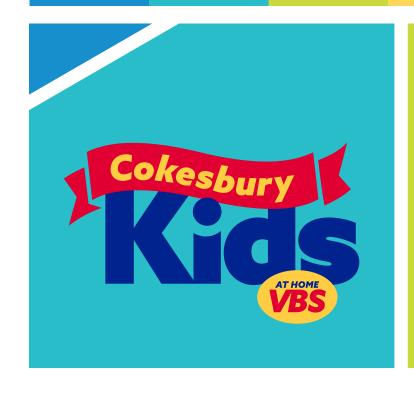


AT-HOME VBS PIRECTOR GUIPE



Now that you've made the decision to move your 2020 VBS to an at-home program, your VBS is likely to look somewhat different than it did last year. But it can still be a great event for your church with some creative adaptation! Start with what's been working for your church these past few months. Have you been broadcasting worship? Recording videos for your congregation? Finding ways to distribute materials to children and adults? Whatever you've been doing, Cokesbury VBS can be adapted to fit your needs.

Note: This year, we are giving permission to share materials from **Knights of North Castle** and **To Mars and Beyond VBS.** These include leader books, music videos, Bible Adventure Videos, and more. See the attached page titled "Cokesbury VBS 2020 COVID-19 Sharing Guidelines" for more information.

PLAN YOUR 2020 COKESBURY AT-HOME VBS



DISTRIBUTE AT-HOME PACKETS TO PARENTS

- Distribute supplies and materials several days before VBS begins. Use a large envelope, tote bag, or another holder—such as a Cokesbury VBS drawstring bag—to package all items together.
- Print and send physical copies of Cokesbury VBS At-Home Packets for your VBS attendees, or email PDF files to families. You can distribute all five sessions or send one session at a time.
- Equip families for craft, science, and/or snack rotations.
 - o Gather supplies you are providing each attendee for craft, science, and/or snack rotations.
 - o If you are not providing supplies, distribute with your At-Home Packets a copy of the per-attendee supply list included with this packet.
 - o If you are providing supplies, make sure to divide purchased materials from CokesburyVBS.com so that every attendee has supplies for each Cokesbury Craft.
 - o Distribute any other VBS items (activity books, t-shirts, etc.) to attendees.
 - o Include a letter to parents (a sample letter has been included with this Director Guide) with important information related to your At-Home VBS.

USE YOUR AT-HOME PACKETS

- Each At-Home Packet follows one session of Cokesbury VBS, for a total of five packets.
- · Packets contain the following:
 - o Material Lists lists for craft, science, and snack materials from the session in one convenient place
 - o Bible Background a supplemental aid to give context for each session's story before teaching
 - o Craft instructions for one "Make-It-And-Take-It" Craft and one Cokesbury Craft (materials for Cokesbury Crafts available at CokesburyVBS.com)
 - o Science instructions for one session-specific science experiment
 - o Snack instructions for one session-specific snack
 - o Reflection Time discussion questions and devotions for Younger Elementary and Older Elementary VBS attendees
 - o Closing Prayer an interactive prayer to end each session
 - o Fun Pages printable pages with activities for Younger Elementary and Older Elementary VBS attendees
 - o Take-Home Page a family resource with questions and information designed to promote discussion after each session
 - o Coloring Page printable coloring page for VBS attendees of all ages—especially preschoolers!

SUPPLEMENT YOUR AT-HOME PACKETS

• Virtually Host a Live At-Home VBS During Your Originally Scheduled VBS

- o Use your preferred video messaging application to invite your attendees into Opening and Closing Assembly or any of your rotations.
- o Invite your leaders to create video meeting rooms for their rotation stations. Since most VBS stations are no more than 20 minutes long, free versions of conferencing applications like Zoom could work very well (for more on scheduling, see a sample scheduling chart for virtual VBS Assembly and rotations at https://2020.CokesburyVBS.com/tools/resources).
- o Attendees can rotate around virtual rooms as your leaders teach the Bible lesson, help assemble crafts, demonstrate science experiments, and make snacks each day.
- o Consult video messaging cautions to ensure safety for your group. Set up a password for your meetings, limit who is able to contribute in video calls, and refrain from publicly publishing links to keep your meetings from being hijacked.

