The Armor of God



Information Packet

July 10 - 13 (6-8:30pm)

Potter's House

3220 Lowell Drive Columbus, OH 43204

What We'll Learn

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they're bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

This year at VBS, kids will learn how they can be a part of God's Kingdom through salvation in his Son, and will be equipped with the armor of God to become

Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth



Monday: The 2 Kingdoms



Key Bible Verse: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

(Ephesians 6:10-11)

Lesson Focus: We're in a battle between 2 kingdoms

Tuesday: The Belt



Key Bible Verse: Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist. (Ephesians 6:14)

Lesson Focus: Each child of the King needs to fasten on the belt of truth!

Day 3

Wednesday: The Shield & The Helmet



Key Bible Verse: In addition to all this, take up your shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16)

Lesson Focus: Take the shield of faith and helmet of salvation to fight the enemy!

Day

Thursday: The Sword & Prayer

Key Bible Verse: Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

(Ephesians 6:17-18a)

Lesson Focus: Read the Sword of the Spirit & pray!



CHECK-IN (First Day Attending VBS 2023)

Please walk your child(ren) into the building for check-in on their first day. An adult must accompany each child throughout the check-in process and it will begin at 5:45pm.

*After you check your child(ren) in on the first day, drop off and pick-up will take place as a car line at the front doors of the building.

DROP-OFF (After First Day)

When you arrive, please follow the traffic patterned outlined in the parking lot. As you move forward to the entrance of the church, please wait for a volunteer to greet your vehicle. Once the volunteer arrives, instruct your child to get out of the car on the <u>RIGHT SIDE ONLY</u>. Please do not exit the car. The volunteers will assist your child getting in and out of your care safely. Once your child has exited the car, you are free to pull away and leave. We will see you back for pickup 8:30pm!

PICK-UP (Every Day of VBS)

<u>Please plan to pick-up your child(ren) each day at 8:30pm.</u> When you arrive, put the sign you were given (at check-in on your first day) in your car window so volunteers can easily see it. Follow the traffic pattern outlined in the parking lot. As you move forward to the entrance of the church, please wait for a volunteer to escort your child(ren) to your vehicle.

*If you are picking up multiple families, you will need a sign for each family. If you do not have a sign, you will need to enter the building and check out with a volunteer by verifying your identity. Children will not be released until your identity has been verified.

General Info

SNACKS

We will provide a light snack each night. If your child has dietary restrictions, <u>please ensure check-in is aware</u> so the correct adjustments can be made. This year's VBS snacks are:

Day I: Be Strong Barbells (pretzel sticks with cheese & grapes)

Day 2: Kings Cups (popcorn cup & gogurt)

Day 3: Snowcones

Day 4: Sword Bites (churro, cheese & blueberries)

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

While we know electronic devices can be fun and needed at times, however, our goal this week is that your child have fun without them! Electronic devices will not be permitted, unless it is an emergency. Please note, these devices will be confiscated and will be returned at the end of the night.

WHAT TO WEAR

Athletic shoes and play clothes are highly recommended since children will be running, playing games and be active during VBS. If you purchased a shirt for your child we ask that they wear it EACH DAY of VBS. Weather permitting we will have water activities on Wednesday, so please apply sunscreen prior to drop off if you wish to do so. Dressing your child(ren) in clothes that can get wet is highly recommended for Wednesday night.



VOLUNTEERS

While we cannot accept new volunteers, you can make a monetary donation to support VBS. If you'd like to do so, please do so during check-in or go to pottershouse.org, click GIVE and type "VBS" in the <u>other</u> line. We are thankful for your partnership!

MORE INFO

For more information, go to PottersHouse.org/VBS or email VBS@pottershouse.org

