



Scheduling Options

You know your church best. That's why Cokesbury has developed Discovery on Adventure Island VBS to be flexible and adaptable to churches of all sizes, locations, and demographics. Be creative in planning the program and daily schedule that works best for your Explorers!

The following pages contain recommended schedules for how Discovery on Adventure Island VBS could be organized to provide the students with time to experience all that the program has to offer.

Notice that there is a schedule for elementary students at the top of the page and a schedule for preschoolers at the bottom of the page. The program is designed to keep these two groups separate.

The leader books in the Discovery on Adventure Island VBS Super Starter Kit contain the activities for elementary-age students.

The Preschool/Kindergarten Leader book contains activities suited for your youngest Explorers. Trying to use the elementary-age activities with preschoolers will be frustrating for both your leaders and your students.

For students younger than three, check out our free lessons for toddlers and twos available at cokesburyvbs.com.

If you would like your preschoolers to travel to centers, ask the Discovery on Adventure Island VBS Station Leaders to use ideas from the Preschool/ Kindergarten Leader book. The book contains recreation, craft, Bible story, science, and music lesson plans specifically tailored to this age group. (The leaders for the craft, music, science, and recreation centers will also find these adaptations and alternative ideas in their leader books.)

If you are working with students with special needs, please consult Vacation Bible School for Explorers with Special Needs, available as a download from cokesburyvbs.com.

Recommended Scheduling

Two-Hour Program				
<i>(First through Sixth Graders)</i>				
	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
9:00–9:20	Opening Assembly with Mission Time and Music			
9:25–9:40	Craft	Bible Story	Recreation/Snack	Science
9:45–10:00	Science	Craft	Bible Story	Recreation/Snack
10:05–10:20	Recreation/Snack	Science	Craft	Bible Story
10:25–10:40	Bible Story	Recreation/Snack	Science	Craft
10:45–11:00	Reflection Time			

Two-Hour Program	
<i>(Preschoolers and Kindergartners)</i>	
9:00–9:20	Bible Beginnings
9:20–9:30	Gathering Time with Beacon
9:30–9:45	Experience the Bible Story
9:45–9:55	Respond to the Bible Story
9:55–10:05	Science Time
10:05–10:20	Craft Time
10:20–10:35	Recreation Time
10:35–10:45	Snack Time/Missions
10:45–10:55	Music Time
10:55–11:00	Reflection Time



Two-and-a-Half-Hour Program

(First through Sixth Graders)

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
9:00–9:15	Opening Assembly with Mission Time and Music				
9:20–9:35	Craft	Bible Story	Music	Recreation/ Snack	Science
9:40–9:55	Science	Craft	Bible Story	Music	Recreation/ Snack
10:00–10:15	Recreation/ Snack	Science	Craft	Bible Story	Music
10:20–10:35	Music	Recreation/ Snack	Science	Craft	Bible Story
10:40–10:55	Bible Story	Music	Recreation/ Snack	Science	Craft
11:00–11:15	Reflection Time				
11:20–11:30	Closing Assembly				

Two-and-a-Half-Hour Program

(Preschoolers and Kindergartners)

9:00–9:25	Bible Beginnings
9:25–9:40	Gathering Time with Beacon
9:40–9:55	Experience the Bible Story
9:55–10:10	Respond to the Bible Story
10:10–10:25	Science Time
10:25–10:45	Craft Time
10:45–11:00	Recreation Time
11:00–11:10	Snack Time/Missions
11:10–11:25	Music Time
11:25–11:30	Reflection Time

Three-Hour Program

(First through Sixth Graders)

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
9:00–9:20	Opening Assembly with Mission Time and Music					
9:25–9:40	Craft	Bible Story	Music	Recreation	Mission/ Snack	Science
9:45–10:00	Science	Craft	Bible Story	Music	Recreation	Mission/ Snack
10:05–10:20	Mission/ Snack	Science	Craft	Bible Story	Music	Recreation
10:25–10:40	Recreation	Mission/ Snack	Science	Craft	Bible Story	Music
10:45–11:00	Music	Recreation	Mission/ Snack	Science	Craft	Bible Story
11:05–11:20	Bible Story	Music	Recreation	Mission/ Snack	Science	Craft
11:25–11:45	Reflection Time					
11:50–12:00	Closing Assembly					

Three-Hour Program

(Preschoolers and Kindergartners)

9:00–9:30	Bible Beginnings
9:30–9:45	Gathering Time with Beacon
9:45–10:00	Experience the Bible Story
10:00–10:15	Respond to the Bible Story
10:15–10:30	Science Time
10:30–10:55	Craft Time
10:55–11:15	Recreation Time
11:15–11:30	Snack Time/Missions
11:30–11:50	Music Time
11:50–12:00	Reflection Time

