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Engage your entire parish community with Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Starting a program from scratch can seem overwhelming, but below you'll find a simple structure that will help you make the most of your own Vacation Bible School program.

First, begin by selecting a Featured Story from *The Catholic Children's Bible* for each day of the week. All of the Featured Stories are found on pages 7-11 of *The Catholic Children's Bible*.

The Reading Plans (found on page 2000) offer a good place to start on choosing Featured Stories. Each Reading Plan includes eight Featured Stories that follow a common theme.

The sample schedule below highlights a morning program where the children are arranged into small groups that rotate between three stations. Stations could include core Bible lesson, craft, songs, games, etc.

## Sample program schedule

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Drop-off activity
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and opening prayer
9:20-9:50 a.m.	Session 1
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Rotate the groups
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Session 2
10:30-10:50 a.m.	Snack time for everyone
10:50-11:00 a.m.	Rotate the groups
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Session 3
11:30-11:40 a.m.	Reconvene as a large group
11:40-12:00 p.m.	Wrap-up and closing prayer