

VBS Volunteer Training



When and Where

- June 8-12, 2026
- Park in the back and North side
 - Not at preschool
- Volunteers are to arrive by 8:15 on Mon; 8:30 Tues-Fri
 - Adults: Check in/Name Tags are in the Narthex
 - Youth Volunteers report to the Chapel (8am Mon).
- Doors open at 8:45 am so be ready
- All volunteers to Sanctuary for devotions at 8:35
 - Center leaders to stations following devo



What a day looks like

- Arrive at 8:15 (Adults), 8:00 (youth) to check in
- Doors open for kids at 8:45
- 9:00-9:20 Opening in the Sanctuary
- 9:20-11:40 Rotate through stations: music, crafts, Bible, games, snack
- 11:40-12:00 Closing in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 Kids dismissed
- 12:15 Adults and volunteers leave



Play it Safe

- RULE OF THREE
 - You will *always* travel in groups of at least 3 people
 - Bathroom? Three people
 - Nurse? Three people
 - Forgot something? Three people
 - In the sanctuary and going to the bathroom right there? Three people.
 - Going anywhere? Three people.
 - But it's two kids. nope.
 - No exceptions
 - This keeps everyone safe



Crews

- Mixed Age Crews of 18-20 kids
- Give out jobs such as line leader, door holder, etc.
- Make sure no one is left out
- Use positive guidance
- Focus on the good stuff and encourage them
- Separate children who don't work well together
- Need more help? Get a pink shirt!



Cell Phones



- Connect with our kids in the three hours they are here
- Be mindful of what you post on social media
- Youth: Leave phones at home. We will collect your phones upon check in.

Attire

- Wear VBS Shirt every day
 - Do not alter the shirt
- Games Volunteers: close-toed shoes
- Modesty: appropriate length shorts



