



# VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATION GUIDE

MISSION:  
**DEEP SEA**

## INSTRUCTIONS

### EMAIL & HUDDLES

Some volunteers like to hear from you through regular emails, but other volunteers need in-person conversations, so we've provided both!

Get your **volunteer emails** for this series [right here](#). And get your **volunteer huddle guides** [right here](#).

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Once you have your emails written, you can repurpose the content in that email on your social media platforms. For volunteers, we recommend using your **Facebook page to broadcast information to everyone** and a **Facebook group to start conversations just for volunteers**.

**Use the Big Ideas, graphics, videos, and teaching content we provide** to fill up the teaching-related portions of your social media plan each day.

We've also written session posts to volunteers about each day of this series that you can use if you'd like. **Copy and paste these daily posts** into either a spreadsheet, a post scheduling service like [Buffer](#), or directly onto your favorite social media platform.

Hey team! Our VBS this summer is called Mission: Deep Sea! Check your email for all the details!

Session 1 of Mission Deep Sea is almost here! We're going to be talking about what happened when Moses and the Israelites got to the Red Sea. Here is the Big Idea: People can help my faith grow.

This session, we're looking at how Jesus used a kid's lunch to feed a huge crowd. Here is the Big Idea: My faith grows deeper when I use my gifts.

In Session 3 of Mission: Deep Sea, we're taking a look at the salvation story and what Jesus did for us. Here is the Big Idea: My faith grows deeper when I spend time with God.

It's our final session of Mission: Deep Sea! It's been a great conversation with the kids so far. We're closing with a conversation about Jonah and the message he told the people of Nineveh. Here is the Big Idea: My faith grows deeper when I share my story.

And don't forget to use the [#growcurriculum](#) hashtag when you post!



# VOLUNTEER HUDDLE GUIDES

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## THE HUDDLE FORMULA

A huddle is a quick 10-20 minute gathering of volunteers before your service. Use that time to cast vision, celebrate wins, share helpful information, and pray over your ministry and team before the service begins. The best way to remember your priorities for this meeting is like this:

**V.I.P. = Vision + Information + Prayer.**

- **VISION:** Share some stories of wins and remind your volunteers why their jobs matter.
- **INFORMATION:** Share announcements, and do some quick training and policy reminders.
- **PRAYER:** Pray together for your church, your ministry, your kids, and the people on your team.

### SESSION 1

## VISION

- **Get to know your kids!** Ask them fun things throughout the day. Also, do a headcount every time your small group gets together and make sure no one strays from the group.
- VBS can be a valuable shared experience that kids look back on in years to come. **Be intentional** about providing kids opportunities to connect with each other. It might be in encouraging all the kids to share during discussion times, or having them work in pairs to complete an activity.
- What are you most excited about for VBS?

## INFORMATION

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **POLICY REMINDER:**

## PRAYER

## SESSION 2

**VISION**

- This session is all about gifts, and using them for God. This is a great time to **help kids explore their gifts** and bolster their confidence by having them articulate them out loud.
- Try to think of some gifts that aren't so obvious and keep them in your back pocket, so to speak. Some kids may feel they aren't any good at the more visible skills, but they might discover they have gifts in other areas (e.g., listening, thinking outside the box, keeping the peace, etc.).
- What's an unusual talent or skill you have?

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## SESSION 3

**VISION**

- Session 3 is WHY we do VBS! Even kids who have been attending church for a while may still be hazy about the salvation message. Talk through what Jesus did for us in small understandable chunks, and pause for questions.
- If at any time you sense that one or more of your kids want to know more and you'd like to spend time with them, let the leadership know so that we can connect with them, or you can, while we ask someone else to cover your group!
- Let's share a VBS win thus far!

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## SESSION 4

**VISION**

- It's our last day of VBS. If you have any kids in your group who don't come out to church, gently encourage them to join us on a regular basis!
- Kids might ask the question like why God wanted to punish Nineveh, and if God will punish us, too. **Remind the kids that God LOVES us**, and doesn't want us to have to face the results of our own wrongdoings.
- Let's take a moment to celebrate [volunteer] for [specific reason]!

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## SESSION 5

**VISION**

- For our final day of VBS, we will be [name your chosen activity/event]. Please arrive at [time] and help us send off the kids with a SPLASH! Literally!

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**PRAYER**