

**June 2019**

# parenting CHRISTIAN kids

## JBC Kids

### Question Corner

**Q:** At what age can my child attend VBS?  
At what age can they serve in VBS? How  
do they get involved VBS?

**A:** VBS is offered for children 4 – 11 years old. (Younger children must be 4 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup>, and fully potty-trained.) When students are 12 years old or older they may become a VBS crew leader. To be involved in VBS we require all volunteers, adults and youth, to attend 1 VBS training meeting. We have 10 meetings, the same meeting at 10 different times, so all have a chance to attend (the remaining meetings are on the calendar on back page). At this meeting we introduce the daily Bible stories & activities, discuss discipline guidelines, and go over safety procedures. We want to help our teens learn leadership skills, and VBS has become an effective way to train our youth. We also want to make a difference in the lives of the children by teaching them about Jesus in a fun and memorable way!



Ages 0-5th grade  
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### Director's Column

Vacation Bible School is a big deal here at JBC! It is big in the size- 500-600 people here each day! It is big in teaching Biblical truths & verses. It is big by the number of 1<sup>st</sup> time salvations we have each year (30-50 people!). It is big by the number of non-church community people come (about half the kids!). It is big in teaching our youth how to serve and develop leadership skills (80 -100 teens each year serve). It is big on giving money to a specific ministry cause (over \$51,000 has been raised by the children in the last 21 years in pennies!). It is big because God has blessed JBC in a great way! He has given us the facilities to host such a large ministry and the resources to do it. Do you want to come and be a part of something that God is working in? Come to a volunteer meeting and check it out!

Have questions? Contact Janet Lee, Patty Duke or Kathy Williams at [kids@jbc.church](mailto:kids@jbc.church)

## Last years' 2018 VBS Volunteers:



## Last years' 2018 VBS Final numbers:

Attendance: 368 kids, 100 teens, 85 adults; 33 first time salvations; Raised \$4,002 (in pennies) for Jefferson Library

## Faith-Building as a Family of God

### POWERSOURCE

#### ASK JESUS:

1. To help your family make Jesus its top priority.
2. To remind your family members to demonstrate Jesus' love to one another.
3. To continually grow the faith of each of your family members.

Throughout Scripture, Jesus uses family terminology to describe our relationship with him and with other Christians. He calls his followers children of God and his beloved brothers and sisters.

Because families are so important to Jesus, he offers instructions for how loved ones should live: "Forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart" (Matthew 18:35) and "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other" (Romans 12:10).

Family is one of our most special blessings from God, yet maintaining God-honoring relationships with family members can be challenging at times. Squabbles may turn into blowups,

often involving unkind words and leading to hurt feelings. Jesus' earthly life and ministry provide great examples of how we are to treat family members. Jesus showed us the importance of humility, servanthood, honesty, kindness, and peacemaking. He also emphasized that no one—not even our family members—should be more important to us than God is.

Jesus nurtured others through compassion and invested deeply in people who later changed the world. Our homes can be places where children are turned on to faith through the power of loving relationships with family members of all ages.

The next page is filled with fun, meaningful activities you can try with your own family.

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# Vacation Bible School

## **2019 VBS: June 24 – 27**

9:00 am – noon (kids 4 – 11 yrs) This event is FREE!

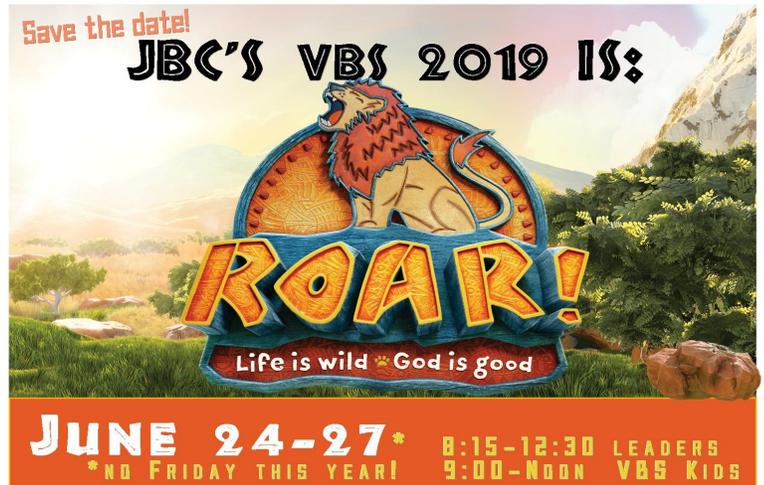
## **2019 VBS Goals:**

Attendance: 400 kids, 100 teens, 100 adults; 45 first time salvations, \$3,000 (in pennies) for desks & school supplies for kids at Bob's school in Liberia.

