

“Signed Up to Volunteer for VBS Yet?”

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What Promote the opportunity for volunteers to serve at VBS with this funny skit. It'll have people laughing while listing off the ways people can serve.

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

Who Actor 1- serious guy
Actor 2- wacky guy
Actor 3- middle-of-the-road guy

When Present

Wear (Props) Actor 1 or even all 3 actors wearing VBS T-shirts or dressed according to your VBS theme
Your church's VBS information
Optional picture of your VBS coordinator(s) projected on the screen

Why 1 Peter 4:10

How This script should be memorized well. Incorporate creative hand gestures and postures. Be careful that actors #1 and #3 respond to actor #2 with more confusion and curiosity than irritation or condescension.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Either have all 3 in place before you begin or have your actors enter carrying lots of items or dressed in a way that represents your theme. Lights up.

Actor 1: It's almost here, you know.

Actor 2: What is?

Actor 1: VBS.

Actor 3: VBS?

Actor 1: Yes, VBS.

Actor 2: Are you talking about Vegan Bacon Sandwiches?

Actor 1: Uh, no.

Actor 2: Violently Behaving Squirrels?

Actor 1: Wait, what? VBS stands for...

Actor 2: Ventriloquist Baby Sitters?

Actor 3: Oh, let me try! Very Bad Smell? Ooh, ooh...or Very Boisterous Students?

Actor 1: Guys, not even close! It's VBS—Vacation Bible School.

Actor 2: *(looks at Actor 3)* You were a little close.

Actor 3: I thought so.

Actor 1: Vacation Bible School is when we invite kids from our church and our community to come and be introduced to the gospel of Jesus Christ and learn about His plan for our lives.

Actors 2&3: Ohhhh...

Actor 1: Seriously, guys, VBS is only ____ *(insert your church's specific number)* weeks away and these good folks out here are running out of time to register as volunteers.

Actor 2: Why haven't they already signed up?

Actor 1: Maybe, they meant to but just haven't yet.

Actor 2: I've been meaning to organize my collection of orange traffic cones but just haven't gotten around to that, either.

Actor 3: You have a traffic cone collection?

Actor 1: Not sure that's relevant.

Actor 3: Or maybe, they don't think they have the right gifts or talents for VBS?

Actor 1: But every gift and talent is useable in some way. The coordinators can even help them figure out how they can use theirs.

Actor 2: Even mine?

Actor 1: *(hesitantly & slowly)* Yes...

Actor 3: Sounds like there really are tons of ways to help that week.

Actor 1: There are! Teaching and leading small groups...

Actor 3: Helping in crafts, games, music, snacks, and missions.

Actor 1: Or serving as greeters, counselors, and special needs buddies...

Actor 3: And don't forget the security folks, first aid team, parking attendants, and the building and grounds maintenance team.

Insert roles above that make sense for your church.

Actor 2: And the alpaca groomers, toenail inspectors, and plastic cup stackers.

Actor 1: I...I don't even know what to say to that.

Actor 3: What if they think they're too young or even too old to help?

Actor 1: All ages can help—teens to senior citizens. It's a great chance for multiple generations to work side by side.

Actor 3: You think some folks may be afraid they won't know what to do once they're on board?

Actor 2: No worries. I can train them.

Actor 1: Uhhhhh... Well, you do bring up a good point. The *coordinators* will train them in exactly what they need to do. So, they really don't need any previous experience.

Actor 2: Maybe, they haven't signed up yet because they have to attend the annual Celebrity Cats Festival that week and can't come to VBS.

Actor 3: Is that even a thing?

Actor 1: Well, even if they can't be there during the actual event, there are lots of ways to serve before and after the week of VBS.

Actor 3: So, I could start helping right now?

Actor 1: Exactly. There's planning, set up, decorating, administration, giving, donating, encouraging the volunteers. And after VBS week, folks can help clean or follow up with those who attended.

Actor 3: And don't forget praying. That's a big one!

Actor 1: In fact, we'll have a special time of prayer on _____ (*your church's specific time/date*) at _____ (*your church's specific location*).

Actor 2: So, if they want to become a VBS volunteer, what should they do?

Actor 1: Well, they can visit our church website to sign up or go by the Information Center to pick up an application. (*Adapt the wording to your church's specific instructions.*)

Actor 3: What if they have questions?

Actor 2: I have lots and lots and lots of questions.

Actor 1: If they have questions (*looks specifically at #2*) ...about VBS... (*looks back at the congregation*), they can contact the church office or they can talk to the coordinator directly.

Actor 3: Who's the coordinator?

Actor 1: (*have your VBS coordinator stand and wave to the congregation or have Actor 1 point to the screen with a picture of your VBS coordinator*) This guy.

Actor 2: The guy with the red hat?

Actor 1: No, this guy right here.

Actor 2: The one with the purple pineapple pants?

Actor 3: What? There's no one in this room with purple pineapple pants.

Actor 1: This guy right here. His name is _____. (*Use the name of your VBS coordinator.*)

Actor 2: Should we stop talking now and let them go talk to _____?

Actor 3: Dude (Girl), that’s the most logical thing you’ve said all day.

Just For Fun:

If you’re recording your skit, these—including your own—could be some really funny outtakes! Even if you’re doing your skit live, you could include a recording of your actors rambling these off and play the recording as people are exiting your meeting. Know your congregation when picking these “weird” definitions, jobs, and collections!!! Be careful not to move from unusual and random to creepy or potty humor. You can usually get away with something different in youth group than in “big church.” And if your church has any specific jokes about activities, people, items, sports affiliations, events, or unique destinations, use those! Regardless of whether or not you use this, it could also be a fun team activity. You’re guaranteed to laugh at your creations.

VBS = Vetting Bad Sloths, Volatile Blended Smoothies, Venetian Blind Skunks, Volunteer Burger Sniffer, Valent Beetle Squishers, Violins Before Shofars, Vindictive Body Snatchers, Valorous Bird Stalkers, Vacant Bathroom Sign, Vegetable Based Skittles, Virtual Back Scratcher, Violent Bowel Syndrome, Vacuum Bag Salesmen, Very Busy Snotter, Vanishing Beach Sand, Very Big Snorkels, Very Small Spaceman, Virtuous Skinny Superheroes, Vividly Buzzing Snout, Vivaciously Braggadocious Saxophonist

Organize my collection of: YooHoo Bottles, Troll Dolls, Chewing Gum, Beanie Babies, Refrigerator Magnets, Superhero Costumes, Unicorn Posters, Tube Socks, Sugar Packets, Polka Recordings, Dental Floss, Fluffy Earmuffs, Pencil Sharpeners, Carnivorous Plants, Rubber Duckies, Yellow Twist Ties

Potential Wacky Ways to “Help” the Week of VBS: Gecko Herders, Koolaid Tasters, Spider Ticklers, Grass Sniffers, Jedi Masters, Cricket Wranglers, Asparagus Collectors, Ball Cap Adjusters, Flamingo Watchers, Gum Chewers, Zombi Defenders, Breath Evaluators, Tattoo Artists, Shoelace Designers