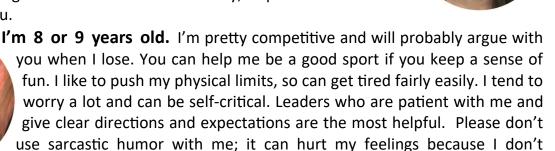


I'm 4 years old. I'm full of imagination and excitement. I love to use my imagination in make-believe play and art activities. I like to use loud voices and big movements. You may need to remind me when it's time to listen and sit quietly.

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.

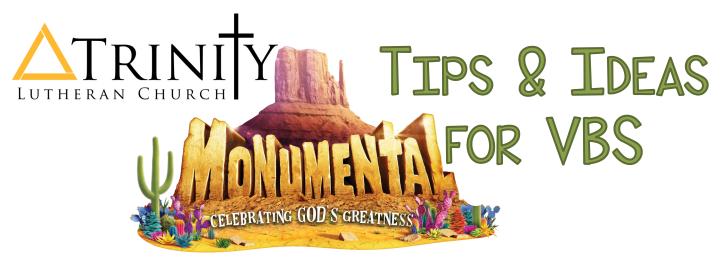
I'm 6 or 7 years old. I like to move and will start fidgeting if I have to sit too long. I am sensitive, so will need encouragement when things get tough. I am going to test your authority with complaining and tantrums. I'll get over it quickest if you are firm and do not tolerate this behavior. I learn 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.



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.





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."