

Weekend VBS

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Friday *(two hours)*

Time	Activity
6:00–6:30	Opening Assembly and Music
6:35–6:55	Bible story 1 with active learning option
7:00–7:20	Session 1 Craft
7:25–7:45	Session 1 Science
7:50–8:00	Closing Assembly

Saturday *(six hours)*

9:00–9:30	Opening Assembly and Music
9:35–9:55	Bible story 2 with active learning option
10:00–10:20	Session 2 Craft
10:25–10:45	Recreation
10:50–11:10	Bible story 3 with active learning option
11:15–11:35	Session 3 Science
11:40–12:10	Lunch
12:15–12:35	Music
12:40–1:00	Bible story 4 with active learning option
1:05–1:25	Session 4 Craft
1:30–1:50	Bible story 5 with active learning option
1:55–2:15	Session 5 Science
2:20–2:35	Reflection Time
2:40–3:00	Closing Assembly

This Knights of North Castle weekend schedule covers a two-hour session plus a six-hour session, but may be adapted as needed!

- Begin on Friday evening with Opening Assembly and activities from Session 1. Rotate groups between Bible story, Craft, and Science stations.
- Continue Saturday with Sessions 2–5. Rotate in four groups between the four sessions.
- Use the Bible story, an active learning option, a Craft, and a Science activity from each session.
- Provide lunch or have everyone bring a sack lunch for Saturday.
- Hold your Community Celebration on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. See page 90 for End-of-VBS Community Celebration ideas!

One-Day VBS

This Knights of North Castle One-Day VBS schedule covers a 6½-hour day (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), but may be adapted as needed.

Choose the number of stories you'd like to cover in your day, and allow five minutes at the end of each activity to rotate to the next.

Five-Story Method

- 🏰 At the Bible Story Station, include the active learning option plus time to work on **Student Books**. Save time for one activity to complement the story.
- 🏰 Have five groups rotate among the five stories.

Three-Story Method

- 🏰 Choose three stories—we suggest Sessions 2, 3, and 4. At the Bible Story Station, include the active learning option and add a Science activity, Craft, or Recreation activity to each story time.

One-Story Method

- 🏰 Use Session 2, “David Defeats Goliath” (1 Samuel 17:1-50a).
- 🏰 Tell the Session 4 story, “Mary’s Journey to Bethlehem,” during lunch.
- 🏰 Include a hands-on mission idea to inspire Knights to serve others.
- 🏰 Travel to four activity centers—Crafts, Recreation, Music, and Science—during the day.
- 🏰 Finish the session with the Knights in Reflection Time to review all that they have done.

Five-Story Method

Time	Activity
9:00–9:30	Opening assembly with Music
9:35–10:35	Bible story 1 with Recreation
10:40–11:40	Bible story 2 with Craft
11:45–12:15	Lunch
12:20–1:20	Bible story 3 with Recreation
1:25–2:25	Bible story 4 with Science
2:30–3:30	Bible story 5 with Recreation
3:35–4:00	Closing Assembly with Music

Three-Story Method

Time	Activity
9:00–9:30	Opening Assembly with Music
9:35–10:45	Bible story 2 with Science
10:50–12:00	Bible story 3 with Recreation option
12:05–12:45	Lunch
12:50–1:25	Music
1:30–2:40	Bible story 4 with Craft
2:35–3:00	Closing Assembly

One-Story Method

Time	Activity
9:00–9:45	Opening Assembly and Bible story
9:50–10:35	First Activity Station
10:40–11:25	Second Activity Station
11:30–12:15	Lunch with Bible story
12:20–1:05	Third Activity Station
1:10–1:55	Fourth Activity Station
2:00–2:45	Reflection Time
2:50–3:30	Closing Assembly

Day Camp/Extended VBS

This One-Day VBS schedule covers a six-hour day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), but may be adapted as needed.

- ✘ Expanded time in each station gives your Knights more time to complete activities and fully explore all the connections to the Bible story tie-ins.
- ✘ In a six-hour schedule, Knights rotate to five stations; in a nine-hour schedule, Knights rotate to six stations. Allow five minutes to move between each event.
- ✘ Incorporate both the **Student Books** and the **Reproducible Fun Pages** to extend the learning.
- ✘ Make more than one craft during craft time. Allow Knights an opportunity to make their own snacks in connection with lunchtime activities.
- ✘ After lunch, have a devotional time. Sing “Our God” or “Jesus You Remain” as a prayer song.

