



# for Your VBS and Summer Ministry

## **Remember when adjusting your schedule to fit your time allotments**

- ♦ Keep the “main thing the main thing”.
- ♦ Keep in mind that you are building on the love of Jesus.
- ♦ Encourage teachers to make sure that no matter what the subject, they are to build on the love of Jesus in the kids’ lives.

## **Be careful not to rush the children**

- ♦ Rushed kids exhibit negative emotions
- ♦ They won’t do their best
- ♦ Rushing influences their brain negatively and induces anxiety
- ♦ Increases stress hormones which leads to crankiness
- ♦ Overstimulation stops them from processing everything so they don’t learn anything
- ♦ It steals the joy of mastery because they can’t complete anything
- ♦ Loses curiosity because it interrupts their developmental work exploring the world
- ♦ Habituates them to busyness so they become easily bored and requires electronic stimulation

## **Adjusting the schedule for time**

- ♦ Check out the options in your VBS Administration guide to meet your time schedule
- ♦ Rotate teachers instead of students
- ♦ Use the missions video in the Worship Rally instead of the missions rotations
- ♦ Do some of the VBS in Sunday School/church or on Wednesday night
- ♦ Cut out an entire day
- ♦ Combine subjects (Snacks and missions ; Crafts and recreation; Snacks and recreation; Have the offering emphasis in the Worship Rally)

## **Only have 3 days instead of 5**

- ♦ Remove certain days....look to see what works best with your curriculum and your ministry context
- ♦ Think about what Biblical material you want to keep in
- ♦ Schedule can be different everyday — be creative  
Crafts/Missions/Music for one hour one on different days  
Allow kids to choose some of the rotations they prefer: crafts, recreation, missions

## **Only have one hour a week for 12 weeks**

- ♦ 10 minutes for Worship Rally
- ♦ 20 minutes for Bible Study
- ♦ 10 minutes for a Bible Study activity
- ♦ 20 minutes for another rotation - this can be different every week

## **How do I hold an all day VBS in order to meet the needs of my community?**

- ♦ Use everything in the curriculum; reach out to your association or area churches and see if they have extra materials they can give you to use
- ♦ Include a meal
- ♦ Have a special guest: firefighters, karate demonstration, special craft/painting/pottery session
- ♦ Have a special emphasis: Recreation water day, board game time, movie time, Nerf Gun war, Inflatables, use church members with special talents (archery, woodworking, sewing, etc.)