

The Incredible Race – Where Jesus Made the Way!

June 8–11, 2026

On your mark... get set... go!

A race — but not just any race. A race packed with fun clues, exciting challenges, and a global scavenger hunt like you've never seen! But it's also about another race — the one that began in the Garden of Eden and continues today... the human race.



In **The Incredible Race** from Answers VBS, we'll travel from continent to continent, stopping before, during, and after the Tower of Babel to discover how this true story still matters in our world today — and how Jesus made the way for us to be one family again.

In past years, we've shortened our week. But this year, each lesson builds on the next — so every day truly matters! To kick things off, we'll begin with a special VBS Opening Presentation on **Sunday, June 7, from 9:15–10:40 am**, in place of our regular Sunday School time. We would love to have your family join us for this exciting start to the week! You're also warmly invited to stay for worship at 10:45 am.

If you're unable to attend on Sunday, don't worry — we'll share a short recap on Monday, so no one misses out.

🏁 **We can't wait to race around the world together!**

🎨 VBS Decorating Help

We'd love your help getting everything ready for our big adventure!

- Help make decorations at home
 - Join us at church on **Sunday, May 3, and Sunday, May 31 | 12:30–4:00 pm** (lunch included!)
 - Help on Wednesdays until VBS | **3:00–5:00 pm or 6:00–8:00 pm**
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🎉 VBS Kickoff – Sunday, June 7

Come celebrate and get excited for the week!

- **9:00 am** – Early registration begins
- **9:30–10:30 am** – Learn VBS songs, explore Basecamp projects, and meet crew leaders
- **10:45 am** – Contemporary worship service featuring our VBS theme

VBS: The Incredible Race

Monday–Thursday

- Check-in begins daily at **8:15 am**
- All children begin in the gym
- Each child will be assigned to a “Crew” upon arrival
- Drop-off and pick-up will be with your Crew Leader
- **Pick-up is at 12:00 noon** (please bring your pickup number card each day)

Please arrive on time so your child doesn't miss any of the fun!

VBS Carnival – Thursday Evening

Thursday, June 11 | 6:00 pm

Bring the whole family for our International Carnival celebration!

- Closing program featuring all VBS kids
 - International games
 - Bounce houses
 - Water games
 - Petting zoo
 - Food and drinks
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New This Year!

Our gym will be transformed into countries from around the world, creating an exciting, immersive global adventure for kids!

Throughout the week, kids will participate in three types of challenges:

Individual Challenges

Each day, kids will receive two personal challenges. Complete them and enter a daily prize drawing!

Team Challenges

Teams will work together at every station to earn points. The top team each day wins prizes — and a new team can win daily!

All-Kids VBS Challenge

Teams are grouped into five continents and will complete large challenges together. When their continent reaches the goal, everyone wins!

Mission Project: Around the World

Since we're traveling the globe, we'll also support missionaries serving on nearly every continent.

- Watch short video updates from missionaries
 - Give donations to earn "mission money"
 - Use mission money in our fun store to "purchase" items and help build our giant world map display
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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns at [**jstoltenow@sothfamily.org**](mailto:jstoltenow@sothfamily.org)

Joy in Jesus,

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