



**CREW GUIDES:** Come prepared each day to lead a group of kids through *God's Big Backyard*. Greet them in the morning, help them register and find their name tags, take attendance, help them learn their memory verse, accompany kids to each learning station, ask follow up questions, review the Bible teaching point, pray with them and pray for them. You'll want to work with your co-crew guides to create a unique "backyard" for your kids to enjoy as their home base.

## **SPECIALISTS**

- **Opening/closing program leader:** Plan music for the opening and closing large-group times. Help recruit and work with music team members, drama team and puppet team members. Emphasize the Bible Memory and Life Focus at all sessions.
- **Worship/performance team member:** Serve as part of the music team, help lead singing, take part in the daily skits and work with puppet team members to create a memorable opening and closing worship time that focuses attention on the daily Bible teaching points. Help create a unique set that focuses kids' attention on the events of the day.
- **Bible teacher - elementary level:** Prepare and organize all events at the Backyard Bible Club. Arrive prepared each day to help several groups of children connect with the daily Bible point and life focus. Adjust presentations to meet the needs of kids in various grade levels. Work together with other Bible teaching team members to create a unique space that captivates kids' attention and draws them into the story of the day.
- **Bible teacher - preschool level:** Prepare and organize all events at the Preschool Playground Bible Club. Arrive prepared each day to help several groups of children connect with the daily Bible point and life focus. Adjust presentations to meet the needs of younger and older preschoolers. Work together with other preschool Bible teaching team members to create a unique space that captivates kids' attention and draws them into the story of the day.
- **Community servant guest speaker:** Join us for one morning during the week and share how you have served others. Connect your story to the daily life focus (serve friends, serve neighbors, serve Jesus). Help kids develop excitement about how they can serve others - now and in the future.

- **Community Corner team:** Help identify community servants within our congregation who may be available to talk to kids during VBS. Help them understand the daily Bible point and life focus and help them prepare age appropriate presentations for the kids.
- **Food & Fun team:** Help organize and lead games each day. Help plan, prepare and serve snacks for kids and workers.
- **Craft team:** Select age appropriate crafts that reinforce the daily life focus. Working within a budget, purchase and prepare supplies for each craft. Create samples and instructions. Guide groups of kids in making the crafts, and help ensure each child takes his or her project home. Set up and decorate the Clothesline Creations site.
- **Service Project team:** Work with our Love in Action team to select age-appropriate service projects for older elementary kids. Coordinate with the outside organization or agency to plan the project, ensuring all necessary supplies are available. Work together with the transportation coordinator to get kids to and from the site of the project. Work with the registration team to ensure all necessary permission slips are completed.

## **SUPPORT TEAMS**

- **Supply coordinator:** Work with the director and various team leaders to determine what supplies are needed. Publicize these needs and keep track of supplies on hand. Purchase supplies which are not donated.
- **Preregistration coordinator:** Develop registration forms and distribute. Work with the publicity coordinator to encourage preregistration. Process registrations received in advance and assign kids to groups. Provide registration progress reports to crew guides and station leaders. Create name tags and attendance forms. Develop a database of attendees. Ensure kids who need permissions slips receive and complete them.
- **Registration Team:** Serve daily to help walk-ins register quickly and connect with their groups. Update database of attendees. Ensure kids who need permissions slips receive and complete them. Create name tags and add names to attendance forms.
- **Decorating Coordinator:** Using training materials provided, work with station leaders to develop unique spaces that support the daily life focus and create a unique learning environment. Work with the opening/closing team to develop a creative set for the large group gatherings.
- **Publicity coordinator:** Help get the word out and encourage participation in VBS.
- **Transportation coordinator:** Recruit drivers willing to transport kids to and from service project sites in the church vans. Ensure drivers are pre-screened.
- **Prayer leader:** Encourage congregation to pray for VBS workers and participants. Pray that hearts will be touched and lives will be changed through this ministry.