



VOLUNTEER HUDDLE GUIDES

MISSION:
DEEP SEA

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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PRAYER

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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PRAYER

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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PRAYER

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