

MONUMENTAL KIDS

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

I'm 4 years old. I'm full of imagination and excitement. I love to use my imagination in make-believe play and art activities. I like to use loud voices and big movements. You may need to remind me when it's time to listen and sit quietly.



I'm 5 years old. I love to help. If you notice me helping, please tell me thank you. I'm proud of the things I can do, but I'm also sensitive. Other children may hurt my feelings by blurting out reactions to things I do. I'm improving in my coordination. I can cut with scissors and color between the lines. I'm also pretty good at throwing and catching balls.

I'm 6 or 7 years old. I like to move and will start fidgeting if I have to sit too long. I am sensitive, so will need encouragement when things get tough. I am going to test your authority with complaining and tantrums. I'll get over it quickest if you are firm and do not tolerate this behavior. I learn best through discovery and really love asking questions and getting to try out new things. I need structure and security, so please show me that I can count on you.



I'm 8 or 9 years old. I'm pretty competitive and will probably argue with you when I lose. You can help me be a good sport if you keep a sense of fun. I like to push my physical limits, so can get tired fairly easily. I tend to worry a lot and can be self-critical. Leaders who are patient with me and give clear directions and expectations are the most helpful. Please don't use sarcastic humor with me; it can hurt my feelings because I don't understand it yet.

I'm 10 or 11 years old. I really enjoy getting to be social with friends. Sign me up for anything I can do in a group. I'm learning to think abstractly, but can also get a little moody and emotional. I worry about friends and when things are unfair. If you're able to be empathetic and keep your sense of humor, we'll have a great time together. Please recognize me with praise and encouragement when I put forth a positive effort.



TIPS & IDEAS FOR VBS



If you've been asked to be a Class Leader or Helper, you've met two important qualifications: You love the Lord, and you love children!

Here are a few tips on making the most of your time as a VBS volunteer!

USE POSITIVE WORDS LIKE THESE:

- Let's keep moving so we can do as many fun activities as possible.
- Listen carefully so you'll know what to do next.
- Stay with the group; we need your help in this activity!
- That's a unique way of doing things! How did you think of that? Let's try it this way.
- It's important that we all follow the instructions and work together as a team.
- Please move over here so you can see better.

TRY THESE MONUMENTAL PUNS TO REDIRECT CERTAIN BEHAVIORS:

- Cheating in games or other activities: "We're going off the trail; let's get back to following directions!"
- Not paying attention to Station Leaders: "Put on your jackrabbit ears so you can listen."
- Distracted by side conversations or horse play: "I know we're in the desert, but let's not turn into wild tumbleweeds right now."
- Complaining about activities at stations: "Let's show all our leaders *they're* monumentally cool by showing respect. You may not love everything we do, but if you don't participate, you might miss out on something you didn't expect to be *amazing*."