• Equip Your Families to Do VBS On-Demand Using Amplify Media™

o You now have free access to the videos for Knights of North Castle through Amplify Media. Direct your attendees and their families to Knights of North Castle At-Home videos, featuring Opening and Closing Assemblies, Bible Storytelling, Music Videos, and Craft and Science Demonstrations! Free videos can be accessed from any web browser. Simply go to CokesburyVBS.com/virtualvbs to watch the videos. If your church has a subscription to Amplify Media, the videos can be accessed from any device. Download the app from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Roku.

• Equip Your Families to Do VBS On-Demand Using Your Own Video Content

- o Use your church's resources, as well as your own creativity, to create your own videos for your group.
- o Create videos for Opening and Closing Assembly, Bible Storyteller, any of the Rotation Stations—whatever fits best for your church and your attendees!
- o Post on a closed/password protected website or in a closed Facebook group and only give passwords or group memberships to registered participants.

Follow Up Daily with Your VBS Attendees and Volunteers

- o Consider scheduling a daily follow-up session by age level or between small group leaders and students. For age-level or small group discussion, use the first and last page of each session's Reflection Time Leader Guide.
- o Also consider scheduling a daily check-in session with parents or other At-Home VBS volunteers using the Leader Devotions found on the Decorating and Publicity CD-ROM.
- o In either daily check-in, include a "what went well today/what I'm most thankful for today" and a "what can be improved from today/what I'm not so thankful for today" time of sharing. This will help identify praise and prayer needs and adjustments to make before the next session of VBS.

AFTER YOUR VBS

Follow-up is an important part of every VBS, but it's absolutely crucial for an At-Home VBS. Follow up with your attendees as well as your volunteers after your VBS program has concluded.

- Show Your Team Appreciation! Hopefully you have been actively appreciating your team and leaders all along. Now it's time for the grand finale of appreciation! Show your team how much you value them with one or more of these ideas, or come up with your own:
 - o Create Send a note or Thank-You Postcards. Remember everyone who gave their time and resources during the planning and the execution of VBS.
 - o Recognize your leadership team during church services.
 - o List the names of those who served during VBS in your church newsletter.
 - o Create some type of simple gift to give those who served. Some ideas are candy, gum, packages of popcorn, tea, etc. Check out other ideas on our Pinterest boards!
- Reuse one or more of the Bible lessons as a Sunday school lesson or for a Sunday/Wednesday evening. If you did not do a full five-session VBS, use any leftover lessons.
- Check out crafts from the Craft Leader that can be used later instead of during VBS. Make plans to use a couple of these at a later time either in the summer, during the fall, or at Christmastime.
- Report on the success of your VBS in your church newsletter and through social media. Encourage
 your attendees and leaders to share their favorite memories. Display pictures of your attendees
 during VBS for all to see.
- Invite your VBS volunteers and attendees' families to complete a survey. Use email, your church's
 social media accounts, or a dedicated service like SurveyMonkey or Google Forms to get feedback
 on your At-Home VBS. You can do this during your VBS program to make adjustments as you go,
 or after your program concludes to help inform any other at-home ministries your church might be
 providing. Plus, it's a great way to keep connected with your VBS attendees and their families!
- Take a well-deserved rest following your successful At-Home VBS!

Cokesbury VBS 2020 COVID-19 Sharing Guidelines

During this time of crisis when your in-person Vacation Bible School may have been disrupted, Cokesbury VBS would like to equip you to continue providing a VBS experience for your church and community—even if you can't physically be together.

Sharing Your Video

Until your church is free to gather again, we grant permission for you to share your purchased Cokesbury VBS Videos through live streaming VBS sessions—on applications including but not limited to Zoom, Skype, and Facebook—in closed groups for the purpose of study. We are waiving stricter guidelines to allow:

- Live streaming or "real-time" public sharing for a specific time period, like the duration of an online VBS Station, a Bible Storytelling session, or Assembly Time.
- Streaming in a closed setting, such as a private Facebook group or through a passwordprotected web location. Here, sessions can be recorded or archived for viewing through the week.

Please be sure if you post on YouTube or your church website that your settings are such that the videos are password-protected or only available to those who have a link. We ask that you remove Cokesbury VBS Videos once your VBS is complete.

Sharing Your VBS Leader Guides and Print Resources

To aid your remote volunteers and parents leading VBS activities, we also grant permission to share content from your Cokesbury VBS Director and Leader Guides through email, file sharing, and when live streaming your VBS sessions in closed groups for the purpose of study.

