



# SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

MISSION:  
**DEEP SEA**

The most typical VBS format is for it to take place for four to five consecutive weekdays (e.g., Monday – Friday, Monday – Thursday, Tuesday – Friday, Wednesday – Saturday, etc.). While we have provided two ways to structure your VBS during the week, VBS doesn't have to be the traditional one-week, daytime program in order for it to be deemed successful! For example, you can follow our evening program schedule for a more condensed programming in the evening, or you can follow them for morning programs, too. Or, if you prefer, you can take each of the sessions and spread them out over a month, with one VBS day per week. Don't be afraid to get creative with scheduling as it works for your specific context!

## WEEKDAY PROGRAM

This is a suggested schedule for a typical day in a program that would run from 9am to 3pm (six hours) during the week, using all of the modules provided in the Lesson Guide.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
7:00-8:00	<b>SET-UP:</b> Prepare each meeting room. Make sure audio and visual equipment is functional. Prep game stations and organize all supplies needed for the day.
8:00-8:30	<b>VOLUNTEER MEETING:</b> Meet with your team and cover all the details for the day. They should know everything you know before start time! <i>**Designate a "waiting room" for kids who arrive early. You can play a video, some music, or leave out some games and toys.**</i>
8:30-9:00	<b>CHECK-IN:</b> At check-in, each kid will receive their name tags, and then head to the waiting room or main meeting space.
9:00-10:00	<b>WHAT? What are we talking about?:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Countdown video (5 mins.)</li><li>● Worship (15 mins.)</li><li>● Activities (40 mins.)</li></ul>



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## WEEKDAY PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:00-11:00	<b>SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Teaching Skit (7 mins.)</li><li>● Small Group Activity (15 mins.)</li><li>● Scripture (15 mins.)</li><li>● The Big Idea (5 mins.)</li><li>● Object Lesson or Activity (15 mins.)</li><li>● Prayer (3 mins.)</li><li>● Snack and Discussion (15 mins.)</li></ul>
11:00-12:00	<b>PLAY STATIONS:</b> Allow free play or use the suggested rotations in the Lesson Guide.
12:00-1:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00-2:30	<b>NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Transition video (5 mins.)</li><li>● Application Activities (30 mins.)</li><li>● Craft (30 mins.)</li><li>● Memory Verse Activity (10 mins.)</li><li>● Sign Language Memory Verse (5 mins.)</li><li>● Review Songs of the Day (10 mins.)</li></ul>
2:30-3:00	<b>PICK-UP:</b> Replay the countdown videos from earlier in the day while kids wait to be picked up!
3:00-3:30	<b>VOLUNTEER DEBRIEF:</b> Hear from your volunteers about how the day went. Take note of any necessary changes that need to be implemented for the following day, such as adjustments to schedules or volunteer assignments.
3:30-4:00	<b>CLEAN-UP:</b> Tidy up all meeting spaces. Set-up for the following day.



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## EVENING PROGRAM

This is a suggested schedule for a typical day in a program that would run from 6pm to 9 pm (three hours) during the week, using some of the modules provided in the Lesson Guide. You could use this model for half-day programs during the day, as well (e.g., 9am-12pm).

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
4:00-5:00	<b>SET-UP:</b> Prepare each meeting room. Make sure audio and visual equipment is functional. Prep game stations and organize all supplies needed for the day.
5:00-5:30	<b>VOLUNTEER MEETING:</b> Meet with your team and cover all the details for the day. They should know everything you know before start time! **Designate a "waiting room" for kids who arrive early. You can play a video, some music, or leave out some games and toys.**
5:30-6:00	<b>CHECK-IN:</b> At check-in, each kid will receive their name tags, and then head to the waiting room or main meeting space.
6:00-6:30	<b>WHAT? What are we talking about today?:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Countdown video (5 mins.)</li><li>● Worship (15 mins.)</li></ul>
6:30-7:30	<b>SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Small Group Activity (15 mins.)</li><li>● Scripture (15 mins.)</li><li>● The Big Idea (5 mins.)</li><li>● Object Lesson or Activity (7 mins.)</li><li>● Prayer (3 mins.)</li><li>● Snack and Discussion (15 mins.)</li></ul>



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7:30-8:30	<b>NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Application Activities (25 mins.)</li><li>● Craft (25 mins.)</li><li>● Memory Verse Activity (10 mins.)</li></ul>
8:30-9:00	<b>PICK-UP:</b> Replay the countdown videos from earlier in the day while kids wait to be picked up!
9:00-9:30	<b>VOLUNTEER DEBRIEF:</b> Hear from your volunteers about how the day went. Take note of any necessary changes that need to be implemented for the following day, such as adjustments to schedules or volunteer assignments.
9:30-10:00	<b>CLEAN-UP:</b> Tidy up all meeting spaces. Set-up for the following day.

## MINI EVENT

You could choose to make your program a 4-day VBS or add in the mini event suggestions for Session 5 to round out the week (or month). See the Lesson Guide for some suggestions on how to fill out this last day!