



PARENT GUIDE

Welcome to the Backyard BOLT 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. Depending on your pace, it will take about an hour and a half to do the activities each day. If you have a middle school aged child, they can help you lead it!

Video Access:

You can access the videos and resources on the **BOLT Family Portal**.

Directions:

Step 1: Consider inviting friends and neighbors. If health 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.

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.

Step 3: Press play. When you're ready, gather the kids around and press play on the video. 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.

Step 4: Play the games. When the video prompts you to, press pause and lead the kids in playing the games. Each day has 3 games. One of the games each day is demonstrated in the video, the other two are not. 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.

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. Just have some square pieces of paper ready to go. You can buy colored, square origami paper online or just cut a piece of white or colored paper into a square yourself.

That's it! It's that easy! Depending on your pace, each day should take about an hour and a half. BOLT takes place over the course of 3 days, so if you've invited friends and neighbors, invite them back for the next day. You choose the days and times. And if your kids "aren't feeling it" on a particular day, try again another day.

Are you ready? . . . Let's BOLT!