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## MAKE VBS ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERY STUDENT

Suggestions for Directors, Teachers, Parents, and Guardians

All are welcome! God created each of us with a variety of abilities that leaders need to take into consideration when planning VBS.



### VBS and administrative leaders will be responsible for:

- Planning VBS
- Ordering accessible curriculum and resources for students
- Making sure the toolkit is in the designated area
- Communicating with parents regarding their child's particular needs
- Educating all partners about children's individual needs
- Ensuring safety for participants



### Meet with the pastor(s) in your church to discuss accessible ministry

- Dialogue with pastor(s) in your church to discuss how accessibility services are presently being addressed and/or can be addressed in the future
- Discuss your vision for VBS and the guidelines
- Be prepared to let the pastor(s) know the assistance you will need from them



### Create an accessibility team

- Recruit a VBS team (*parents, special education and accessibility professionals, peer-partners, etc.*)
- Create roles and clarify expectations for all volunteers
- Schedule time prior to VBS for building relationships between the volunteers, participant(s), and the family
- Create a culture of acceptance



### Set aside a place/room for accessible ministry

- Recruit volunteers to create a peace room of deescalation with visuals for children who may get overwhelmed (*Students who need accommodations should be instructed to go directly to their classroom, rather than gather in larger groups prior to class in order to reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed in crowds*)
- Create a needs inventory for each student
- Establish a resource area to house all necessary materials and supplies, including a first aid kit
- Provide a toolkit for accessibility team members to use with their assigned child



### Sensory room ideas for creating an accessible space:

- Suspended Equipment
- Balance Tools
- Tactile Media
- Trampoline
- Crash Mat
- Sensory/Therapy Toys
- Tunnel
- Cube Chair
- Timer
- Visual Schedule
- Bean Bag Chair
- Pillows
- Feelings Chart
- Calm Down Area
- Ropes
- Fidget Spinners
- Calming Light Projectors
- Ball Pit

**NOTE:** These are all suggestions. Parents, guardians, directors, and instructors should seek and follow instructions from medical and behavioral professionals. Visit [www.rhboyd.com/vbs](http://www.rhboyd.com/vbs) for additional VBS resources, activities, and recommendations.

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