



Our theme this year, **Rocky Railway**, is described as a *“faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs.”* This was originally a program we were setting up just before the pandemic shut everything down. But the theme and activities seemed so cool and like so much fun, we decided to just put it on hold and try again this summer. Some churches offered this theme last year, and there may be some familiarity with it. But here at St. Stephen’s, we always put our own crazy spin on things!

We take the general theme and really try to make it our own, with completely reworked Bible stories, brand new science experiments, and updates crafts and snacks. VBS week is one of our very favorite weeks of the year, and we go all out to bless these kids with a week we hope they love, will remember, and can make a impact on their lives with God’s amazing love for us all. This is for elementary aged youth, Monday through Friday night, **June 20-24.**

Kids will check in each evening at 6:00pm in the Worship Center, then we’re straight into learning and singing this year’s awesome VBS songs. Costumed “guest speakers” will give the entire group the night’s Bible story like they’ve never heard before, then it’s off to with their small group crews and crew leaders to various rotations of outdoor games, fun snacks, super cool science, and a themed craft project. We’ll gather back a little after 8:00pm as a large group to check in with what we’ve learned, then end the night with more songs as parent’s pick them up again in the Worship Center before 8:30pm.

It’s high energy fun with a great and holy purpose: that Almighty God loves each of us all the time, every day, and no matter what, Jesus is always there with us and for us. ***His power will pull us through!***