



VBS 2026 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is VBS?

VBS 2026 will be Monday, July 20- Friday, July 24, 9am-12pm (drop off begins at 8:50)

Who can participate?

Our VBS is open to all families for children 5 years old (as of July 20, 2026)- completed 6th grade students. VBS is open to our Mount Vernon Baptist Church families as well as families from the community.

Is there a cost for VBS?

No, VBS is a free camp!

How do I register?

Registration opens March 22, 2026. You can register at mountvernon.church/kids. **Pre-registration only**, and space is limited.

Can I volunteer?

If you are interested in volunteering, please register at mountvernon.church/kids. We will contact you to get any additional information needed and to confirm your volunteer role. Volunteers, please be sure and register any children that will attend VBS with you, including any children 4 and under who will attend childcare.

All volunteers are asked to attend our VBS Volunteer Training on Sunday, July 12, 2:00-4:00. Youth volunteers will also be required to attend an additional training Wednesday, July 15 at 6pm.

Can my middle or high school student volunteer?

We love serving alongside our middle and high school students, **completed 7th grade** and older.

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Will there be an online option?

1st- 4th grade VBS Worship Rally will be live streamed to mountvernon.church/kids each morning from 9:45-10:15.

What if I register but find out we aren't able to attend after all?

If you register and your plans change, please email mives@mountvernon.church to let us know.

What safety and health precautions and procedures will be in place?

Keeping our kids safe is a top priority! All of our volunteers are background checked, trained, and working in pairs. We ask that children attending Mount Vernon Kids classes and programming be symptom-free without the aid of medication for 24 hours.

What will my kids need to bring to VBS each day?

We ask that each child brings their own nut-free snack and a water bottle. Both will remain in the Small Group room throughout the day. Water and an ice pop will be provided to each child at Rec. Kids should wear play clothes and comfortable shoes.

What support is available for children with special needs and/ or health concerns?

Please contact Ashley Jones, Minister for Special Needs to Children and Students (ajones@mountvernon.church), to discuss availability of support and accommodations to create a safe and comfortable experience for your child.

Mount Vernon Special Needs Ministry decides what support and setting will best set your child up for success based on:

- your child's individual needs
- our own observations
- what resources we have available at Mount Vernon.

VBS is available to children who can safely participate in both small group and large group settings. 1:1 support is offered as volunteer buddies are available. Space is limited for children receiving 1:1 support, and a waitlist may be in place. There is not a self-contained setting currently offered for children who would benefit from a separate environment. Once registered online, your family will be contacted with more information.

Once you've registered, watch your email for additional information leading up to VBS! If you have further questions, please email us at mives@mountvernon.church or call Michelle at (804) 270-6600, Ext 118.