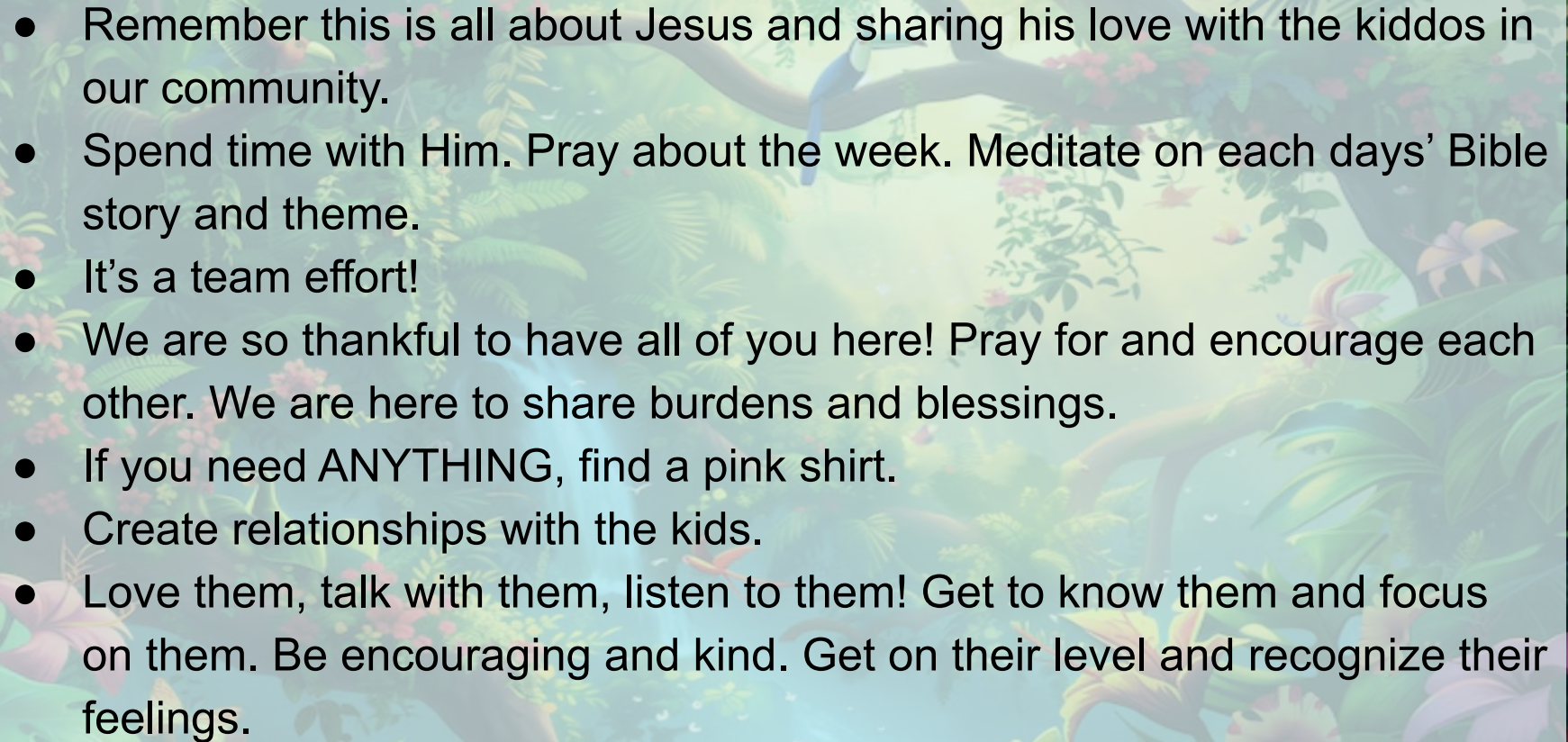
Play it Safe

- Allergy Awareness – Wristbands
- First Aid
 - Band aids in bag
 - Nurse is located in school clinic
 - Phones in all rooms – call 911 in emergency
 - Address listed on paper next to phone
 - Notify a pink shirt
 - Incident reports
 - Maintenance is here to safely handle and clean up any bodily fluids



Play it Safe (continued)

- Familiarize yourself with the various exits around campus
- In case of fire head outside and meet near the fence of the playground field
- Drop off—parents must sign in with you so we know who all is here. Put name tag on. Little ones can wear their name tag on their back if they are tempted to mess with it.
- Pick Up –parents must sign their children out. We will let you know if only a particular parent is allowed to pick up. Don't be afraid to ask for identification.
- If you see someone strange around campus without a VBS shirt, you can ask, “May I help you?” And direct them to the church office to sign in if they haven't.

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- Remember this is all about Jesus and sharing his love with the kiddos in our community.
 - Spend time with Him. Pray about the week. Meditate on each days' Bible story and theme.
 - It's a team effort!
 - We are so thankful to have all of you here! Pray for and encourage each other. We are here to share burdens and blessings.
 - If you need ANYTHING, find a pink shirt.
 - Create relationships with the kids.
 - Love them, talk with them, listen to them! Get to know them and focus on them. Be encouraging and kind. Get on their level and recognize their feelings.

