



## READ ME FIRST

before registering as **Senior Helper** for



VBS 2026

Dear friend serving VBS!

We look forward to another exciting VBS adventure in the rainforests of Central America, and look forward to welcoming many dedicated volunteers!

Please be patient with our registration facility when we ask you to repeat certain entries in the case of registering more than one person. We ask for your understanding because “behind the scenes” of online registration there are constraints not necessarily visible to you. (Please finalise the registration for one group before starting another, f ex if you’d enrol not just as Senior Helper, but also a child or Junior Helper.)

About three days after registration you will receive an email from the Coordinator: It will ensure you that you are “in the system”. If not, please use the contact form at the bottom of the VBS page to enquire if there was a problem. – Depending on your service, you will receive helpful material closer to VBS. - And all of you will receive a helpful and important MEMO a few days before VBS is due to start. (*One important info point f. ex. will be that we do not cook lunch for participants, but that everyone is expected to bring a little packed lunch.*)

There is a variety of areas to serve (You can indicate preferences – and also special experience - in the field “Any other information/comments”, though obviously we also depend on volunteers who are willing to jump down any ‘falls’ where they are needed most. 😊)

*(Most central positions of leadership have already been filled, in order to give adequate time to prepare, but even being a Co-Leader or “simple” Team member is of great significance and a phantastic learning experience!)*

**Crew Leader (= CL)** – together with an assistant (= ACL) you lead and encourage a crew of 5-6 children – and experience all the fun VBS has to offer. A sufficient number of CL volunteers is essential for every VBS!!!

*(Please click on separate document “**Profile of a 2026 VBS Crew Leader**” to get a better understanding of what to expect...)*

**Opening & Closing Assemblies** – The Leader helps us to get “into gear” for this adventure, and will also debrief us at the end of each VBS day. There’s fun (incl. a live skit) as well as food for thought. *(Currently this might be the only area where extra hands may not seem to be required as such, but it can be worthwhile to assist as an understudy.)*

**Music Station** – Leader and Team guide crews and their leaders through a high-energy workout combined with a (slight 😊) change of pace when getting right into the Bible with the help of the **Sticky Scripture** video to explore and learn the daily Memory Verse. (Crew photos are also taken on the fringe of some sessions and will be used only to offer a memory to each kid on the final VBS day.)

**Games Station** – Leader and Team enjoy Belgian sunshine outdoors (testing one’s voice!), or brave Belgian rain in the Sports Shed (testing one’s adaptiveness!) *(Throw in some biceps-building when arranging benches for lunch break!)*

**Snacks Station** – Leader and Team may have only one “session” per day, but it’s sandwiched between hands-on prep, lunch logistics, clean-up and ‘general hospitality’ (tea, coffee, water) to keep helpers (and kids) going. (Also: Particular attention and creativity will be given to provide individual snacks in case of allergies/intolerances.)

**Crafts Station** – Leader and Team help kids enjoy creative fun and improve manual dexterity, so that they have many “I DID THIS” moments.

**Bible Story Station** – Leader and Team have a high level of commitment to creative storytelling (incl. acting and kids’ participation) in combination with the required daily changes to the décor and set-up of two connecting rooms. – *(And if you desire to give hands-on support with the latter, then simply offer your help for one hour starting 14:00)*

**Admin & Support** – Varied tasks covering a slightly ‘sedentary’ to a really ‘roving’ brief: supervising the Admin area; chatting with “early bird” arrivals (to make them feel welcome and safe even if no CL has arrived yet); mentoring kids who need to ‘chill-out’ for a moment; being on safety patrol during lunch break; selling VBS music media; .... *(You may even be available only a certain time each day, like 9-10 or 11:30-12:30 or 13:30-14:30 to help with ‘crowd control’!)*



**Pre-School & Nursery Team** – a real mini-VBS which needs many caring hands and hearts to help with Bible Story, Crafts, Games, songs, or Memory Verse (taught with the help of a fun-action video) .... or to keep babes and toddlers safe and happy. This is a team that supports each other: one may be the lead person for one individual activity, but ALL share in the supervision and encouragement! Smaller tasks will be communicated with a writeup to guide you. ALL of you will have a task to look forward to!

*(Pre-School-Nursery is reserved for the little ones of VBS volunteers while they are on location! You can register your little one when you register as Senior Helper!)*