

“Why You Should Volunteer at VBS”

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What This fun script helps you recruit volunteers for VBS or church camp, listing all the reasons that someone would benefit from helping.

Themes: VBS, Volunteers, Church Camp, Kids Ministry, Serving

Who Actor 1
Actor 2

When Present

Wear (Props) VBS, Church Camp, or Children’s Ministry T-shirts or costumes that match your current event theme

Why 1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 5:15-16; Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 19:14

How Replace “VBS” with whatever church event you’re recruiting volunteers. Be contagious with your energy and excitement! Be very careful that reader Actor 2’s lines are delivered with an understanding humor and not dripping with sarcasm or disinterest or in any way communicating that he or she dislikes volunteering at VBS. Reader Actor1 – don’t be afraid to insert some knowing laughter and responsive body language at Actor 2’s lines. This is in no way a battle of reasons between Actor1 and Actor 2. They’re persuading in concert.

This script would also make a fun video. You can do different shots in different locations like your kids ministry rooms, gym, church break room, etc.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Actors already in place. Lights up.

Actor 1: It's only _____ (*insert number*) weeks until we host Vacation Bible School!

Actor 2: That's right. VBS will take place this year on _____ (*inset dates & times*) right here.

Actor 1: And we think YOU would be a great part of our volunteer team.

Actor 2: There are so many ways to help! You can work directly with kids in many, many different ways.

Actor 1: Or you can work behind the scenes in administration, security, food prep, ground and facilities, parking, greeting, and several other areas. (*Adapt this list to what works best for your church.*)

Actor 2: And if you're artsy but also better with grownups, you can help with decorations or production.

Actor 1: No matter what your talents, interests, experiences, or even availability—we can find a place for you on this summer's team.

Actor 2: So, you may be wondering, "*Why* should I volunteer?"

Actor 1: Well, first and foremost, because you want to glorify God—to point to His goodness, His salvation, and His awesomeness.

Actor 1: And also because kids are hilarious and you don't want to miss any of the crazy things they say and do. (*Point to one of the kids in the audience or call them by name*) Yeah, I'm looking at you, kiddo.

Actor 2: Yes! You want the opportunity to be amazed at how God has created every child uniquely wonderful and be led to worship by that fact.

Actor 1: And then, well...free snacks, ya'll! (*If you have a volunteer who everyone knows kills it in the kitchen department, give them a shout out here! For example, "I see you, Thelma Barber." Or "Two words, ya'll – Thelma Barber."*)

Actor 2: (*shrugs and laughs in agreement*) And since we don't live on rice cereal treats alone, you'll want this opportunity to be exposed to Scripture every single day and memorize God's Word along with the children...maybe, even with hand motions!

Actor 1: And you'll want to volunteer because you really don't sweat enough during 90+ degree summer days and you truly enjoy full body and complete mind fatigue.

Actor 2: *(reassures Actor1 with a pat on the back)* And because you want to connect with other believers at _____ *(insert church name)* in a way that only happens when you work, sweat, pray, laugh, cry, and serve together doing both fun things and hard things.

Actor 1: And we know you've secretly always longed to wear one of these VBS shirts. *(If you're wearing one, definitely draw attention to it. Or if you can time it right, have someone off stage throw you one.)*

Actor 2: Nice.

Actor 1: It's a look.

Actor 2: And you want to be trained in an area of service that will help you grow and develop as a disciple of Christ and in your area of skill.

Actor 1: Or because you love the smell of sweaty 3rd graders after game time. Mmm....delightful.

Actor 2: *(laughs or grimaces or both)* And because you understand the value of community with other followers of Jesus.

Actor 1: And you're looking forward to having the same VBS song playing over and over and over endlessly in your head for the rest of the summer. *(If you have a wonderful music and dance director or team, acknowledge them here with a "tongue in cheek" thanks! For example, "Thank you, Groove Team." Or "Thanks a lot, Mrs. Jennifer.")*

Actor 2: Because you want your children to see you selflessly serving and learning that there is something so much greater than living for yourself.

Actor 1: And because it's totally convenient to volunteer at VBS since you don't really have anything else to do on a summer day—no job, no housework or yardwork, no vacation plans or summer camps, and no swim lessons or sports to worry about.

Actor 2: *(laughs)* Yeah, right. Instead you should volunteer because you want to make the most of the season, "taking advantage of every opportunity" like Ephesians 5 teaches. *(Ephesians 5:15-16 NET)*

Actor 1: And because glue and glitter are your friends. Sparkles, people. Lots and lots of sticky sparkles.

Actor 2: Or because you deeply desire *eternal* treasure—something that will last long beyond this summer. (*Matthew 6:19-21*)

Actor 1: ...unlike that tissue paper and popsicle stick craft you can't wait to make and put on your fridge.

Actor 2: But seriously. Because children need Jesus.

Actor 1: Families need Jesus.

Actor 2: YOU need Jesus.

Actor 1: Come share in God's heart for our community.

Actor 2: Let His purposes impact You.

Actor 1: While He impacts eternity through you.

NOTE: This script answers some of the "why's." This would be a great place for your coordinator to make a brief announcement on HOW and WHERE to sign up to volunteer for VBS. Or add an additional line for your actors that gives brief but specific instructions. You could start with "To get started, _____."