Six-Hour Program

Time	Activity
9:00–9:15	Arrival and Check-in
9:15–9:45	Opening Assembly with Music
9:50–10:35	Station One
10:40–11:25	Station Two
11:30–12:10	Lunch and Mission Time
12:15–1:00	Station Three
1:05–1:50	Station Four
1:55–2:40	Station Five
2:45–3:00	Closing Assembly

Nine-Hour Program

Time	Activity
8:00–8:20	Arrival and Check-in
8:25–8:55	Childcare Registration
9:00–9:20	Opening Assembly
9:25–10:10	Station One
10:15–11:00	Station Two
11:05–11:50	Station Three
11:50–12:50	Lunch and Create Snacks
12:55–1:10	Devotional and Music
1:15–2:00	Station Four
2:05–2:50	Station Five
2:55–3:40	Station Six
3:45–4:15	Reflection Time
4:20–4:45	Closing Assembly
4:50–5:00	Departure

Recommended Scheduling

Two-Hour Program: Rotation

<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: Classroom

<i>(Preschoolers and Kindergartners)</i>	
9:00–9:20	Bible Beginnings
9:20–9:30	Gathering Time with Sparky the Dragon Puppet
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

Three-Hour Program: Rotation

(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: Classroom

9:00–9:30	Bible Beginnings
9:30–9:45	Gathering Time with Sparky the Dragon Puppet
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-and-a-Half-Hour Program: Rotation

(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: Classroom

(Preschoolers and Kindergartners)

9:00–9:25	Bible Beginnings
9:25–9:40	Gathering Time with Sparky the Dragon Puppet
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

Recruit Your Team Leaders

Recruiting your Team Leaders is different than recruiting other volunteers. Team Leaders are specialists in their areas and should be hand-selected people you can trust to follow through and be role models in your VBS for vision, safety, and healthy engagement with Knights and other team members.

What you need:

You are looking for committed adult volunteers eager to serve and lead Knights in an awesome experience. You want people who:

- ✔ fit the qualifications for Safe Sanctuaries and/or other child safety standards for your church
- ✔ love Knights and enjoy working with them
- ✔ want to make God's love known in a child's life
- ✔ are patient, dependable, and committed
- ✔ see and acknowledge every child as made in the image of God...because they are!

Roles to fill now:

- ✔ **Station Leaders** for Assembly, Bible Story, Science, Craft, Recreation, Snack, Preschool, Youth study, Adult study, and Mission.
- ✔ a **Decorating Leader** to help you plan and collect supplies for exciting VBS spaces
- ✔ a **Publicity Team** to help you plan and implement publicity and community outreach efforts

Where to find them:

- ✔ Leaders from previous years' VBS
- ✔ Current and former Sunday school teachers
- ✔ College students home for the summer
- ✔ Teachers with flexible summer schedules
- ✔ Parents and grandparents of Knights
- ✔ Retired or other older adults

How to begin:

- ✔ Always begin with prayer. Ask God for help finding the right people for the jobs.
- ✔ Announce VBS dates early so potential team members can plan their schedules accordingly
- ✔ Remind the congregation that VBS is one of the biggest, most successful community outreach opportunities, and it needs everyone's support!
- ✔ Personally approach people you feel would be good leaders to gauge interest, incentivize, and invite them to participate.
- ✔ Print FREE sample curriculum resources from CokesburyVBS.com to present to potential Station Leaders as they are considering.
- ✔ Ask people to pray about their involvement in Knights of North Castle. Encourage potential leaders to consider the value of sharing God's amazing love with Knights.

What's next:

- Once you have your team leaders signed on, then:
- ✔ Direct them to CokesburyVBS.com and ask them to watch the **Recruitment Video** and explore the available resources.
 - ✔ Give each Station Leader their corresponding leader book to begin planning.
 - ✔ Ask them to assist developing support teams.
 - ✔ Schedule meeting dates for planning.

See the FREE Resources at
CokesburyVBS.com for a Team Leader
Roster you can download and print!