

PARENT AND LEADER GUIDE

Welcome to the BOLT Backyard VBS! With minimal preparation, easy to follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed to bring all of the fun and faith-formation of Vacation Bible School to the cozy confines of your home. It's so simple!

Video Access: You can access the videos and resources on our [VBS PARENT PORTAL](#).

Directions:

Step 1: Invite friends and neighbors. If guidelines permit and if you feel comfortable gathering with other people, invite friends, family, and neighbors to participate in BOLT with you. It's a terrific way to share the good news of Jesus with your community.

Step 2: Gather a few materials. During BOLT, kids will be playing games, doing origami, crafts, and science experiments. Everything has been designed to be performed with minimal materials. We will provide most materials for you. You will need to provide the following yourself:

- Tape (masking or duct)
- Old sheet or blanket
- Box of crackers
- Empty water bottle (per child)
- Food coloring
- Crayons/markers
- Whipped topping
- grapes

Step 3: Press play. When you're ready, gather the kids around and press play on the video. You can find all 3 videos [here](#). Each video will lead you and the kids through the entire experience. Occasionally, the video will ask you to pause and do something. When you're finished doing it, press play again. Feel free to do these at your own pace and at the time of day that is best for you!

Step 4: Play the games. When the video prompts you to, press pause and lead the kids in playing the games. Each day has 3 games. One of the games each day is demonstrated in the video, the other two are not. You can read more about all of the games [here](#). There's no rush to get through the games, so take your time and have fun. When you're finished, give the kids a snack, open a Bible and have someone read the verses indicated on the screen, then press play again.

Step 5: It's origami time. For one of the activities, kids will be doing origami. It's so simple, yet fun! The video will show them exactly what to do. Just have the square pieces of paper we provided ready to go. Print out instructions for each day can be found [here](#).

Step 6: Craft and Science time: The craft and science experiment will be demonstrated in the video. Take your time and pause the video where needed to give yourself plenty of time to play and enjoy the activity.

Step 7: There is no step 7. That's it! It's that easy! Depending on your pace, each day should take about an hour and a half. BOLT takes place over the course of 3 days, so if you've invited friends and neighbors, invite them back for the next day.

MUSIC

BOLT VBS features music by Ben Calhoun of the chart-topping Christian band--**Citizen Way**. If you would like to listen to the 3 featured songs (plus many more) with your family, you can stream them through [this playlist on Spotify](#).