



WELCOME TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOME!

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Included in the **contents of this VBS Box** are all instructions and supplies needed to make this VBS special and memorable. Your child will be a Knight of the North Castle, as s/he learns about God through Bible stories, crafts, and science. The Bible Verse focus for the week is: Ephesians 6:10

“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power”.

VBS is divided into five sessions. During each session the Knights will hear a different Bible story and create a special kind of armor, the armor of God: The Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Justice, Shoes of Peace, Shield of Faith and Helmet of Salvation.

The **official VBS week is July 6-10**, but you may schedule your family VBS for your convenience. Your sessions can be consecutive, a week apart or any other plan that works for you.

Two important and fun elements of VBS are the music and dancing. We recommend that you start each session with the music-it sets a great mood. If you have registered for VBS and received your VBS Box for a July 6th start, you will receive an email each day with a link to the music. If you register later, or if you are having VBS on a date other than July 6-10, you can access the music video each day on the Church’s website:

WWW.SANTAMONICAMC.ORG/VBS-AT-HOME

It has been our tradition to take pictures during VBS and to create a video of the kids and activities. It would be wonderful to include your Knight! **Please share a few pictures to Pastoral Associate to Family Ministries, Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicumc.org.** We’ll let you know when the video is ready for viewing and how to access it.

We hope you and your family enjoys this VBS summer adventure!

Your VBS Team



YOUR VBS BOX INCLUDES:

- Welcome letter
- A bag with scissors, glue dots, colored pencils, a pencil sharpener, black marker and stickers
- A bag with a mission activity for each day
- Craft kits and supplies for various activities
- Snack for each day
- A folder that includes the daily outlines- and:
 - The Bible story in two versions on a two-sided sheet--one side to read to your knight, and the other with background information for you
 - Craft instructions with a Bible tie-in to share with your knight
 - Bible story review instructions
 - Fun Pages – a two-sided sheet-- one side for Younger Elementary and the other for Older Elementary knights—to be worked upon while doing:
 - Reflection Time Journaling discussion questions for the day--this sheet has two columns, one for younger and one for older knights
 - Science Experiment/activity instructions
 - Mission activity—these are in the Mission Bag
 - Closing Prayer
 - “Be Strong in the Lord” coloring page to be used anytime during the week-just extra fun!

Each craft and supply not in the folder above will have a dot with a number. The number (1-5) indicates to which session it belongs. For example, the props for re-enacting the first-session story of Daniel in the Lion’s Den, will be labeled “1”.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Send your questions to Tricia Guerrero t.guerrero@santamonicumc.org or call the church office (310) 393-8258.



SESSION 1 OUTLINE

- Music** Access each session from either the daily email or the church website: www.santamonicaumc.org/VBS-at-home
- Bible Verse Practice:** Ephesians 6:10, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power!"
- Bible Story:** Read Daniel 3 (shorter version) out loud to your knight
Daniel and the Lions: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
Stand True
- Craft:** Belt of Truth craft kit (instructions enclosed)
Supplies needed: kit only
- Bible Story Review:** Your knight uses two costumes and the chomping lion to act out the Bible story as you read it again
Supplies needed: Headdress and tie, crown (fit to size), "chomping lion"
- Snack** Choose any one; this might be a good time for a recreation break
- Fun Page/Reflection:** While your knight is working on his/her Fun Page, discuss the questions on the Reflection Time Journaling page.
Supplies needed: Fun Sheet, pencils, Reflection Time Journaling page
- Science:** Instant Snow...use one cup for water, one for the instant snow and follow directions. Keep the empty water cup for use on Day 5.
Supplies needed: instruction sheet, two water cups, one baggie of "snow", one spoon, two ounces of water
- Mission Project:** Take one from the Mission Bag
- Closing Prayer:** Enclosed