Special Needs/Discipline

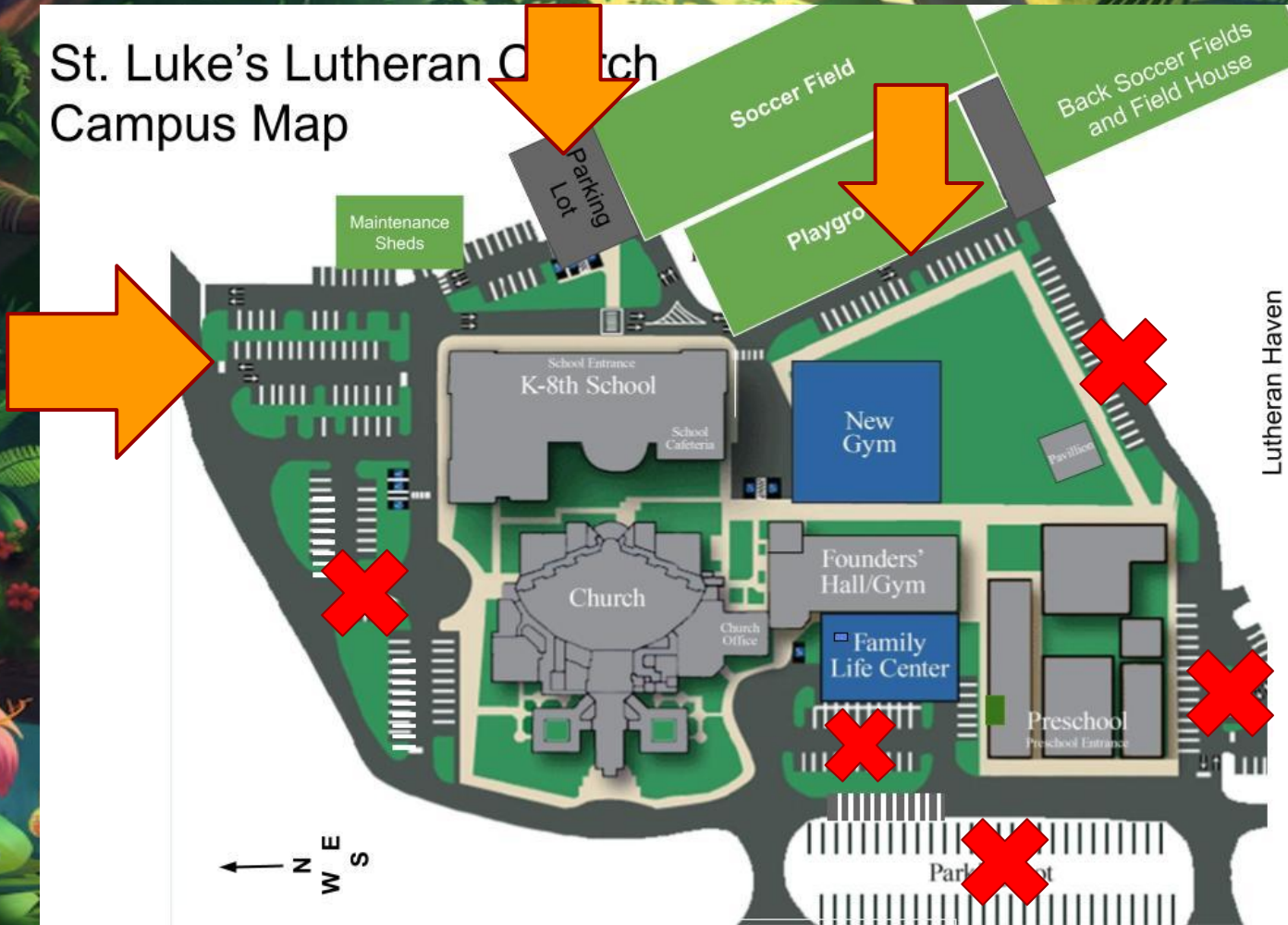
- Trouble adjusting? Provide a break.
 - Any environment can be overwhelming for the nervous system of a child with special needs or learning disabilities. You can have a youth helper take them to visit the nurse at strategic times
- Discipline Procedures
 - Tour Guides will be the first to redirect. Center Leaders are to focus on running the center.
- If you have any questions or need any support with this, please don't hesitate to consult a pink shirt.

Please Note:

- Sunday, June 7 Set Up at 12:15pm
- Volunteer Lunch on Friday for you and your family - after a fast and furious clean-up from the week.
- VBS Sunday, June 14, 9:00 Generations
- Snack: Enough snack for volunteers. Enjoy when you visit the cafeteria or send one of your center volunteers to pick up a snack and bring it back.



St. Luke's Lutheran Church Campus Map





THANK YOU!!!!!!