Cokesbury’s Vacation Bible School 2011
Shake It Up Café is where kids carry out God’s recipe for living. Children will explore the Bible as a cookout filled with recipes for living out God’s word.

Churches of all sizes can take part in the Bible lessons and support those teaching through a choice of kitchen crafts, science discoveries, and memorable music.

This resource addresses many of the concerns facing smaller churches wanting a successful VBS program. Some of the most common concerns are scheduling, finding enough adult volunteers, finding enough room, purchasing resources, or finding children to attend VBS.

Scheduling time
Sometimes the most common VBS schedule isn’t the best VBS schedule. A smaller church may want to try organizing a VBS program as a summer Sunday school, or on a weekend, or as a one-day program. Scheduling ideas are found on page 2 of this leaflet.

Finding Adult Volunteers
Shake It Up can be organized with three adult leaders and three helpers. See page 3 of this leaflet for ideas.

Monetary Resources
Cokesbury offers two resource plans to equip the smaller church. Look at page 4 to see which plan meets your needs.

Finding children
Page 3 has helpful suggestions on how to advertise your VBS program and invite children to your church.
A one-Day VBS

The One-Day Plan
Plan your VBS in one seven-hour day. Plan to do lessons 1, 3, and 5 from the curriculum and follow the adjacent schedule. If you have enough children to group them into separate travel teams, one option is to divide them into three equal groups. If two groups will work better, let them travel to Bible story and craft time separately but come together for music.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9:00—9:30</td>
<td>Opening assembly with music</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:35—10:35</td>
<td>First story with craft or discovery time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:40—11:40</td>
<td>Second story with craft or discovery time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:45—12:15</td>
<td>Lunch and quiet time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:20 — 1:20</td>
<td>Third story with craft and discovery time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:25 — 2:25</td>
<td>Fourth story with craft and discovery time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:30 — 3:30</td>
<td>Fifth story with craft or discovery time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3:35 — 4:00</td>
<td>Closing assembly with music</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A Weekend VBS

A weekend event can use all of the stories with one supportive activity - either a craft or a science project. You can switch which activity should be showcased for each session.

Add recreation and music time to break up the rotation and give other leaders a rest throughout the day.

Finish the day with Reflection Time when you can pull together everything the children have learned.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6:00—6:30</td>
<td>Opening assembly and music</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6:35—6:55</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session One</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:00—7:20</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session One</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:25—7:45</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session One</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:50—8:00</td>
<td>Closing assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:00—9:30</td>
<td>Opening assembly and music</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:35—9:55</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Two</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00—10:20</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Two</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:25—10:45</td>
<td>Rotate to Mission or Music</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:50—11:10</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Three</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:15—11:35</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Three</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:40—12:10</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:15—12:35</td>
<td>Rotate to Mission or Music</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:40—1:00</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Four</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:05—1:25</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Four</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:30—1:50</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Five</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:55—2:15</td>
<td>Rotate to the Bible story, craft, or discovery activity for Session Five</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:20—2:35</td>
<td>Reflection time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:40—3:00</td>
<td>Closing assembly</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Finding Adult Leadership

If adult leadership is a concern in your church, the ideas described on page 2 require a commitment from only four adult leaders.
- a music leader
- a craft leader
- a Bible story
- a science activity leader

The children can be divided evenly into three groups. Each group of children should have an adult or youth helper travel with them to help with activities. If you need to create more than three groups of children, then combine two groups into one activity center at a time. Bring all of the children together for music.

Designing a One-Room VBS

If space is an issue at your church, plan to do your VBS program in one large fellowship hall.

Follow the plans on the previous page. Instead of having children move between rooms, have them move from station to station within one large room. Areas can be draped off using sheets and piping or rope to create boundaries between areas.

The specialty areas you can create are
- The opening and closing assembly space for assembly time and music
- the Kitchen à la King for the Bible storytelling area
- a kitchen craft area
- an foodology factory for the science area

inviting Neighborhood Children to VBS

A VBS program is a perfect time to invite your community into your church. The following are some ideas on how to reach out to the children in your community:

- Place VBS fliers on front doors all over your community giving families the dates, times and location of your VBS event.

- Send invitation postcards to everyone in the congregation telling them to bring a friend. Use the e-cards option from the free registration tools.

- Ask Sunday School children to send a VBS invitation to their friends.

- Put announcements in the church bulletin and newsletter as well as your local newspapers.

- Display posters in supermarkets.

- Provide registration forms to any nonchurch organizations, such as scouts or teams, that use your facility.

- Make fliers advertising your VBS program. Include a registration form on the flier. Ask local merchants to include your flier when they are bagging merchandise.

- Invite other churches to join you in VBS. Rotate the duty of “host church” among all participating congregations.
Shake It Up café Smaller Church Pak

If you plan to use one of the streamlined plans outlined on pages 2 and 3 of this leaflet, then the Shake It Up Smaller Church Pak is the best choice. For $49.99 you will receive

- Director’s manual
- Assortment of Leader books, including
  - Preschool/Kindergarten Director
  - Bible Storyteller
  - Music Leader
  - Discovery Time Leader
  - Mission Leader
  - Craft Leader
  - Snack Leader
  - Reflection Time Leader
- Complete Music CD
- Catalog
- 1 pack of 24 Nametags
- 1 pack of 25 Invitation Postcards

Shake It Up café Smaller Church Kit
Item # 843504012090 — $49.99

Shake It Up café Starter Kit
Item # 843504011604 — $79.99

If your church plans to organize a VBS program using all of the activity centers, then the Shake It Up Starter Kit is a wise choice. For $74.99 you will receive

- Director’s manual
- Leader guides, including
  - Preschool/Kindergarten Director
  - Assembly Leader
  - Mission Leader
  - Decorating Guide
  - Music Leader
  - Bible Storyteller
  - Discovery Time Leader
  - Recreation Leader
  - Snack Leader
  - Craft Leader
  - Reflection Time Leader
- Complete Music CD
- Student Activity Cards
- Sample of some crafts
- Catalog with Preview Video
- Access to FREE Online Registration Tools at cokesburyvbs.com
- Samples of other promotional items

Additional items may be purchased separately. Check out the Shake It Up catalog.

Cokesbury has several ordering options. Choose the one that is most convenient for you.

Online at www.cokesburyvbs.com
Call toll free at 1-800-672-1789
Visit your Cokesbury store.