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Sample At-Home VBS Letter to Parents

Dear Parent,

I'm sure you wish that this summer's VBS were an in-person event, just as we do. We are truly going to miss seeing all of the children singing, laughing, learning, and growing together this summer at VBS. Still, we hope we can offer your children the very best alternative with this At-Home program.

As the most constant part your child's life, you have also been most important in helping your child know how loved they are by God, by you, and by others, and in guiding their spiritual growth and formation. Thank you for all you do in the work of daily discipleship, and thank you for your role in making sure this summer we have the very best VBS program possible! Your leadership and supervision in just a few activities will make all the difference.

Because we know you've already been busily adapting to the current reality of sheltering at home, we want to make this as easy as possible. With that in mind, I'm including a simple step-by-step guide to assist you as you select and use the activities provided in each At-Home Packet. I'm also including a session overview chart and per-child supplies list so you can be more than prepared for each day.

- We will hold At-Home VBS on (Days) from (times). To access the video portions of our program, ...
- Your child's small group leader is (name). If you have any questions you can reach them at (email/phone #) or me at (email/phone #).
- Your child's small group meeting time is from (time) to (time) each day and can be accessed at (teleconference link). This will be a time (15-30 minutes) when leaders and children will get together and talk about the Bible stories, the daily activities, or whatever they might need to share.
- We'll also hold a daily debrief call/conference for all of our parents and other "At-Home Leaders" from (time) to (time) to celebrate the day and address any questions or needs you may have.

Please know that we are praying that you will "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power!" as we walk together through this discipleship journey.

Thanks to you for joining in ministry through VBS!

VBS Director

TMAB Craft Supplies

Use our Craft Calculator to determine exact amounts needed for each craft! https://tmab.
CokesburyVBS.com/tools/craft calculator.html

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calculator.html
Lion Mask
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ large white paper plate
☐ construction paper (red, orange, and yellow) cut into lion ears and into 3½-by-1½ strips
yellow markers, crayons, or watercolors
☐ jumbo craft sticks
☐ classroom glue
☐ unsharpened pencils
☐ black markers
□ scissors
Wind Chimes
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ Wind Chimes Craft
□ an assortment of items to decorate wind chimes, such as colorful tape, stickers, markers and crayons, etc.
Clay Bots Craft Kit
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ Clay Bots Craft Kit
☐ sturdy paper plates
☐ marker

Preschool Planet Frame Craft ☐ plastic tablecloth ☐ Stay-Put Stickers and/ or Craft Theme Stickers (optional) ☐ Robot Frame template ■ safety scissors ☐ a variety of craft supplies ☐ classroom glue □ construction paper or tag board ☐ magnet strip (optional) ☐ marker **3D Planet Scene Craft Kit** □ plastic tablecloth ☐ Galaxy Mobile Craft Kit ☐ Stay-Put Stickers and/ or Craft Theme Stickers (optional) ☐ crayons, markers, and colored pencils **Canvas Art** ☐ plastic tablecloth ☐ 4-by-6 canvas boards ■ watercolors (inexpensive, school type; 8 colors to a container) ☐ glitter glue ☐ kosher salt □ teaspoon **Galaxy Night-Light Craft Kit** ☐ plastic tablecloth ☐ Galaxy Night-Light Craft Kit □ classroom glue

☐ battery-operated tea lights

(optional)

	Stay-Put Stickers (optional)
	Craft Theme Stickers
(0	optional)
	recycled CDs
	paint pens and glitter glue
	permanent markers
	1 glue
) beads
) washi tape
	1 ribbon or yarn
P	Peel-and-Stick Space Art
	plastic tablecloth
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C	Craft
	I mailing labels
	l black marker
Е	Blessing Bot
	l plastic tablecloth
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	empty, clean frosting containers
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Vector Verse Suncatcher

TMAB Science Supplies

Balloon Starships	Stem Space Landers
☐ balloons	☐ full-sized marshmallows
☐ 2 sturdy chairs	☐ small paper cups
☐ a roll of string or twine	☐ misc. building materials
☐ binder clips	such as paper, foam,
☐ plastic drinking straws	sheets, straws, index cards,
☐ strong tape	recyclables, cotton balls, mini marshmallows, tape, etc.
	□ safety scissors
Lava "Lamps"	
☐ plastic water bottle	
☐ vegetable or baby oil	
☐ liquid food coloring	
☐ fizzing antacid tablet, cut in	
four pieces	
Galaxy in a Bottle	
☐ plastic bottles with lids	
□ water	
uvegetable or baby oil	
☐ liquid dish soap	
☐ blue and/or purple food coloring	
optional: star glitter	
a optional. Star gitter	
Olympus Monswith Glitter	
☐ 1 lb. box baking soda	
☐ plastic wide-mouthed vase or bottle	
☐ red food coloring	
☐ 2 oz. gold and/or space- themed	
☐ glitter	
□ 2-3 cups vinegar	
☐ dinner tray	