## **2019 VBS Needs:**

Station leaders (Adults only) Need 100; have 48 (short 52)  
Stations leaders needed in: crafts- snacks- games- registration- pennies & childcare.

Crew leaders (Teens or Adults) Need 100; have 45 (short 55)  
Crew leaders take assigned group of kids from station to station.



## **Teachers & helpers needed during the summer:**

Summer is fast approaching! What family plans do you have?

May we suggest doing ministry together as a family? Maybe teach a preschool class during the weekend services together or volunteer to be a leader in VBS?

These are fun and learning times for both you & your kids.

All of these classes need people to fill in so that our regular teachers can take a break over the summer. Please help by serving 1 or 2 times during the summer months.

Saturday 7:00 pm service- teacher & helper for 1 & 2 year olds

Saturday 7:00 pm service- helper for 3-5 year olds

Sunday 9:00 am service- teacher & helper for 1 & 2 year olds

Sunday 9:00 am service- teacher & helper for 3- 5 year olds

Sunday 9:00 am service- teacher & helper for 6-10 year olds

**More information contact Janet Lee at [kids@jbc.church](mailto:kids@jbc.church)**



## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

### Positivity Posters

You'll need poster board, sticky notes, and markers. Have family members each write their name atop a sheet of poster board. Hand out sticky notes, and have people write on each note two things they like about themselves. Have them stick those to their poster.

Say: **Identifying good things about ourselves is pretty easy. Now take a sticky note for each family member, write at least one positive thing about each person, and place the note on their poster. It might be a talent, a personality trait, or even someone's smile.** Allow time for writing notes and reading posters.

Read aloud 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Ask: **What's different about what you wrote about yourself and what others wrote about you? How does it feel to know what family members think of you? What does the combination of all these positive things say about our family? about our family's potential to make a difference in this world for Jesus?** Close in prayer.

## We Are Family!

God calls parents to the role of primary faith influencer for their children, so the Christian home is the epicenter for spiritual growth. Ephesians 6:4 says, "Bring [your children] up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." Yet the final goal isn't a generation of well-trained children; if your kids stand beside you in heaven, they won't do so as your children but as your sisters and brothers in God's family. That's why sharing and living out the gospel at home is just the beginning. The goal is for God's love and truth to be revealed to all people so they, too, can join God's family.

**Some More Kindness** Make s'mores (outside, if possible). While enjoying the snack, share times you've done "some more"—a kind act—for someone, or how a person reached out to do "some more" for you. Read aloud Galatians 5:13-14. Ask: "Why does God want us to do some more for others? What might that look like in our home?"

**A Winning Attitude** Play Tug-of-War or arm wrestle. Ask: "What are some ways we compete with family members?" Read aloud Genesis 4:1-12. Ask: "What feelings did Cain and Abel have toward God? toward each other? How could Cain have handled his anger better? How can we handle anger toward family members?"

**A-Mazing Focus** On the back of eight paper plates, lightly write "no." On the back of eight more, write "yes." Mix up plates and place them writing-side down in a 4X4 grid on the floor. Take turns trying to go through the maze by flipping over a plate. If it's a yes, step on it and try to find another yes. If it's a no, go back to the end of the line and turn all the plates back over. You can give each other non-verbal clues to achieve the goal. Find all eight yes plates so others can step on them in the same pattern to finally get through the maze. Read Philippians 3:17.

Ask: "Why was teamwork so important for this task? What are ways we can help each other find—and stay on—the right path to follow God?"

**Ultra Strong** For each person, you'll need a six-foot strip of toilet paper. Sit in a circle and quickly weave the strips over and under each other to form a rug. Make sure it's sturdy by gently waving it in the air. Time the task and then try again, even faster. Afterward, ask: "How was working on this rug like being part of a family? What can tear a family apart? What makes a family strong?" Read aloud Ephesians 3:14-16. Pray, asking God to give strength to individual family members and to your family as a unit.

**Super & Soaked** Outside, make a shaving cream "hat" on someone (or on an inflated balloon). Take turns using a water-filled spray bottle to squirt away the foam. Before each turn, the sprayer must say one instruction or advice they've heard from a parent. Afterward, read aloud Proverbs 1:8. Ask: "Why does God want us to listen to our parents? What can make that easy or hard to do? What instructions does God give us? Why is it important to obey those?"

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

—1 John 3:16

# MEDIA MADNESS



## MOVIE

**Title:** *Toy Story 4*

**Genre:** Animation, Adventure, Comedy

**Rating:** G

**Cast:** Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Christina Hendricks, Patricia Arquette

**Synopsis:** Bonnie, the toys' new owner, creates Forky, a spork craft who has angst about what it means to be a toy. On a road trip, the group finds Bo Peep and some other toys in an antique shop. Together they discover their purpose for existing.

