

VBS 2013
Kingdom Rock – Where Kids Stand Strong for God
July 21-25, 2013

4 year olds to 5th graders welcome!

Ways for YOU to Help!!

1. **Volunteers are always needed!** We need Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, Crew Assistants and kitchen helpers for the family meals! If you have never helped before, our evening goes something like this. The kids and their families are invited to join us for a meal at 5:30 p.m., and then VBS officially begins at 6:00 p.m. The kids are divided up into “crews,” small groups of different ages. We have a large opening session, and then travel to different stations. These include: Bible stories, crafts, games, and a favorite of all the kids – the Chadder video station. We also have time to enjoy a snack (handmade by the kids), and then we close with a large group session. It is a fast-paced, fun-filled evening ending at 8:30 p.m.! Many of our volunteers have been with us for several years, and many of our crew assistants join us as they become middle schoolers. Please contact the church office if you would like to be a part of this very special week of St. Mark’s youth ministry. Even if you can’t be with us for the entire week, your help for even one or two nights would be greatly appreciated.
2. **Sponsor a child for VBS!** \$20 pays the registration fee for one child, and \$10 is the suggested donation for the week’s family meals.
3. **Purchase something on the VBS wish list!** Next month our wish list will be up on the bulletin board next to the office. These will be items needed for snack time, games, crafts and decorating.
4. **Support our VBS mission project!** This year we will be collecting funds for the “Kids Empowering Kids Congo Mission Project.” We will be helping raise money to support and feed children at the Empowering Lives International (ELI) school in the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R. Congo). ELI is a Christian nonprofit organization, working in East and Central Africa. The children at the ELI school in the D.R. Congo are the poorest of the poor, often receiving their only meals at this school. It only costs 30 cents a day to educate and feed one child! Every dollar our VBS mission project raises will go directly towards this ELI school providing education and a daily meal. We will be encouraging our kids to collect change in creative ways to see how many days of school and meals they can provide for their friends in the D.R. Congo.
5. **Keep our VBS ministry in your prayers!** At Kingdom Rock VBS, kids enter an epic adventure that empowers them to stand strong. Here, God’s victorious power isn’t a fairy tale – it changes kids forever! Pray for St. Mark’s success in making this a reality for all involved.

As always, thank you for your support! Please call with any questions.

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