



# 5 INVESTMENTS THAT CAN TRANSFORM YOUR VBS

Did your church host a Vacation Bible School sometime in the last 10 weeks? When and if it did, were you also reflecting back to summers in the past when a lot more kids participated and a lot more adults volunteered? You may even feel like the best days of VBS are behind you, but you would love to create new excitement around Vacation Bible School in the future.



## 1. Run Toward the Mission

Does your church have a mission statement? Get some ideas here:

<https://www.churchrelevance.com/2013/03/28/50-examples-of-church-mission-statements/>

Where do your mission and your VBS overlap? What changes need to happen to your VBS to more closely align to your mission?

## 2. Meet a Need in the Community:

a. Whom are you trying to serve or support?

b. What do they need?

c. How can you meet that need through VBS?



### 3. Get the Right Resources:

a. What do you need?

b. Who has it?

c. Whom can you ask directly?

Make direct, clear requests. Emphasize how the gifts a person has fit the role you're asking them to fill. "I've noticed you're particularly gifted in \_\_\_\_\_. Would you be willing to do/lead \_\_\_\_\_ during VBS?"

### 4. Develop Partnerships:

a. Who outside your church would help you do what you're thinking about?

b. Why should they? What's in it for them?

**Again, make direct, clear requests.**



## 5. Double Down on Quality and Safety

a. Identify the types of training your leaders need to provide a safe environment:

- First Aid/CPR
- Child Abuse Prevention
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b. Quality – identify measures of quality for you:

- Organization of time and space
- Registration
- Curriculum
- Decoration
- Take-Home Items
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Learn more about Splash Camp and/or child sexual abuse prevention training, contact Glenn Maddox at [Glenn.Maddox@bgav.org](mailto:Glenn.Maddox@bgav.org)

