



Treasured

Discovering You're Priceless to God

VBS Prayer Guide 2021

Treasured VBS is a summer event that helps kids discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's them! This will be a week full of faith, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's amazing love for them. The Wayside Kids staff and VBS Leadership Team are planning a hybrid model offering both Staycation Bible School (SBS) virtually and Vacation Bible School (VBS) on campus.

Every year, it takes an abundance of volunteers to serve in VBS. Developing a team of prayer warriors who will commit to praying for the needs of VBS/SBS on a daily basis is of key importance. Without the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may have a great week of fun, but our goal of equipping these kids with the knowledge and understanding that our God is good and faithful will not happen. If you are willing to be part of our prayer team, we invite you to use this Prayer Guide to pray for our team, as we work to complete every detail in the planning phase, and every facet of the 5 days of VBS and SBS, June 14-18. Together, we can experience the blessings as He changes hearts and minds to know and trust Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

It is our prayer that Wayside's Treasured VBS/SBS will allow everyone involved to discover the richness of God's love and how precious we are to Him.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (AMP)— "Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do super abundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen."

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Before VBS

Please pray that the team will have wisdom and unity as they plan and prepare to welcome children to in person VBS, as well as those attending Staycation Bible School at home.

- ♦ The team will stay focused on God's plan and purposes as they seek His guidance in every aspect of creating a hybrid VBS/SBS.
- ♦ No detail will be overlooked during the planning phase.
- ♦ Families from Wayside will reach out into the neighborhood and host children in their home for SBS either during VBS week or in the weeks following.
- ♦ God will provide helpers in homes and volunteers on campus to serve the kids.
- ♦ There will be good communication and sensitivity to God's leading between the Wayside Kids Team and families with questions and/or problems concerning the curriculum, activities, or special circumstances.
- ♦ Excellent and creative planning for all rotation leaders.
- ♦ Clear instructions for the rotations in the Go-to-Guide for SBS that are easily understood and implemented.

Monday, June 14

Bible Point: God knows you.

Key Bible Verse: "O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me." (Psalm 139:1)

Bible Story: God identifies David as the future king.
(1 Samuel 139:1)

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ The children will understand that Jesus loves and knows everything about them.
- ♦ All aspects of the first day will run smoothly.
- ♦ All VBS/SBS leaders will take time each morning to meet with God in prayer and seek His guidance before the children gather.
- ♦ Everyone teaching and helping will be filled with joy and enthusiasm.
- ♦ God will protect the health and safety of all of the families and children participating.
- ♦ The technology will work well for the families participating in SBS.



Tuesday, June 15

Bible Point: God hears you.

Key Bible Verse: "I love the LORD because He hears my voice and my prayer for mercy." (Psalm 116:1)

Bible Story: David escapes Saul and writes psalms to God. (1 Samuel 23:1-14; Psalm 86))

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ The children will understand that God hears and attends when they talk to Him in prayer, and answers in His timing.
- ♦ The Holy Spirit will lead in everything that is said and done, giving light, wisdom, flexibility, and joy.
- ♦ All who are leading and helping will be sensitive to the needs of each child.
- ♦ The music, words, and lessons during the Opening Assembly will be meaningful to the children.
- ♦ The Bible lessons will be easily understood each day so kids can apply God's Word to their lives.
- ♦ Craft time will run smoothly, and children will be excited about each craft.
- ♦ Children will have fun playing the games and show good sportsmanship.
- ♦ Snack time will run smoothly, and children will be appreciative.



Wednesday, June 16

Bible Point: God comforts you.

Key Bible Verse: "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others." (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Bible Story: God reassures King Hezekah. (2 Kings 18:5–19:34)

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ The children will learn to turn to God for comfort and will give thought and attention to how they can comfort others with God's love.
- ♦ All of the stories, songs, activities, and snacks will help the children to learn and remember that they are treasured by God.
- ♦ God will give wisdom in presenting the Bible lessons and answering the children's questions.
- ♦ During KidVid, the children will see an amazing video each day about a real kid living out their faith. Pray that these videos will inspire children to trust Jesus in deeper ways.
- ♦ The children will be excited for the opportunity to raise money to provide VBS for children in India.



Thursday, June 17

Bible Point: God forgives you.

Key Bible Verse: "But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love." (Nehemiah 9:17)

Bible Story: Jesus reinstates Peter. (John 18:1–21:19)

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ The Gospel presentation during assembly will be powerful and easily understood.
- ♦ Children will learn that:
 - ◇ There is nothing that we can ever do to be good enough to go to heaven because we have all done wrong things that make God sad.
 - ◇ Jesus willingly came to earth to pay the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross.
 - ◇ When we trust Jesus as our Savior and confess our sins to Him, He forgives us for everything that we have done wrong; then He lives within us forever.
 - ◇ Once we have accepted Jesus as our Savior, He provides for us in amazing ways and helps us to grow to be more like Him.
 - ◇ Unbelieving children will trust Jesus to be their Savior.
- ♦ Believing children will grow in their faith and understanding that through Jesus' power, we will live forever.
- ♦ Children will discuss ways that they can share Jesus with other people they know.
- ♦ God will give wisdom and discernment to those counseling the children who make salvation decisions and to those who have questions.



Friday, June 18

Bible Point: God chooses you.

Key Bible Verse: "I have called you by name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

Bible Story: God chooses Esther to save her people. (Esther 2–8)

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ The Gospel presentation, counseling time and follow up will be used by God to draw children into a personal relationship with Jesus.
- ♦ Believing children will gain understanding about their relationship with God and experience a deeper connection with Him.
- ♦ Children will learn that once we have the love of Jesus in our hearts, He wants us to love others.
- ♦ Children will share what they have learned at VBS with others.
- ♦ Children will continue to grow in their relationship with God through worship, prayer, Bible reading and attending church.



AFTER VBS

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ God will help these children remember the Bible verses and God's promises for life.
- ♦ Children and their families will be changed according to Jesus' plan, and the children will continue to be excited to share Jesus with others.
- ♦ New believers will have someone to help them to continue growing in the Lord.
- ♦ Unchurched families will desire to find a church home and grow in their faith.
- ♦ There will be unchurched families who visit Wayside because of this week; pray they will feel welcomed, and that some will choose to become part of the Wayside family.
- ♦ All who participated will sense God's pleasure with their work, and He will bless them.
- ♦ God will continue to use SBS throughout the summer in the lives of other children and families wherever He chooses.

Thank you for joining us in prayer as we have shared the love of Christ with all the children and families that have participated in VBS and SBS. We know that God will answer our prayers in new and exciting ways—as we openly trust Him to guide us and provide for our needs daily. We pray that God will bless you richly for your commitment.

God's Greatest Treasure
Is YOU!