**Our Take:** The latest installment in this Pixar series, beloved by parents as well as children, is reportedly another tearjerker. After seeing the movie, families can have age-appropriate discussions about why God made us, what our purpose is, and how family members and friends stick together.



## MUSIC

**Artist:** *Billie Eilish*

**Album:** *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*

**Synopsis:** Eilish, 17, is the first singer born in the 2000s to hit #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Her “don’t care” attitude and grungy look is wildly popular with young listeners. The singer, who admits she’s “kind of scary,” has been open about having Tourette’s syndrome.

**Our Take:** Be warned: Eilish’s songs and videos are packed with dark imagery, violence, references to sex, and intense emotions. Her husky sound is “all wrapped up in existential pain,” says one reviewer. In the melody “Bury a Friend,” Eilish sings, “I wanna end me.” Needless to say, her songs are *not* kid-friendly or positive in any way for kids.

## Games, Sites & Apps

### American Ninja Warrior Challenge

In this game, available for various consoles, players create and train athletes to complete virtual obstacle courses. You also can create your own courses. The game is rated E for Everyone, but skill is required. In-game purchases abound.

### Short & Curly

Kid-friendly discussions about ethics take center stage on this fast-paced podcast. Recent topics include whether it’s okay to eat pets and whether birthday gifts should be a thing of the past. Kids ages 8+ will enjoy these philosophical debates about issues that are important to them.

### Smash Your Food

Using a fun approach, this app helps kids think about what they put in their mouth. After guessing the salt, sugar, and fat content of a food, users pull a “smash lever” for the results. The app, which also provides helpful charts, can serve as a helpful conversation starter for families.



## CULTURE & TRENDS

**Role Requests** More new parents are planning elaborate godparent proposals, turning the request into a social-media-worthy moment. Customized products abound for fun ways to make the big “ask”—regardless of religious belief. (*various sources*)

**ASMR Stars** Kids are achieving online fame for more than just singing and applying makeup. Some post videos of oddly relaxing sounds, known as ASMR (autonomous sensory meridian response). Makenna Kelly, age 13, has 1.5 million subscribers who watch her tap, whisper, and eat. (*YouTube*)

## QUICK STATS

**What Free Time?** The average U.S. adult has just four hours and 26 minutes of free time per week. Forty percent of people say they have even less than that. (*H&R Block*)

**Mental Health Stats** From 2007 to 2015, depression- and suicide-related ER visits by U.S. kids and teens doubled, to 1.12 million. Forty-three percent of the visits were by kids ages 5 to 11. (*JAMA Pediatrics*)

**Podcasts on the Rise** Last year, an estimated 48 million Americans listened to podcasts weekly. (*edisonresearch.com*)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					VBS Registration open online: <a href="http://jbc.church/vbs">jbc.church/vbs</a>	1  KidZone 7pm 0-5thGrade	
2  9am KidZone 0-5th  10:15am Disciple- ship 0-12th  11:30 KidZone 0- 5th	3  <b>6pm VBS Meeting</b>	4	5  6am Prayerwalk at JHS (meet at JMS)  8pm Kids Prayer	6	7  <b>10am VBS Meeting</b>	8  KidZone 7pm 0-5thGrade	
9  9am KidZone 0-5th  10:15am Disciple- ship 0-12th  11:30 KidZone 0- 5th  <b>1pm VBS Meeting</b>	10  6:30pm LAST 4th/5th Grade Rising Gen Group	11  <b>6pm VBS Meeting</b>	12  8pm Kids Prayer	13	14  <b>1pm VBS Meeting</b>  Father/Daughter Campout	15  KidZone 7pm 0-5thGrade	
16  9am KidZone 0-5th  10:15am Disciple- ship 0-12th  11:30 KidZone 0- 5th  <b>Father's Day</b>	17  VBS Online Registration Closes  <b>6pm VBS Meeting</b>	18  <b>10am LAST VBS Meeting</b>	19  6am Prayerwalk at JHS (meet at JMS)	20  <b>10am VBS WORK- PARTY</b>  5:30pm Royal Family Night Out	21	22  KidZone Summer 7pm 0-5 YEARS	
23  9am KidZone Summer 0-10 years  <b>10:30am VBS WORKPARTY</b>	24  Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon Mon—Thurs!			26  <b>6:30 Hot Dogs/ 7pm VBS Program</b>	27	28	29  KidZone Summer 7pm 0-5 YEARS
30  9am KidZone Summer 0-10 years							