



2020
VIRTUAL
VBS



JULY 13-15
10AM

PARENT 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

Each day's video will be published in the morning at 10AM. The videos will stay up for a few weeks for your kids to watch. You can access the videos on our YouTube Channel "Graceway Charlotte" and our website GracewayCharlotte.org/vbs2020.

DIRECTIONS

- 1 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.
- 2 Step 2: Gather a few materials.**
During BOLT, kids will be playing games and doing origami. Everything has been designed to be performed with minimal materials—materials that you will most likely have around the house or can easily and inexpensively purchase at a local store. Most of the materials needed will be included in the Take-Home Kits that can be picked up on July 11th & 12th. For a list of everything you will need check the end of this document.
- 3 Step 3: Press play.**
When you're ready, gather the kids around and press play on the video. Graceway will be publishing the video each day at 10:00am. 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.
- 4 Step 4: Play the games.**
When the video prompts you to, press pause and lead the kids in playing the games. 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.
- 5 Step 5: It's origami time.**
For the craft, kids will be doing origami. It's so simple, yet fun! The video will show them exactly what to do. Graceway will be supplying the origami paper for all three days!
- 6 Step 6: There is no step 6.**
That's it! It's that easy! Depending on your pace, each day should take about an hour. BOLT takes place over the course of 3 days, so if you've invited friends and neighbors, invite them back for the next day.

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GAMES

DAY 1 GAME

Head, Shoulders, Cup

Supplies Needed: Included in Take-Home Kits

Directions: Have people pair up with each other and kneel face to face. Place one plastic cup in-between each pair. When you say “head,” everyone must touch their head. When you say “shoulders,” everyone must touch their shoulders. Quickly alternate between saying “head” and “shoulders” for about 10-15 seconds, then say “cup.” When you say “cup,” the first person to grab the cup wins the round. Play as many rounds as the kids would like. If you have enough players, you can have the winners play each other until there is only one champion. (This game is demonstrated in the Day 1 Video.)

DAY 2 GAME

Soaked

Supplies Needed: Buckets or Bins (Everything else is included in the Take-Home Kits)

Directions: Have everyone lie on their back side by side. Place a bin of water by the person on one end and an empty bin by the person on the other end. The object is to transfer all of the water from one bin to the other using a sponge. The person by the bin full of water must dunk the sponge, then pass it down the line to the last person, who will then squeeze the water into the empty bin before passing the sponge back and repeating. The players will get wet and they’ll love it! (This game is demonstrated in the Day 2 video.)

DAY 3 GAME

Fishy Face

Supplies Needed: Whipped topping (1-2 tubs), bowls (1 per team), towels for cleanup, (everything else is included in Take-Home Kits)

Directions: Choose some players to put whipped topping on their face like a beard. Place a bowl of goldfish crackers about 15 feet away from them. On “go,” have their teammates race back and forth, grabbing one goldfish cracker at a time and sticking it to their bearded partner. See which team can apply the most goldfish crackers in 1 minute. Work quickly before their beards have time to fall off! If there aren’t enough people for multiple teams, make it a simple challenge to see how many crackers can be applied in the allotted time. (This game is demonstrated in the Day 3 video.)

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SUPPLY LIST (ALL DAYS)

Day 1:

- **Included:**
 - Square pieces of paper for origami (at least 2 per person)
 - Plastic cups (1 for every 2 people)
- **Need:** Nothing 😊

Day 2:

- **Included:**
 - Square pieces of paper for origami (at least 1 per person)
 - Sponge—bigger is better (1 per team)
- **Need:**
 - Plastic bins, buckets, or large bowls (2 per team)
 - Possible substitution: t-shirt or hand towel
 - Towels for drying off

Day 3:

- **Included:**
 - Square pieces of paper for origami (at least 1 per person)
 - Goldfish crackers (1 bag/box)
- **Need:**
 - Whipped topping (1-2 tubs)
 - Bowls (1 per team)
 - Towels for cleanup



HOW TO PICK UP YOUR KITS

We really miss your kiddos and want to make this year's VBS special even if we can't gather together for it. Bring your kids along to pick up their kits at the church on one of the dates listed below. Its where the fun starts. There will be a photo-op AND they can dunk Mr. Brad in the Dunk Tank! Choose a date to pick up your kits when you register.

PICKUP DATES



SATURDAY JULY 11TH 10AM-12PM



**SUNDAY JULY 12TH FOLLOWING
THE 9:45 SERVICE**