



Day 1 at Grace UMC

LET'S GO!

What a terrific opening day of VBS it was! Our Bible Verse for the day was ...

*"But you are near, O Lord,
and all your commands
are true."*

(Psalm 119:151)


And our Bible Story and Picture were ...



God frees Peter from prison.

(ACTS 12:1-19)



We met  Scully, our Bible Memory Buddy.

During the opening at what is called Sing and Play Splash, we met Captain Jack and Polly Wanna Cracker! Polly Wanna Cracker discovered that God's Word is True ("Let's Go"). We also sang "Vast Voyage". In Clipper Ship Crafts, we made a **Ship Clip Bible Buddy Keeper**. We put our Buddy Keeper on our name tags and each day we can add

our Bible Memory Buddy to our Keeper. In Bible Voyage, we acted out the story of Rhoda. Outside at Ship Rec Games, we played **Get to Know You Island, Where Do I Go?** and **Kablooey**. We had some quiet time in Sail Away Cinema as we watched **Chadder's Theatre**. Should Chadder trust Captain Bleagh? We also learned about God Sightings. God is near all the time. He's near when you have doubts, when you are confused, when you are full of joy. When you see evidence of God around you, that's a God Sighting!!!! During Goodies from the Galley, we made a delicious **Peter's Jail Mix!** The VBS'ers even decided to make themselves go to "jail" while they ate snack!!!! At The Floating Finale, Captain Jack and Polly Wanna Cracker showed everyone how God Word is True ("Let's Go!") and we put Scully on our Buddy Keeper. It was an amazing way to end our day!

We also began to talk about our mission project this week. Since we are sailing the High Seas this week and Grace UMC supports the mission project, Imagine No More Malaria, Captain Jack and Polly Wanna Cracker decided that this week our mission project will be to raise a *minimum* of \$300 for this worthy cause! A donation tub is located on the High Seas Desk as you check-in and check-out. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. And remember ... if we raise \$300, not only will the Grace congregation match our donation, but Captain Jack and Polly Wanna Cracker will walk the plank on Friday during our closing ceremony!!!!

HELP!!!! Do you have any empty oatmeal, bread crumb, or Pringles containers at home? We need just a few more for our craft project on Friday. You can leave empty containers at the High Seas Desk. Thank you!

Please remember you must check-in and check-out at the High Seas Desk at the front door along Walker Avenue! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to call Nick Works, Pastor of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at 301-926-8688 ext. 15.

***We're looking forward to rockin' fun day on
High Seas tomorrow!!!***

VBS Wrap-up Questions that you could ask at home...

- +What God Sightings did you see today?
- +How did it feel to go in the direction Scully told you to go?
- +God's Word – the Bible – tells us to go in a "true" direction. How do we know that God's Word is true?

Soak up the fun at VBS!