

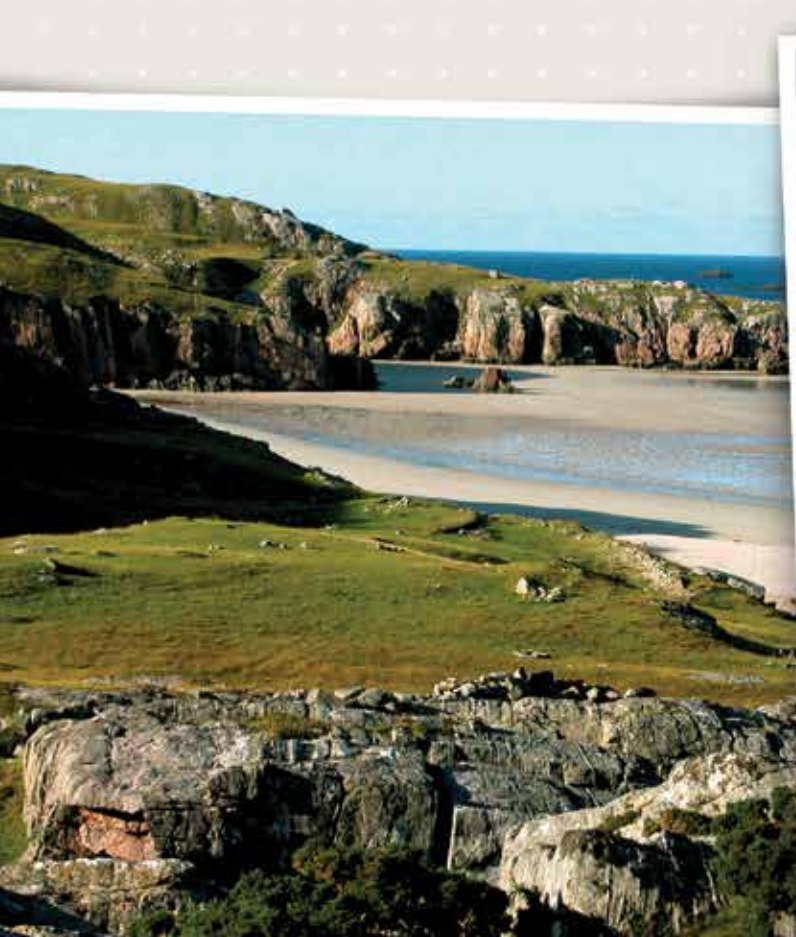


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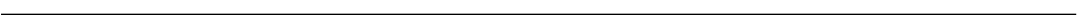
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# INTRODUCTION

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## **Curriculum Overview**

Welcome to the Scottish Sleuths Vacation Bible School curriculum! This VBS series has been designed to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to children through a week-long, intensive study of God's Word.

The Scottish Sleuths characters—Super Bible Sleuth Angus McTavish and Professor Dabney Thornwell symbolically portray the fact that we want our children to become “investigators” of God's Word. These two detectives lead the children on a “Bible case” each year, alternating between stories in the Old and New Testaments. So instead of changing themes each year, this VBS curriculum series keeps the Scottish Sleuths theme and simply changes the “case”—much like new episodes of your favorite television show.

This year, the Case of the Faithful Fighter brings us to a study of the Old Testament Book of Joshua. As God's people enter the Promised Land, we observe much about our great God. We learn that He is perfectly sovereign and His promises are sure and secure. God is our strong deliverer and He is also angry at sin. Finally, we see that God is always to be served by His people. Our faithful fighter is not Joshua; it is the LORD!

## **Curriculum Distinctives**

The Scottish Sleuths VBS series is first and foremost dedicated to teaching God's Word to children. The central core elements of each day are: the Bible Lesson, Bible Application, and Bible

Memory. While most of today's VBS programs tend to emphasize fun and entertainment while being “light” on Bible content, The Scottish Sleuths curriculum engages children with God's Word—passionately communicated by teachers who love Jesus Christ.

### **Our other core distinctives:**

- Christ-centered, Gospel-driven, and theologically Reformed.
- Focuses on the verbal transmission of Bible stories (The art of storytelling).
- Emphasizes class discussion in an open question and answer format.
- Age-appropriate.
- Maximizes the time with profound truths without trying to be too theologically elaborate.
- Reduces the amount of “busy work” by not using a “worksheet” approach.
- Does not overload with too much content or too many activities.

The last element that sets The Scottish Sleuths series apart is that it is easy to teach! It allows your teachers to prepare their hearts and minds to be with their students instead of spending an inordinate amount of time working on lesson plans.