Two-Hour Program Options

Option 1-Night

☛ **Four Centers**

- ☛ Bible Story
- ☛ Crafts
- ☛ Recreation/Snack
- ☛ Science

☛ Mission and Music during the Opening Assembly

☛ Final center is Reflection Time

☛ No Closing Assembly

☛ Plan five-minute travel time to each center

Minutes	Example	Event
20	6:00–6:20	Opening Assembly with Mission and Music
15	6:25–6:40	Center One
15	6:45–7:00	Center Two
15	7:05–7:20	Center Three
15	7:25–7:40	Center Four
15	7:45–8:00	Reflection Time

Option 1-Night

☛ **Four Centers**

- ☛ Bible Story
- ☛ Crafts
- ☛ Recreation/Snack
- ☛ Science

☛ Science demonstration during the Opening Assembly

☛ Final center is Reflection Time

☛ No Closing Assembly

☛ Plan five-minute travel time to each center

Minutes	Example	Event
20	9:00–9:20	Opening Assembly with Mission and Science
15	9:25–9:40	Center One
15	9:45–10:00	Center Two
15	10:05–10:20	Center Three
15	10:25–10:40	Center Four
15	10:45–11:00	Reflection Time

Option 1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Four Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Bible Story ⌚ Crafts ⌚ Recreation/Snack ⌚ Science ● Mission during the Opening Assembly ● Final center is Reflection Time ● No Closing Assembly ● Plan five-minute travel time to each center 	Minutes	Example	Event
	25	9:00–9:25	Opening Assembly with Mission and Music
	20	9:30–9:50	Center One
	20	9:55–10:15	Center Two
	20	10:20–10:40	Center Three
	20	10:45–11:05	Center Four
	20	11:10–11:30	Reflection Time

Option 2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Five Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Bible Story ⌚ Crafts ⌚ Recreation/Snack ⌚ Science ⌚ Music ● Reflection Time ● Mission during the Opening Assembly ● Closing Assembly ● Plan five-minute travel time to each center 	Minutes	Example	Event
	15	9:00–9:15	Opening Assembly with Mission
	15	9:20–9:35	Center One
	15	9:40–9:55	Center Two
	15	10:00–10:15	Center Three
	15	10:20–10:35	Center Four
	15	10:40–10:55	Center Five
	15	11:00–11:15	Reflection Time
	10	11:20–11:30	Closing Assembly

Option 3

	Minutes	Example	Event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Five Centers ☑ Bible Story ☑ Crafts ☑ Recreation ☑ Snack ☑ Science 	25	9:00–9:25	Opening Assembly with Mission and Music
	15	9:30–9:45	Center One
☑ Mission and Music during the Opening Assembly	15	9:50–10:05	Center Two
	15	10:10–10:25	Center Three
☑ Final Center is Reflection Time	15	10:30–10:45	Center Four
☑ No Closing Assembly	15	10:50–11:05	Center Five
☑ Plan five-minute travel time to each center	15	11:10–11:30	Reflection Time

Option 4

	Minutes	Example	Event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Four Centers ☑ Bible Story ☑ Crafts ☑ Recreation ☑ Snack 	30	9:00–9:30	Opening with Science Time, Mission, and Music
	15	9:35–9:50	Center One
☑ Science, Mission, and Music during the Opening Assembly	15	9:55–10:10	Center Two
☑ Reflection Time	15	10:15–10:30	Center Three
☑ Closing Assembly	15	10:35–10:50	Center Four
☑ Plan five-minute travel time to each center	15	10:55–11:10	Reflection Time
	15	11:15–11:30	Closing Assembly

Three-Hour Program Options

Option 1

	Minutes	Example	Event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Five Centers ☑ Bible Story ☑ Crafts ☑ Recreation ☑ Science ☑ Snack 	30	9:00–9:30	Opening Assembly with Mission and Music
	15	9:35–9:50	Center One
☑ Mission and Music during the Opening Assembly	15	9:55–10:10	Center Two
	15	10:15–10:30	Center Three
☑ Reflection Time	15	10:35–10:50	Center Four
☑ Closing Assembly	15	10:55–11:10	Center Five
☑ Plan five-minute travel time to each center	15	11:15–11:30	Reflection Time
	25	11:35–12:00	Closing Assembly with Music

	Minutes	Example	Event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Four Centers ☑ Bible Story ☑ Crafts ☑ Recreation ☑ Science 	20	9:00–9:20	Opening Assembly with Mission
	20	9:25–9:45	Center One
☑ Everyone eats snack together at one time	20	9:50–10:10	Center Two
☑ Reflection Time	15	10:15–10:30	Snack Time for everyone
☑ Closing Assembly	20	10:35–10:55	Center Three
☑ Plan five-minute travel time to each center	20	11:00–11:20	Center Four
	20	11:25–11:45	Reflection Time
	10	11:50–12:00	Closing Assembly



Three-Hour Program Options

Option 3

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Five Centers <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Story <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Snack <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Music	Minutes	Example	Event
	25	9:00–9:25	Opening Assembly with Mission
	20	9:30–9:50	Center One
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflection Time	20	9:55–10:15	Center Two
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Closing Assembly	20	10:20–10:40	Center Three
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan five-minute travel time to each center	20	10:45–11:05	Center Four
	20	11:10–11:30	Center Five
	20	11:35–12:00	Reflection Time