SESSION 2 OUTLINE

- Music** Access each session from either the daily email or the church website: www.santamonicaumc.org/VBS-at-home
- Bible Verse Practice:** Ephesians 6:10, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power!"
- Bible Story:** Read aloud 1 Samuel 17:1-50a (short version)
David & Goliath
- Craft:** Breastplate of Justice -Armor Up with Justice
Supplies needed: instructions, one sheet brown card stock, colored pencils, scissors, glue dots, black marker, stickers and the template for the breastplate
- Note:** The large sheet of stickers will be used not only for this craft, but also for the crafts of sessions 3, 4 and 5. The five foam stickers may be used anytime.
- Bible Story Review:** David & Goliath Sticker Story
Supplies needed: instructions, kit
- Snack** Choose any one; this might be a good time for a recreation break
- Fun Page/Reflection:** While your knight is working on his/her Fun Page, discuss questions on the Reflection Time Journaling page.
Supplies needed: Fun Sheet, pencils, Reflection Time Journaling page
- Science:** Build a catapult
Supplies needed: instruction sheet, catapult kit
- Mission Project:** Take one from the Mission Bag
- Closing Prayer:** Enclosed



SESSION 3 OUTLINE

Music	Access each session from either the daily email or the church website: www.santamonicaumc.org/VBS-at-home
Bible Verse Practice:	Ephesians 6:10, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power!"
Bible Story:	Read aloud Luke 2:1-20 (shorter version) Mary's Journey to Bethlehem
Craft:	Shoes of Peace-Armor Up with Peace <u>Supplies needed:</u> instructions, shoe kit, marker, stickers,
Bible Story Re-telling:	Tracing the Journey <u>Supplies needed:</u> instructions, maps, pencil
Snack	Choose any one
Fun Page/Reflection:	While your knight is working on his/her Fun Page, discuss questions on the Reflection Time Journaling page. <u>Supplies needed:</u> Fun Page, pencils, Reflection Time Journaling page
Science:	Marble Maze <u>Supplies needed:</u> instruction sheet (read most of this sheet aloud), sheet of paper, pencil, marble, straw
Mission Project:	Select one from the Mission Bag
Closing Prayer:	Enclosed



SESSION 4 OUTLINE

Music	Access each session from either the daily email or the church website: www.santamonicaumc.org/VBS-at-home
Bible Verse Practice:	Ephesians 6:10, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power!"
Bible Story:	Read aloud Matthew 14:22-23 Jesus Walks on Water
Craft:	Shield of Faith—Armor Up with Faith <u>Supplies needed:</u> instructions, shield template, one sheet and two strips of brown cardstock, glue dots, marker, stickers
Bible Story Review:	Jesus Walks on Water Craft Supplies needed: instructions, craft kit
Snack	Choose any one; this may be a good time for a recreation break
Fun Page/Reflection:	While your knight is working on his/her Fun Page, discuss questions on the Reflection Time Journaling page. <u>Supplies needed:</u> Fun Page, pencils, Reflection Time Journaling page
Science:	Pencil Flips <u>Supplies needed:</u> instructions, half sheet of cardstock, scissors, colored pencil, unsharpened pencil, labels
Mission Project:	Select one from the Mission Bag
Closing Prayer:	Enclosed



SESSION 5 OUTLINE

Music	Access each session from either the daily email or the church website: www.santamonicaumc.org/VBS-at-home
Bible Verse Practice:	Ephesians 6:10, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power!"
Bible Story:	Read aloud: Acts 16:6-40 (summary version) Paul & Silas in Prison
Craft:	Helmet of Salvation-Armor Up with Salvation Supplies needed: instructions, helmet kit, pencils, stickers
Bible Story Review:	Paul & Silas Prison Craft: your knight assembles the prison scene while re-telling the story <u>Supplies needed:</u> instructions, kit
Snack	Choose any one; this may be a good time for recreation
Science:	Earthquakes <u>Supplies needed:</u> instructions, earthquake activity sheet, pencil, empty cup from session one filled one-third full with water
Fun Page/Reflection:	While your knight is working on his/her Fun Page, discuss questions on the Reflection Time Journaling page. <u>Supplies needed:</u> Fun Page, pencils, Reflection Time Journaling page
Mission Project:	Select one from the Mission Bag
Closing Prayer:	Enclosed