

## Vacation Bible School 2005 Format Options

**Different time schedule:** Have VBS in the afternoon or evening instead of the morning.

**Saturday-to-Thursday:** Begin on Saturday morning, followed by a community picnic on the church grounds. Then run a normal schedule Monday through Thursday.

**One-day-a-week:** Pick a day (even Saturday) and have VBS over a period of five weeks.

**Split-day:** Have one age group in the morning and another in the afternoon or evening.

**All-day VBS:** Follow a traditional schedule in the morning, serve lunch (or have kids bring a bag lunch), then arrange special recreational activities, field trips, etc. in the afternoon. (You may need to include a nap time for the younger children)>

**Family Bible School:** Meet in the evening for two to two and one-half hours. Add classes or special guest speakers for youth and adults. Some churches may even have crafts for the adults. What about starting with a light supper each night to make it convenient for busy families?

**Neighborhood Bible Club:** If you have difficulty getting kids to VBS, take VBS to them. Use one or more homes or other convenient sites in the neighborhood. Assemble different age groups in different locations.

**Day camp:** Move everything to a nearby camp or conference center. This alternative can be combined with the *All-day VBS* schedule (listed above).



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