



# VBS @ Home



## PARENT GUIDE

Welcome to VBS@Home! With minimal preparation, easy to follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, VBS@Home is designed to bring all of the fun and faith-formation of Vacation Bible School to your home. It's so simple!

### Register:

If you would like VBS to come to your house, register at <http://gracehome.org/vbsathome/>. Share this information with others so that VBS can come to their house too. You don't have to be local to participate. It's online!

### Video Access:

You can access the videos and resources through links that will be emailed to you. Beginning July 30, you will be emailed the link to an unlisted YouTube video. Links to the remaining two videos will be emailed the following days. You will be able to access all of the videos until August 31. Therefore, you are able to plan VBS for the days and times that work best for you this summer.

### Directions:

**Step 1: Gather a few materials.** During VBS@Home, kids will be playing games and doing origami. Everything has been designed to be performed with minimal materials-materials that you will most likely have around the house. A detailed daily list will be emailed to you by July 23 so that you will have plenty of time to prepare.

**Step 2: Press play.** When you're ready, gather the kids around and press play on the YouTube video. Each video will lead you and the kids through the entire experience. Occasionally, the video will ask you to pause and do something. When you're finished doing it, press play again.

**Step 3: Play the games.** When the video prompts you to, press pause and lead the kids in playing the games. Each day has 3 games. One of the games each day is demonstrated in the video, the other two are not. Instructions for all of the suggested games and additional no-supplies-needed games will be emailed to you. There's no rush to get through the games, so take your time and have fun. When you're finished, give the kids a snack, open a Bible and have someone read the verses indicated on the screen, then press play again.

**Step 4: It's origami time.** For the craft, kids will be doing origami. It's so simple, yet fun! The video will show them exactly what to do. Just have some square pieces of paper ready to go. Cut any white, colored, or printed paper into a square.

**Step 5: Sing!** Learn a new song. We encourage you to sing along with the kids while viewing the music videos of Ben Calhoun of Citizen Way. You can stream their songs on Spotify.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3psOTooTuLQXVslirMrAy3?si=BeNnNFR3eyUz4vV1-58w>

**Step 6: Have fun.** It's that easy! Depending on your pace, each day should take about an hour and a half. Because VBS@Home is a video series, you can watch the videos again whenever you like.

If you feel comfortable gathering with other people, invite friends, family, and neighbors to participate in your VBS@Home. Let's share the good news of Jesus with others this summer.