

## **Vacation Bible School Procedural recommendations**

### **SAFETY/SECURITY**

We recommend children receive wristbands each day of VBS upon check-in. The wrist-bands then will be cut off when their parents check them out.

This will help distinguish which children have been checked out, particularly if parents linger to talk and/or if children are moving between designated areas.

At our VBSs, we tried to separate parents/kids at pickup, especially, but it continued to be difficult to determine which children had been released. This simple change helped resolve this issue.

### **PHOTO RELEASES**

Have parents sign a photo release upon first-time check-in and check daily if it's on file, in case children are not there on the first day.

If children cannot be photographed, find a way to differentiate them, either with a different color name tag or wristbands.

Ensure group leaders know if any children in their groups cannot be photographed.

Photo releases are critical, particularly if you want to invite local media to cover your VBS with photos.