TMAB Snack Supplies

Use our Snack Calculator to determine exact amounts needed for each craft! https://tmab.
CokesburyVBS.com/tools/snack calculator.html

Graham	Cracker	l ion	Faces

- ☐ graham crackers
- ☐ small pretzel sticks
- ☐ small pretzel twists
- ☐ raisins
- □ sunflower seed butter (may also use cookie butter or marshmallow fluff)

All-in-One Robots

- □ applesauce cups
- ☐ 100% fruit juice boxes
- ☐ mini raisin boxes
- ☐ optional: cheese sticks

Crispy Space Shapes

- 3 Tablespoons butter, softened (1 stick)
- ☐ 10 oz. package mini marshmallows
- ☐ 6 cups crispy rice cereal
- ☐ optional: blue and purple food coloring gel
- optional: marshmallow bits and/or edible stars

Cornucopia Cones

- ☐ conical sugar ice cream cones
- □ autumn-colored candies
- ☐ mini pretzels
- □ cereal such as Multi-Grain Cheerios™
- optional: chocolate chips and sprinkles

Watermelon Space Cakes

- □ 1 small watermelon
- ☐ 1 cup plain whipped coconut cream
- optional: edible stars and/or other space decorations
- optional: chocolate or fruit syrup drizzle

KONC Craft Supplies

Use our Craft Calculator to determine exact amounts needed for each craft! https://2020.CokesburyVBS.com/tools/craft_calculator.html
Create-Your-Own-Knight
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ Create-a-Knight Craft Kit
☐ marker
Belt of Truth
☐ 2.25" thick white satin ribbon, 50" in length
☐ school glue
☐ cotton swabs
☐ jumbo glitter (red and yellow colors)
☐ letters the spell the word TRUTH (children will need two sets each)
☐ small bowls
☐ masking tape
☐ marker
Mosaic Castle Scene
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ Mosaic Castle Scene
☐ mailing label
☐ black marker
Breastplate of Justice
☐ brown paper grocery bag
□ cardstock
☐ aluminum foil
☐ black paint
□ cotton swab

☐ large stones

Foil Art Nativity
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ Foil Art Nativity
☐ mailing label
☐ black marker
Shoes of Peace
plain white socks (child-sized socks)
☐ letters spelling out "Peace" (2 times)
black, green, and red colors of fabric markers
□ cardboard
☐ masking tape
Armor of God Bracelet
☐ plastic tablecloth
☐ Armor of God Bracelet Kit
Shield of Faith
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 posterboard or recycled cereal boxes letter spelling out "FAITH" white construction paper glittered paper in shades of blue markers, colored pencils, and crayons in varying shades of blue school glue duct tape and sturdy scissors shield template

Paper Dragon Puppet			
☐ Paper Dragon Puppet Kit			
☐ plastic tablecloth			
Helmet of Salvation			
☐ inexpensive hat or helmet			
☐ Stay-Put Stickers			
☐ colorful foam sheets with adhesive backing			
☐ sturdy scissors (ADULT use only)			

