



Welcome to VBS 2018! This year your children will experience **Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!** Each day's theme will be taught through Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and other activities.

Throughout the week we will be collecting donations to continue supporting our two sponsor children through an organization called Compassion Canada (similar to World Vision). Our goal is to raise enough money at VBS to support them for an entire year. **If each child brings \$5 for the week, we will reach our goal!** Please consider donating to this project.

Other notes:

- Our program runs daily from **9:15am – 12:15pm**. **Please join us at 11:50am in the Gym** for the daily closing session to see what your kids have been up to! Children will be dismissed immediately following the closing session.
- Elementary-aged participants: drop off and pick up in the **GYM**.
- Preschool participants: Drop off and pick up in the **LOUNGE** behind the Gym. Sign your child in directly with their group leaders. Preschoolers will return to the Lounge after the closing program for pick up.
- Your child will receive a **special bag** to bring back with them EVERY DAY. Bring your Bible in your bag! Kids who bring a Bible will earn a Bethany Buck each day. If you don't have a Bible we'll give you one – ask for one at the Memory Station!
- Your child will be issued a **coloured wristband** – for security purposes, it is very important that they wear the wristband while at VBS. If your child loses his/her wristband, we will issue a new one each day.
- We will be providing a **nut-free snack** for your child each day. **If your child has additional food allergies, please provide your own snack.** Contact our office for snack specifics if needed.
- Our ever-popular **Bible memory verse program** continues this year. On Monday morning, your child will receive a list of Bible memory verses (please note: there is a separate, simpler preschool memory verse list for children in the "pink" group only). As they memorize the verses, they can come to the Memory Station in the gym to say their verse(s), and earn tickets that they can redeem for cool prizes. They can also say verses to their group leader. The Memory Station will be open before the opening session and after the closing session Tuesday-Friday. Encourage your child to participate – you can even learn the verses too!
- Visit our **book table** in the hall outside the gym from Tuesday-Friday. We will have a selection of age-appropriate children's Bibles, and books for various ages available, as well as the **Shipwrecked Music CD** (\$15 while supplies last). Come check it out!
- If your child will be absent from VBS, please let the church office know (604-519-0123 / receptionist@bethanybaptist.bc.ca).

Thanks so much for sending your kids – they're going to have a GREAT week! 😊