

Procedure - VBS Craft/Science Experiment Team

Thank you so much for choosing to volunteer for our craft team. Your job is going to be a fun one! As a front-line worker, working directly with children, it is necessary to ensure you are helpful, patient, and courteous. You will follow the procedures for the general team member guide. Craft time is the perfect time to reinforce the teaching points for the day and be an extension of Christ's hands and his love. Smile and have fun with the kids while being a team player. Before during and after VBS Pray, Pray, Pray, with your teams and individually.

Craft Leaders and Helpers:

Before VBS starts: Craft team will meet weeks or months before the start of VBS to go over the craft guide, help choose and plan the crafts and experiments for each day. The team will come up with a supply list for the directors.

Once Supplies are Acquired: Once craft team gets the supplies they need, they will meet and make a sample of each craft, so everyone is aware of every craft being done (in the event someone is unable to make it the week of the VBS).

Once a sample is made, the team will sort supplies by each day. They will put the supplies each child needs for each craft and experiment in separate Ziplock or paper bags and mark them by the day. Each day should be packed in a separate box, marked by the name of the craft and day being used.

Start of VBS Week: Keep in touch with each other. Please read and follow the general procedures. Every day before the opening ceremony, prepare the craft area with that day's craft. If you want to see the opening ceremony, that is fine so long as once the opening is starting to finish, you head to your assigned area to be ready for your first group's arrival.

Arrival: Invite the children to take a seat at the tables. In addition to your team, group leaders will also assist in keeping the children on task.

- First you will explain the day's scripture teaching. Make it short, sweet and engaging to keep the children focused.
- Show the children the craft/experiment you will be doing, then hand out the craft packets to each child.
- Assist the children, with the help of the group leaders, in making the craft/experiment.
- If you are finished with the craft/experiment and there is a lot of time left, use the second craft/experiment for that day.
- If when the children are finished with both craft and experiment, the team can engage the children's attention with the sign language song they are learning for the ceremony. It is best for the children to stay seated for the entirety of the craft session. This will ensure the kids are not being distractive to the other areas.

Dismissal: If you want to see the closing ceremony that is awesome, just remember to go back to your area and clean up for the day before leaving and set up for the next day's craft/experiment.