

VBX 2024



GOD'S TRUTH NEVER CHANGES!

Every day is an adventure at Breaker Rock Beach, from the morning waves crashing against the shore to evenings filled with bonfires and s'mores! Catch a glimpse of an orca leaping through the surf or watch happy sea lions playing among the rocks beneath magnificent pines. At Breaker Rock Beach, kids will learn to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. Each day kids will be challenged to know that God's truth never changes—even when it's radically different from what some people say.

Preteens are an amazing group of humans! They are always moving and on the go. They memorize easily, think quickly and solve problems on their own. They are active and love sports and competition—all the while worrying about fitting in. Giving preteens choices shows them that you know that they are all unique and develop at different rates.

Preteens are imaginative, creative and curious! Emotions can run high. They are often critical of themselves and others. They question authority and expect perfection. Listen to them. Respect their ideas. They need to feel needed, accepted and loved at church.

What an opportunity for us as leaders to lead them to the Biblical truth in God's Word! Be honest with them. Teach them to apply the Truth—God's truth—to their lives in a world that teaches them the opposite.

Plan for preteens by using all the resources at your disposal to help them seek the truth of Scripture. Here's what Lifeway has provided as resources for a successful VBX this year!

- **The Bible** (most important resource, always teach from an actual Bible, not an app on your phone. Encourage gamers to bring their Bibles and make a plan to provide a Bible for any child who does not have one at home.)
- **VBS 2024 VBX Preteen Leader Guide** (contains checklists, decorating ideas, Daily Lessons, and lists of supplies needed. A must have for your team planning!) **Everything you could possibly need to lead is in this book! Some pages that I find important to begin studying right away!**

Page 4 - VBX Checklist

Page 5 - Read more about Connecting with Preteens!

Page 6 - Make VBS Great for all Kids!

Page 7 - Decorating Bible Study (I'm planning to have a canoe, tan tarps to be our "beach", blue paper for the water, and make a fire pit for large group!)

Page 43/44 - Supplies List

- **VBS 2024 VBX Preteen Leader Pack** (contains colorful and fun posters, questions, response cards and handouts to use with each lesson)
- **VBS 2024 VBX Preteen Activity Book** (designed for preteens to give a daily overview for each day's Bible story. Also contains fun challenges and activities to engage preteens and reenforce what they have learned.)
- **VBS 2024 Memory Maker** (mnemonic device made of daily tags to help preteens remember each day's Bible story)
- **VBS 2024 Music for Kids CD**
- **Lifeway.com/VBS** order resources for VBS 204!



VBX 3-Hour Schedule:

- Worship Rally (30 minutes)
- Excite (20 minutes)
- Snack (15 minutes)
- Explore (55 minutes)
- Missions (20 minutes)
- Excel (40 minutes).



Here's an overview of what you will do daily. The plan is a bit different from Grades K-4...which makes sense! You know, unique humans here!

Excite introduces the theme and daily Bible content with an icebreaker game and introductory activity. There are several options to choose from each day.

Explore engages preteens in the Bible story and makes the Bible connection to daily life. The Bible story is presented and preteens complete an assignment in their activity book. This is the core content. **Small Group Time** includes the opportunity to discuss the "Small Group Discussion Questions" each day. Remember to pair preteens who are more familiar with the Bible with those who are not. **Crafts are completed during this small group time.**

Excel reviews the Bible story and life application for the day. There are several options to choose from. Here, preteens return to the large group and recreation can take place.

Missions Preteens may return to the VBS rotation for Missions, or Missions information can be presented in VBX Large Group.

Please contact me if you have ANY questions!

I would LOVE to help you plan and make this opportunity the BEST for your preteens!

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