

2013 OVBS Updates

2013 Theme Verse

**"Humble yourselves in
the sight of the Lord,
and He shall lift you up"
(James 4:10).**

OVBS Transition Highlights

- 1) Renaming of the Age Levels to Alphabetical Level Distinctions
- 2) Moving from Traditional Lesson Plan to Module Based Plan (Except for Group E - High School)
- 3) Requires Adherence to a Set Schedule
*Balance is Key
- 4) Allows Internal Autonomy
- 5) Publication of Materials by the end of May

1) *Renaming of the Age Levels*

For ease of communication, the names of the groups will be referred to as the following:

Group A (Completion of KG and below)

Group B (Completion of 1st and 2nd grade)

Group C (Completion of 3rd thru 5th grade)

Group D (Completion of 6th thru 8th grade)

Group E (Completion of 9th thru 12th grade)

**It is recommended that students in grades 11-12 serve as volunteers for the OVBS*

2) *Module Breakdown*

A book will be created for each group that includes the following four main modules addressing each of these aspects:

Module 1: Bible Study - will focus on an exegetical and patristic study of Scriptures related to the main theme;

Module 2: Theater - will allow the students to choose from a collection of the lives of the saints to develop scripts and to be acted out theatrically for the entire community;

Module 3: Life of the Church - focuses on a sacrament or liturgical aspect of the Church based on the theme;

Module 4: Activities - will be an opportunity to do either Arts & Crafts or Biblical Games which are appropriate for the respective age groups;

3) *Sample Set Schedule - Evening OVBS*

05:30-05:45pm – Vespers

05:50-06:00pm – Opening Devotional

06:00-06:20pm - Songs (Song A (Familiar Song) + Song B (New) +
Song C (New))

06:25-06:55pm – Module 1

07:00-07:30pm – Module 2

07:30-08:00pm – Dinner

08:05-08:35pm – Module 3

08:40-09:10pm – Module 4

09:15-09:30pm – Songs (Song B + Song C) + Compline

3) *Sample Set Schedule - Full Day OVBS*

09:30-09:45am – Matins

09:50-10:00am – Opening Devotional

10:05-10:25am – Songs (Song A (Familiar Song) + Song B (New) + Song C (New))

10:30-11:20am – Module 1

11:30-12:20pm – Module 2

12:30-02:00pm – Noon Prayer + Lunch

02:05-02:25pm – Songs (Repeat Song B + Song D (New) + Repeat Song C)

02:30-03:20pm – Module 3

03:30-04:20pm – Module 4

04:30-05:50pm – Games + Free Time

06:00-06:25pm – Vespers

4) *Allowing Internal Autonomy*

Music Ministry - Songs will be compiled in a database with lyrics and music on YouTube and available for download on diocesan website; each respective OVBS can choose the music appropriate for their youth;

Module 2: Theater - Each age level (A, B, C, D, E) will have a choice of 3-5 lives of the saints to choose from. Over the course of OVBS, they will choose one of the lives to enact for the entire community.

Module 4: Activities - Like the database of songs, a database of Arts & Crafts as well as Biblical Games will be available for respective OVBS leaders to choose appropriate to their respective age levels.

5) *Final Publication of Materials*

-Material will be published on the Diocesan website by the end of May 2013

-Training Camps will be offered upon request

*Utilization of online resources for training

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