



# MONUMENTAL

## Celebrating God's Greatness VBS Prayer Guide 2022

As Christians, it is a tremendous blessing to be able to look back and see how God has led us down some pretty difficult roads, giving us strength, wisdom, and guidance. However, when we look forward and see that the path ahead of us is not very clear and sometimes even dark and scary, we are tempted to become fearful—until we stop and remember who our God is. As caring adults, we want to empower our children to know that they can face any fear with confidence—not because of their own strength—but because of the Almighty, Sovereign God that we serve. We want to equip our youth with God's truths and His many promises that they, too, would understand their forever security in Jesus Christ.

On June 13-17, Wayside Chapel will host Vacation Bible School at the 410 Campus, with a curriculum entitled, MONUMENTAL—Celebrating God's Greatness. During these 5 days, children are invited to join us for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the Southwest. Kids will explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of His love for each of them. It will be a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's power and love. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

### **Our Invitation to You:**

Every year, it takes an abundance of volunteers in many different areas to host VBS. Developing a team of prayer warriors that will commit to praying for the needs of VBS on a daily basis is very important. 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 amazing God is all-powerful 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, June 13-17. Together, we can experience the blessings of God as He changes hearts and minds to know that our God is awesome and to trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**Joel 3:16** *The Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel.*

For more information about VBS, please visit [www.WaysideChapel.org/VBS](http://www.WaysideChapel.org/VBS)  
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# Before VBS

Please pray that the VBS Lead Team will have wisdom and unity as they plan and prepare:

- No detail would be overlooked during the planning phase; and that they will stay focused on God as their guide, their strength, and their provider in every aspect of the process.
- The team will stay focused on God's plans and purposes as they seek His guidance in every aspect of the process.
- There will be an abundance of volunteers to meet the needs at all levels, especially crew guides.
- All VBS workers will depend on and be sensitive to the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## Monday, June 13

**Bible Point:** God loves you no matter what.

**Bible Story:** Joseph's family feuds. (Genesis 37)

**Key Verse:** *Your unfailing love will last forever.*  
(Psalm 89:2)

**Bible Memory Buddy:** Harley

**Prayer Requests:**

- All aspects of the first day will run smoothly.
- Children registering on Monday will be placed quickly.
- Everyone leading and helping with VBS will be filled with joy and enthusiasm.
- The children will be excited to come to VBS and will feel welcomed, included, and valued.
- The nurseries will be happy, healthy, and peaceful all week.
- God will protect the health and well-being of everyone involved with VBS, and each person will be able to attend every day.
- Children will understand that God loves us no matter what—and that we can trust Him all of the time.
- Children will learn that they never have to feel afraid when they face challenges because Jesus promises that He will always love us and provide for our needs.



## Tuesday, June 14

**Bible Point:** God is with you everywhere.

**Bible Story:** Joseph is imprisoned (Genesis 39-40)

**Key Verse:** *For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*  
(Joshua 1:9)

**Bible Memory Buddy:** Miley

**Prayer Requests:**

- Arrival and dismissal will run smoothly.
- The Holy Spirit will lead in everything that is said and done—giving light, wisdom, flexibility, and joy.
- Volunteers will know God better and love Him more through their serving.
- Children will understand that even when life seems scary, God is with us to help & guide us. We never have to be afraid because Jesus is with us wherever we go to protect us and provide for our needs.
- As the children take part in daily assemblies, they will be excited about the music, the words, and the lessons they are learning about our wonderful & amazing God.
- The Bible lessons will be easy to understand each day.
- Leaders and helpers will be sensitive to the needs of each child.
- Children will be excited to share the Bible stories and truths with their family and friends when they get home each day.
- The Bible Memory Buddies will help the children to know and understand Bible Points.



## Wednesday, June 15

**Bible Point:** God is in charge.

**Bible Story:** Joseph gets new responsibilities. (Genesis 41)

**Key Verse:** *How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!*  
(Psalm 147:5)

**Bible Memory Buddy:** Howell

**Prayer Requests:**

- The kids will begin to understand that even when life changes, God will never change. He promises to never leave us, and He knows our needs. We are safe and secure because our God is completely in charge of everything, in all places, and at all times.
- Each leader and helper will have joy and enthusiasm.
- God will give wisdom in presenting the Bible lessons and how to answer the children's questions.
- All of the stories, songs, activities, and snacks will help the children to learn and remember that God has very special plans for our lives. We are His children, and He is always with us to guide us and provide for our needs.
- The kids will be very impacted in hearing Jason's message each day about the needs of kids Rwanda.
- Children will be excited about raising money to provide food, hygiene kits and Bibles through African New Life Ministries, and they will be encouraged to know how these gifts will impact the children's education and spiritual growth.



## Thursday, June 16

**Bible Point:** God is stronger than anything.

**Bible Story:** Jesus dies and comes back to life.  
(Luke 23-24:12)

**Key Verse:** *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.* (Romans 8:38)

**Bible Memory Buddy:** Rollo

**Prayer Requests:**



- Children will understand what Jesus did for us when He willingly went to the cross.
- The Gospel presentation in the small groups and assembly will be strong and easily understood.
- Children will learn that when we trust Jesus as our Savior and confess our sins to Him, He forgives us for all of our sins and stays with us forever.
- Children will discuss that even when life is sad...God is still good. He always knows when we are struggling, and He promises to stay with us so He can help us.
- Unbelieving children will trust Jesus to be their Savior.
- Believing children will grow in their faith and understanding that Jesus is always with us to help us and to encourage our hearts.
- God will give wisdom and discernment to those counseling the children who make salvation decisions.
- Children will discuss ways that they can share Jesus' love and promises with other people they know.

## Friday, June 17

**Bible Point:** God is surprising.

**Bible Story:** Joseph reunites with his family. (Genesis 42-45)

**Key Verse:** *Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!*

**Bible Memory Buddy:** Jet

**Prayer Requests:**

- Children will begin to understand what a "miracle" is—and that nothing is too hard for our God—because He is our all-powerful miracles worker.
- Children will begin to understand that each day of life is a precious gift from God; that He has a special and beautiful plan for each one of His children; and that life is good when we trust God—because He is good—no matter what.
- Children will discuss how and why it is important to remember the special ways that God blesses us every day.
- God will give wisdom and discernment to those counseling the children who make salvation decisions.
- Lives will be changed, according to Jesus' plan, and the children will be excited to share Jesus' love and promises with others.



# AFTER VBS

## Prayer Requests:

- God will help these children remember the Bible verses and God's promises for life.
- The new, young 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.
- That families who visit Wayside because of VBS will feel welcomed; and that some will choose to become part of the Wayside family.
- Volunteers will sense God's pleasure with their efforts, and He will bless them.
- Lives will be changed according to Jesus' plan, and the children will be excited to share Jesus' love and promises with others.
- Volunteers will feel appreciated and desire to participate next year.

Thank you for being a vital part of our VBS team. With your prayer support, we have shared the love of Christ and His truths with every child who came to VBS. We know that God is faithful to answer our prayers in ways that we could never think or imagine, and we trust the Lord to continue to guide us and provide for the needs of these children and their families daily. We are grateful for your prayer support and pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly--and in ways that will remind you daily of His promises to you.

**Romans 8:38-39** *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

