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 *VBS Music Book* and the *Music CD Set*
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 except Bible study times. The following example will get you started:

Suggested One-day Plan

8:00-10:00	Day 1 Bible Study
10:00-10:15	Snack
10:15-12:15	Day 2 Bible Study
12:15-12:4	Lunch (brought from home or provided)
12:45-2:45	Day 3 Bible Study
2:45-4:45	Day 4 Bible Study
4:45-5:15	Dinner (brought from home or provided)
5:15-7:15	Day 5 Bible Study
7:15-8:15	VBS Celebration

THREE-DAY PLAN

The following example will help you map out a three-day schedule:

Session One

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally	Choose steps from the options given for Days 1 and 2.
9:20-10:00	Day 1 Bible Study	
10:00-10:20	Recreation	Choose from the options given for Day 1, Day 2, and other theme games.
10:20-10:40	Missions	Choose from the options given for Days 1 and 2.
10:40-11:00	Crafts	Choose from the options given for Days 1 and 2.
11:00-11:20	Music	Choose from the options given for Days 1 and 2.
11:20-12:00	Day 2 Bible Study	
12:00-12:15	Worship Rally	Use the Day 1 and Day 2 Connection Questions and a stage game from Day 1 or Day 2.

Session Two

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally	Choose steps from the options given for Days 3 and 4.
9:20-10:00	Day 3 Bible Study	
10:00-10:20	Recreation	Choose from the options given for Day 3, Day 4, and other theme games.
10:20-10:40	Missions	Choose from the options given for Days 3 and 4.
10:40-11:00	Crafts	Choose from the options given for Days 3 and 4.
11:00-11:20	Music	Choose from the options given for Days 3 and 4.
11:20-12:00	Day 4 Bible Study	
12:00-12:15	Worship Rally	Use the Day 3 and Day 4 Connection Questions and a stage game from Day 3 or Day 4.

Session Three

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally	Follow the steps for Day 5.
9:20-10:00	Day 5 Bible Study	
10:00-10:20	Recreation	Choose from the options given for Day 5 and other theme games.
10:20-10:40	Missions	Follow the Day 5 plan in the leader guide.
10:40-11:00	Crafts	Follow the Day 5 plan in the leader guide.
11:00-11:20	Music	Follow the Day 5 plan in the leader guide.
11:20-11:35	Worship Rally	Use the Day 5 Connection Questions and the stage game for Day 5.
11:35-12:15	VBS Celebration	

*Lifeway encourages each church to find a way to include all 5 Bible Study sessions. If an abbreviated schedule is needed, consider removing one or more rotations.

Note: Recreation time can be separated into 10 minutes for snack and 10 minutes for recreation.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

If a week-long 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 Bible study. Use the following example to map out your Weekend VBS Schedule:

Friday Evening

5:45-6:30	Snack supper
6:30-6:50	Worship Rally
6:50-8:50	Day 1 Bible Study + select rotation activities

Saturday

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally
9:20-11:20	Day 2 Bible Study + select rotation activities
11:20-11:50	Lunch
11:50-12:10	Worship Rally
12:10-2:10	Day 3 Bible Study + select rotation activities

Sunday Morning

9:00-9:20	Worship Rally
9:20-11:20	Day 4 Bible Study + select rotation activities

Sunday Afternoon

3:00-3:20	Worship Rally
3:20-5:20	Day 5 Bible Study + select rotation activities
5:20-6:00	Picnic dinner
6:00-7:00	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 CD Set* to learn the VBS 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)

SESSION 1—6:00-6:30	Day 1 Bible Study
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Music

SESSION 2—6:00-6:30	Day 1 Application/Review
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Missions

SESSION 3—6:00-6:30	Day 2 Bible Study
6:30-6:50	Crafts
6:50-7:10	Recreation
7:10-7:30	Music

SESSION 4—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.