KONC Science Supplies

KONC Science Supplies		KONC Snack Supplies
Instant Snow	Pencil Flips	Use our Snack Calculator
☐ Instant Snow	☐ unsharpened pencils	to determine exact amounts needed for each craft! https://2020.
☐ water at room temperature	☐ unlined 3-by-5 cards	CokesburyVBS.com/tools/snack_calculator.
□ teaspoon	☐ clear tape	<u>html</u>
☐ measuring cup with ounces	☐ colored pencils	Frosted Furnace
☐ 2 plastic cups	☐ markers or crayons	☐ strawberry-flavored toaster pastries
	·	crystal sugar or sanding sugar: red, yellow and orange
Catapults!	Earthquake Engineering	☐ white frosting
(can include)	☐ 2 flat, firm surfaces of the	☐ Teddy Grahams® snacks
■ wooden craft sticks	same size (options include	Castle Cracker
□ cardboard boxes	thin wooden boards, plastic cutting boards,	graham crackers
☐ plastic spoons	cookie sheets, or the	☐ stick pretzels
☐ plastic bottles	covers from an unwanted	. ☐ marshmallows and marshmallow fluff
☐ plastic bottle caps	hardback book, among	usun nut butter (made from sunflower
☐ tape	others)	seeds) lacklear or blue crystal sugar or sanding
□ glue	4 bouncy balls or tennis	sugar
☐ rubber bands	balls	
☐ clothespins	☐ a ruler or paint stirrer	Christmas Cookies
☐ bathroom-sized paper	2 large rubber bands	□ 1 cup unsalted butter, softened□ 1 cup granulated sugar
cups	2 large binder clips	☐ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
☐ marshmallows or small	☐ tape	☐ 1 egg
paper wads	☐ non-drying modeling clay	2 teaspoons baking powder
☐ pencils	☐ paper straws cut in half or	☐ 3 cups all-purpose flour
	coffee stirrers	variety of frostings, sprinkles, and crystal sugar or sanding sugar
Marble Maze	☐ sheets of cardstock	☐ 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
☐ standard sized marbles	☐ scissors	
☐ large (shooter) marbles		Icing on the Lake
☐ markers or crayons		☐ 1 and 1/2 graham crackers
☐ large pieces of paper:		□ 5 Teddy Grahams® snacks□ Goldfish® crackers
newsprint, oversized		unilla frosting
construction paper, chart		☐ blue food coloring
paper, or similar		
□ straws		Armor of God on a Plate
		☐ stick pretzels, beef sticks, or string cheese
		□ Pringles® potato chip□ cheese crackers with cheese filling
		☐ carrot stick, celery stick, Fruit Roll-Ups®, or Twizzlers®

☐ round crackers or twisted pretzels ☐ orange slices or cheese curls ☐ canned cheese or raisins





Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5
Bible Story	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Stand True Daniel 3	David Defeats Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1-50a	Mary's Journey to Bethlehem Luke 2:1-20	Jesus Walks on Water Matthew 14:22-33	Midnight Praise with Paul and Silas Acts 16:16-40
Castle Callout	Armor Up with Truth!	Armor Up with Justice!	Armor Up with Peace!	Armor Up with Faith!	Armor Up with Salvation!
Music	Knights of North Castle Be Strong In the Lord Hot Hot Burnin' Up	Giants in the LandHey, Hey Goliath	• Emmanuel, God is With Us	Jesus YouRemainJesus LovesMe	• Earthquake
Crafts	Belt of Truth Create-Your- Own Knight	Breastplate of Justice Mosaic Castle Scene	Shoes of PeaceFoil Art Nativity	Shield of FaithArmor of God Bracelet	Helmet of SalvationPaper Dragon Puppet
Science	Instant Snow	• Cataputs!	• Marble Maze	• Pencil Flips	• Earthquake Engineering
Snacks	• Frosted Furnace	Castle Cracker	Christmas Cookies	• Icing on the Lake	• Armor of God on a Plate



VECTOR VERSE!

GLOAY TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR BEYOND ALL THAT WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE BY HIS POWER AT WORK WITHIN US! -EPHESIANS 3:20

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Bible Story	Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den Daniel 6	Queen Esther Takes a Stand Esther 4-9	The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler Luke 10:25-37	Jesus Heals 10 Lepers Luke 17:11-19	Jesus Comforts Friends on the Way to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35
Power Launcher	Go Beyond with Faith!	Go Beyond with Boldness!	Go Beyond with Kindness!	Go Beyond with Thankfulness!	Go Beyond with Hope!
Music	On Our Way to Mars and BeyondEven When the Lions Roar	God Can Do Safe Inside Your Love	Love that Makes the World Go 'Round Just a Little Bit	We Thank You Music for My Lord	Movin' On God of Wonders
Crafts	Wind Chimes Lion Mask	Clay Bots Robot Frame	Galaxy Mobile Canvas Art	Galaxy Night- LightVector Verse Suncatcher	Peel-and-Stick Space ArtBlessing Bot
Science	Balloon Starships	• Lava "Lamps"	• Galaxy in a Bottle	Olympic Mons with Glitter!	• STEM Space Landers
Snacks	Lion Face Crackers	• All-in-One Robots	Crispy Space Shapes	Cornucopia Cones	Watermelon Space Cakes