



FAQ's about VBC

(Frequently Asked Questions about WBC's Vacation Bible Camp)
Summer 2020 (draft)

Many of you have been asking about our plans for Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) this summer. Please read on to learn more about our plans for a special summer Bible camp program...

1. Q. Is VBC going to be cancelled at Winnetka Bible Church this summer?

A. No! Due to COVID, we are not able to provide a traditional VBC program at the church, but are excited to provide a program that every family can use at home. The program was written by Answers in Genesis (aka "Answers") and can be used by single families or by families who would like to host a program as a "backyard Bible experience."

2. Q. Can we still call the program VBC (Vacation Bible Camp)?

A. Technically speaking, it's still a "Vacation Bible Camp," but because the program is a little different this year, we're going to call it a Backyard Bible Camp, or **BBC**

3. Q. What is the theme of this year's VBC (now BBC)?

A. The theme for this year's program will be God's exciting creation. According to the Answers website: "It's excitement galore as we head to IncrediWorld Amusement Park, where kids take a thrill ride through God's creation. Kids will come face-to-face with God's incredible world of wonders as they go wild learning that the Bible is always true....and God is the Creator who masterfully designed every animal!"

4. Q. How does the Backyard Bible Camp work?

A. You get to pick one of the weeks in the summer for your program (see options below). For that week, you can choose either the 3-day or the 5-day option. Once you've planned your dates, you can arrange to pick up your FREE IncrediWorld supplies box from WBC. As you plan out your own BBC, you can select the activities you'd like to do, or do all the activities together. You get to configure the program so it works best for your family and situation.

5. Q. What kind of materials will we receive?

A. This program is designed so families can explore God's Word together and learn about the world He created. Each lesson starts with an Overview page, where you can choose the components that you'd like to offer in your home, and prepare accordingly. After that, each lesson contains the "meat" of the day's teaching so all you have to do is follow along. From there you can add on a song, game, snack, craft, or science experiment as you have time and energy. Your "students" will enjoy learning about the incredible creatures God made during the "Creature Features time." You can also watch the music and drama videos throughout your day to reinforce the lessons.

6. Q. When can we plan our BBC week?

A. Families can select any of the following weeks to conduct their own Backyard Bible Camp. Our official sessions will be:

Session A: July 20 - July 24

Session B: July 27 - July 31

Session C: August 3 - August 7

Session D: August 10 - August 14

7. Q. What is the time commitment?

A. On average, each day of the program takes about an hour to watch (not including the drama or additional time to perform the games, crafts and science experiments). All segments are pre-recorded so you can choose what and when to watch - so your program might be a little longer or shorter, depending on what you do. There is a suggested Overview Guide for each day that displays the content and running times.

8. Q. Who can participate?

A. The great thing about this unique VBC is it can be used with a parent and one child, a family with children of multiple ages, or with multiple families who may be invited into a host family's home. Or, grandparents can use it with their grandkids. You choose! If you would like to use the program to explore the Word as a family, you can limit the program to your own children.

If you'd like to use it as an outreach, you can invite family, friends and neighbors to participate (please adhere to your local COVID guidelines). Please keep in mind that the program is designed for children ages 3-10. Supervision is required for crafts and science experiments, and some crafts use small pieces that may not be suitable for young children. If you decide to use the program as a community outreach, you can request a set of promotion postcards from Winnetka Bible Church to invite others.

9. Q. What will I need to provide?

A. You will need a space large enough to accommodate your participants, a computer screen or monitor for displaying videos and Wifi to access the videos. You will also need to provide a few common household items such as crayons, markers, scissors, etc. You may also want to consider providing a snack during your camp time.

10. Q. What will Winnetka Bible Church provide?

A. An IncrediWorld supply box will be prepared for you in advance of your program. You may pick up your materials at the church office the week before your BBC program begins. If you are planning to invite people from outside your home to your BBC, you may also pick up a set of promotional postcards to invite family, friends and neighborhood families.

Your IncrediWorld supply box from the church will include:

- A Detailed Instruction Manual (for those who like to have instructions to follow)

- A Quick Day-at-a-Glance Chart (for those who prefer an outline)
- Materials for crafts, games and science experiments
- Age-appropriate activity sheets
- Note: You will need to provide common household items like crayons, markers, scissors, etc.

11. Q. What is the difference between the 3-day and 5-day option?

A. The 3-day option includes days 2-4 of the Answers BBC curriculum. The 5-day program includes all 5 days of the Answers BBC program.

12. Q. How much does the program cost?

A. If you register through Winnetka Bible Church, **the BBC program is FREE!** Answers in Genesis has generously provided the program for us to use at no cost, but you may make a donation to Winnetka Bible Church if you like, to help us cover the production costs and allow us to send a thank you donation to the Answers ministry.

13. Q. Who can I contact if I have questions (or think I might need help)?

A. You can contact either Hillary Kolssak (hillary@wbc.org) or Regina Ng (reginalng29@yahoo.com) with questions.