication using headsets/walkie-talkies.
- Execution of planned cues and transitions.
- Active engagement and interaction with the kids.

3. Post-Session:

- Debrief to discuss what went well and what could be improved.
- Prepare and set up for the next session.
- Address any technical or logistical issues.





## "JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"

### Theme Verse:

"He said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life." John 8:12b

### Day 1 - The Light of Jesus Changes Hearts

**Bible Story:** Jesus accepts Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9)

**Main Point:** The Light of Jesus Changes Hearts

**Key Verse:** "The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them." (Luke 19:10)

**Skit:** Host 1 and 2 are on the moon. Host 2 is studying to be a starfleet captain and Host 1 is searching the moon for "moon pies". Host 2 has recently chosen to follow Jesus and his heart was changed from pursuing being a captain for money, glory and fame.

### Day 2 - The Light of Jesus Brings Joy

**Bible Story:** Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king (Luke 19:28-40)

**Main Point:** The Light of Jesus Brings Joy

**Key Verse:** "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 19:38)

**Skit:** Host 2 received word that he passed his written exam, but he won't know if he makes captain until he finishes the simulation exercise he's doing on the moon. Host 1 can't understand how Host 2 can still be joyful even though neither of them have achieved their goals (becoming captain, finding moon pies).





## Day 3 - The Light of Jesus Rescues Us

**Bible Story:** Jesus died on the cross and rose again (John 19-20)

**Main Point:** The Light of Jesus Rescues Us

**Key Verse:** "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God." (John 14:1)

**Skit:** Host 1 leads Host 2 to the dark side of the moon as a last effort to find the moon pies and they get lost. Host 1 is consumed with panic and fear while Host 2 is at peace. Host 2 uses a flashlight to shine light in the darkness and lead them back safely. This sparks curiosity in Host 1 about following Jesus. Host 1 ends up choosing life in Christ.

## Day 4 - The Light of Jesus Shines Through Us!

**Bible Story:** Philip helps the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39)

**Main Point:** The light of Jesus shines through us!

**Key Verse:** "He told him the good news about Jesus." (Acts 8:35b)

**Skit:** Host 2 needs Host 1 to help read a message from his home base. The message reveals that they have to dig for the moon pies. When they find them Host 1 reveals that he never intended to share the moon pies with others. They draw a parallel between sharing Good News and how Host 2 has been consistently shining Jesus' light for him. It ends with them both agreeing to return home and continue sharing the Good News of Jesus - not moon pies.

*What is the most important lesson or truth you hope kids will take away from VBS?*



# ATTENTION GETTERS



- **Be personable!**

- Use tools like call and response to make sure kids know your name!
- Shout out any new kids you met or mention specific crews you hung out with during Jump Start, reference something interesting you heard during Crew Connection

- **Keep things moving - you control the flow!**

- Call and Response - encourages kids to say "this" and then be quiet:

Leader: "3...2...1..."

Kids: "BLAST OFF!"

- *Great for launching into a new activity, skit, or worship time.*

Leader: "Space crew—status check!"

Kids: "All systems go!"

- *Use this to re-engage after noise or get everyone back on track.*

Leader: "When I say Moon, you say Pie! Moon!"

Kids: "Pie!"

- *Fun callback to the skit - perfect during transitions or just for fun.*

Leader: "Who lights our way?"

Kids: "JESUS!"

- *Great for heading into Bible time, a moment of worship, or emphasizing the theme verse.*

Leader: "Look alive, crew!"

Kids: "Mission ready!"

- *Perfect before giving instructions, starting games, or beginning rotations.*

Leader: "Galaxy team!"

Kids: "Shine bright!"

- *Use to praise good behavior or focus the group after something exciting.*

Leader: "Eyes on the mission..."

Kids: "Hearts on the Light!"

- *Great before a Bible story, prayer time, or any moment where attention is needed.*

Leader: "Sound check - engines?"

Kids: Make a soft "vroom" or rocket sound, getting quieter and quieter until silent.

- *Fun quieting technique - turns noise into silence smoothly.*



