

# EXPLORATION TEAM GUIDE RESPONSIBILITIES

You have the important job of guiding our kids through the day at *Operation Arctic*, leading them from rotation to rotation. If you're wondering what that entails, wonder no more! We've outlined your responsibilities for each area so that our kids can have the best VBS experience ever. The more your explorers see you getting involved, the more they'll want to get involved, too!

In general, your job is to

- Make sure your team stays together as you travel between stations.
- Stop for bathroom breaks when necessary.
- Be familiar with how to handle medical emergencies.
- Be a positive and godly influence in the lives of your explorers. This may be the first time that some hear the gospel or are among the body of Christ.

## Opening Assembly

Everyone gathers in our large assembly area to start the day. We'll sing, learn a fun fact, hear announcements, and pray. Your job is to

- Arrive early so you can greet the kids in your team.
- Welcome visitors. Fill out a name tag and a Visitor Appreciation Certificate for each visitor.
- Pass out name tags and stamp each child's Explorer Guide.
- Fellowship with your team while you're waiting for things to get started. Pass out the daily coloring or activity sheet for kids to work on (they can continue working on them during any down time throughout the day). Make sure names are on each paper and collect the sheets before the assembly begins. Kids can also decorate the bags (filled with their work) that they'll take home at the end of the day.
- Listen to your team members say their memory verse from the previous day. Begin teaching them the current day's memory verse. Review previous memory verses with them. Encourage them to learn the theme verse.
- Help your team members fill out their memory verse/attendance chart.
- Fill out your team roster.
- Come up with a team cheer.
- Enjoy singing the songs during the assembly.
- Encourage your team to listen attentively during the appropriate times.

## Treasure Point Lesson Time

At this site, children meet Exploration Leaders who present the day's Bible lesson and apologetics content in appealing ways. Your job is to

- Encourage your team members to pay attention during the teaching time.
- Look for ways to help out, such as passing out the student pages at the end of the lesson time.
- Collect the student pages before you move to the next station. Store them in the team member bags so that they can take them home at the end of the day.

## Glacier Gap Games

At this station, children play games that reinforce the day's Bible content. Your job is to

- Pay attention to the directions for each game.
- Encourage your team members to participate in the games.
- Look for ways to help the game leader.

## Klondike Corner Snacks

At this station, children snack on tasty treats that reinforce the day's Bible content. Your job is to

- Encourage your team members to listen to the snack leader.
- Help pass out the snacks.
- Help your team members clean up the area before you leave.
- Review the daily memory verse and Bible content with your team as you have time.

## Discovery Pass Science and Crafts

At this station, children experience adventurous science experiments and create fun crafts that are theme-related and reinforce the day's Bible content. Your job is to

- Pay attention to the directions (and encourage your kids to do the same!) so you can answer any questions your team members may have.
- Help with making crafts where needed.
- Look for ways to tie in the main point of each day as you work with your team members on the craft and science experiment.
- Help clean up and encourage your team to do the same.
- Be ready with coloring and activity sheets if there's extra time at the end.
- Collect the crafts so your team members have them at the end of the day.

## Closing Assembly

The children gather again in the large assembly area for a closing drama, singing, contest announcements, and dismissal. Your job is to

- Arrive at your assigned seating area on time with your team.
- Sing enthusiastically and encourage your team members to do the same.
- Encourage kids to listen attentively during the drama.
- Pass out the daily take-home bags and crafts after the assembly finishes and before your team members leave for the day.
- Collect name tags and store them in your bag.
- Make sure a parent or caretaker signs out each team member. Keep your team together until all have been signed out so that they aren't wandering around the building.
- After your VBS day comes to a close, turn in your team roster and pick up the supplies you'll need for tomorrow.