Enjoy *The Scottish Sleuths and the Case of the Faithful Fighter!*



# RECRUITING WORKERS

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*Vacation Bible School demands plenty of volunteer workers! To best use the Scottish Sleuths material, you will need to recruit to following positions:*

## **Recreation Team**

- \_\_\_ Recreation Team Leader
- \_\_\_ Recreation Team Members

## **Administrative Team**

- \_\_\_ VBS Director
- \_\_\_ VBS Assistant Director

## **Crafts Team**

- \_\_\_ Crafts Team Leader
- \_\_\_ Crafts Team Members

## **Registration Team**

- \_\_\_ Registration Team Leader
- \_\_\_ Registration Team Members

## **Skits Team**

- \_\_\_ Skits Director
- \_\_\_ Actors
- \_\_\_ Set/Props/Costumes Designer

## **Classroom Teams**

- \_\_\_ Classroom Teacher(s)
- \_\_\_ Classroom Helpers

## **Other Workers (suggested)**

- \_\_\_ Traffic/Parking Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Refreshment Coordinator  
(for VBS workers)
- \_\_\_ Missions Focus Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Prayer Team Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Advertising Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Set-up/Take-down Team
- \_\_\_ Nursery workers  
(children of VBS workers)
- \_\_\_ Floaters

## **Music Team**

- \_\_\_ Music Team Leader
- \_\_\_ Music Team Members
- \_\_\_ Sound Technician

## **Snacks Team**

- \_\_\_ Snacks Team Leader
- \_\_\_ Snacks Team Members





# GROUPINGS + SCHEDULES

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## Age Groupings

The *Scottish Sleuths* VBS series has been designed for 4 year olds through children who have just completed 5th grade. If you choose to include other age groups (such as 3 year olds or 6th graders), this material may need to be adapted for them.

There are four available versions of teacher's manuals, reflecting four distinct age groupings:

- **Pre-School**  
(4 and 5 year olds)
- **Primary**  
(Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
- **Secondary**  
(2nd and 3rd Grades)
- **Junior**  
(4th and 5th Grades)

The **Pre-School** grouping is designed for children who are currently four or five years old, but have not yet been to Kindergarten. The **Primary** grouping includes children who have *completed* either Kindergarten or 1st Grade. The **Secondary** grouping includes children who have *completed* either the 2nd or 3rd Grades. Finally, the **Junior** grouping includes those children who have *completed* either the 4th or 5th Grades.

Depending on the size groups you desire for each class, you may keep these groups combined for each VBS component or separate them into individual grade levels for their classroom times. The teaching material is written in such a way to be age-appropriate for the designated age group.

## Schedules

All of the children begin their VBS day in an opening assembly. The **Opening Program** may include announcements, singing, a missions focus, and the opening skit. After the opening program, all the children go to their classrooms with their classroom teachers and helpers. Then, each class has a **Welcome** and **Icebreaker** time, followed by the **Bible Lesson**.

After the Bible Lesson, each age group begins a different schedule which includes the following activities:

- Recreation
- Snack Time
- Music
- Crafts
- Bible Application

All age groups then return to their classroom for a time of **Bible Memory**. After the Bible Memory time, all children come together for a closing program. The **Closing Program** may include singing, a missions focus, Bible memory recitation, and closing announcements.

Friday's schedule is unique. Instead of having the Bible Memory time, all children come together for a **Closing Celebration**. This extended closing program includes a closing skit, singing, and any other closing activities to end the week. Parents can be invited to this time.

The next page details a suggested five-day schedule with a **9:00 a.m. until Noon** format.



# SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

	<b>Pre-School</b> (4's & 5's)	<b>Primary</b> (K & 1st)	<b>Secondary</b> (2nd & 3rd)	<b>Junior</b> (4th & 5th)
<b>9:00-9:15</b>	Opening Program	Opening Program	Opening Program	Opening Program
<b>9:15-9:45</b>	Welcome Icebreaker Bible Lesson	Welcome Icebreaker Bible Lesson	Welcome Icebreaker Bible Lesson	Welcome Icebreaker Bible Lesson
<b>9:45-10:05</b>	Recreation	Snack Time	Crafts	Music
<b>10:05-10:25</b>	Snack Time	Music	Bible Application	Crafts
<b>10:25-10:45</b>	Music	Crafts	Recreation	Bible Application
<b>10:45-11:05</b>	Bible Application	Bible Application	Music	Recreation
<b>11:05-11:25</b>	Crafts	Recreation	Snack Time	Snack Time
<b>11:25-11:45</b>	Bible Memory	Bible Memory	Bible Memory	Bible Memory
<b>11:45-Noon</b>	Closing Program	Closing Program	Closing Program	Closing Program