

# Let Me Give You a Little “Direction” On What Happened Today at High Seas Expedition

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I’m Scully! Sailors trust a compass to point them in the right direction. God’s Word is true – it’ll guide you every day!

Bible Point – God’s Word is true.

Bible Story – God frees Peter from prison. (Acts 12:1-19)

Bible Verse – “But you are near, O Lord, and all your commands are true.” (Psalm 119:151)

We had an exciting first day at High Seas Expedition VBS! Each crew from the youngest to the oldest learned about how the mighty love of God freed Peter from prison. We looked for evidence of God in things around us - we call these “God Sightings”. God is active in our everyday lives....we just have to learn to look.

The elementary kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>) all gathered at Sing & Play Splash to sing and do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs that introduced them to the concepts they’d be learning this week. The crews then split up and went to different areas.

The K- 4<sup>th</sup> grade crews visited five different stations. They snacked on Peter’s Jail Mix in *Goodies From the Galley*, found out what it would have been like for Peter when god sent an angel to rescue him in *Bible Voyage*, made Ship Clip Keychains in *Clipper Ships Crafts*, played Kablooney in *Ship Rec Games*, and met Chadder Chipmunk on video!



The R6 crew (which stands for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders) headed to the Youth Center for Bible study and activities planned especially for them. They participated in get-to-know you games and discussed how they personally know that God Word is true. If you noticed that your headlights were a little brighter, thank the R6ers!

The kids came together again for our Floating Finale, a celebration where everyone sang the songs that learned earlier in the morning and then learned a few more.

Preschoolers have a special High Seas Expedition program of their own! Just like the “big kids”, they enjoyed eating trail mix, making Ship Clip keychains, learning some new songs, and watching the Chadder video. Are Chadder and the crew lost at sea? They’ll have to watch all week to find out.

Who is Chadder? Chadder is a chipmunk. He is a lovable, mischievous character the kids love. He is the mascot of VBS. Each day when kids visit Sail Away Cinema, they view a segment of *Chadder’s High Seas Adventure*. The continuing drama, comical characters, and cliffhanger endings build great anticipation and keep kids coming back for more each day. Watch closely and you just might see a life-size Chadder this week leading songs and handing out hugs!

Some reminders....

1) Kids must wear their nametag every day.

2) We are collecting spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce (no glass containers, please) and chewable children’s vitamins for needy families. We are asking each child to try and bring in at least one of each this week.

3) This summer our VBS is helping to complete a church in Guatemala that our mission teams began six years ago. We encourage the children to bring in a handful of change each day this week. Collection buckets are located just inside the carline doors.

Also... We are collecting five-dollar donations for thank you treats for our many volunteers. If you would like to contribute, please put your money in an envelope marked “Thank You” and have your child drop it in the offering bucket.

4) Pictures from VBS will be posted on the church website [www.duewest.org](http://www.duewest.org). Check after 6:00 p.m. each day to view the events of the day. The needed password has been emailed to the parents of registered VBS children.