

Keepers Workshop

Director Talk

Intro/Giveaways

- Any first time directors? **GIVEAWAY**
- How many years for the rest of you? **GIVEAWAY**
- How many kids on average? **GIVEAWAY**
- How many years doing Answers VBS? **GIVEAWAY**

Vision

- Think bigger. Have a vision.
 - Bigger *can* be numerical
 - Bigger can have *nothing* to do with numerical
 - Bigger can be a *bigger influence*
 - Bigger *impact*
 - Bigger *love for God*
 - Bigger *zeal for sharing the gospel*. What if just one child accepts Christ bc of a VBS you direct? Is it worth it?
 - If it's all about the numbers, it shouldn't be.
- Story of Barb's start that was small and someone helping her catch a bigger vision.
- Some of the things we did to numerically grow the VBS
 - prayer!!!
 - word of mouth
 - door hangers
 - contests and challenges
 - carnival
 - signs in yards
 - postcard mailers
 - hot air balloon ride
 - spray painted our hair pink and green if they invited so many kids
 - let the visitors and who brought the visitor choose something out of a big treasure chest
- Challenge yourself each year with at least something new—a new goal, reach one more kid, try a new schedule, or something. Don't just keep doing the same old, same old.
 - New things we've tried:
 - Going to two sessions - AM and PM
 - Concession stand before the nighttime VBS
 - Littles Assembly

- Large group teaching sessions
- Science!
- Hide something every day (a treasure chest with a quote about God, an animal of the day, etc.)
- Have people bring in pet birds, turtles, lizards, snakes, aquariums of fish
- Glow stick song on the last day, last song - praise team wears black with glow sticks taped on their clothes; turn off the lights and have fun
- Speed up a song, slow down a song
- Tropical Tidbits (also called One Bite Wonder and other names)

Communication

- Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!
- Cheerlead. Encourage. Appreciate. They should feel like you're their biggest fan.
 - How we announce the VBS (different ideas)
 - For Keepers, lots of ways to use pool noodles; last one, they have to guess the fun theme
 - Put out video clues
 - Play off of the fun theme
 - How we keep all our volunteers informed and trained
 - How we keep parents informed
- YOUR TURN

Registration

- Share our system
- YOUR TURN

Arrival and Dismissal

- Share our check in procedure
- Talk about dismissal
- YOUR TURN

Safety and Security

- Think smaller. (Told you to think bigger—have a bigger vision. But with safety and security, you may want to go smaller and have more sessions.)
- Pre COVID, we had two sessions a day with up to 800 at one time smashed into the building.

- We are now going smaller.
- YOUR TURN

How we prep for hundreds or more

- Whole church involvement
- Teens and widows
- YOUR TURN

Decorating

- Use teens
- Choose things with high impact that you can use a lot of and are easily replicated
- Check out the decorating session later today and the videos online
- YOUR TURN

Follow Up

- Won't say much bc we'll talk more about this later
- Come to the Leading a Child to Christ and Follow Up session
- YOUR TURN

Topics of your choice

- Q and A time