

VBS 2018 CHILDREN'S CRAFTS ROTATION BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (2 HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This two-hour plan is designed to train and equip VBS craft rotation leaders to lead the crafts rotation using LifeWay's *VBS 2018 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.

Needed Resources

- 5 *VBS 2018 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides*
- 6 *VBS 2018 Tablecloths*
- *VBS 2018 Super Duper Sized Backdrop*
- *VBS 2018 Visual Pack*
- *VBS 2018 Music for Kids CD*
- *VBS 2018 Small Inflatable Sports Balls*
- *VBS 2018 Notepad* — Give each conferee one sheet from the notepad.
- Item 1: "Personal Stats" — Copy 1 per conferee.
- Item 2: "Let the Games Begin" — Copy 1 per conferee.
- Sample crafts — Prepare one of each craft in the *VBS 2018 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* as well as one of each craft from the *VBS 2018 VBX Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide*. Display on the focal table with a tent sign.
- Large tri-fold board — Print *Crafts Rotation Game Plan* at the top of the board.
- 6 sentence strips — Print the following statements along with X's, O's, and arrows (like a game plan) on each sentence strip. Then place strips under six random chairs.
 1. Pray and become familiar with each day's Bible Study
 2. Get the basic information from the VBS Director
 3. Choose which crafts you will use
 4. Enlist and train leaders
 5. Gather and purchase supplies
 6. Prepare one of each craft
- 12 tape rolls — Prepare ahead of time to attach sentence strips to the "Game Plan" poster.
- 5 tables — Arrange tables in the back of the room. Place a bag of supplies for a specific craft (see below) and a leader guide in the center of each table.
 - Table 1: Place enough supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to make the "Lost Sheep Pencil Topper" (craft pack or instructions on p. 7 of leader guide) in a bag labeled Day 1.
 - Table 2: Place enough supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to make the "Lace 'em Up Water Bottle" (p. 13 of leader guide) in a bag labeled Day 2.
 - Table 3: Place enough supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to make the "Faith Fan" (Page 15 in the leader guide) in a bag labeled Day 3.
 - Table 4: Place enough supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to make the "Team Color Bookmarks" (craft pack or instructions on p. 20 of leader guide) in a bag labeled Day 4.
 - Table 5: Place enough supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to make the "Poseable Player" (p. 24 of leader guide) in a bag labeled Day 5.
- Poster board — Prepare a poster board to look like a stadium where conferees can make thumbprints to look like faces in the stadium. (Optional: Make another poster board to look like a football field with players. Lead conferees to make thumbprints to look like footballs flying through the air during warm ups.)

- White, tan, and brown paint (or washable inkpads) — Use to add thumbprints to posters. Provide wet wipes to clean up afterwards.
- Optional: Prepare enough “Kick-off Finger Puppet” (craft pack or p. 17 of leader guide) supplies for every conferee to make one. Provide ziplock bags and labels for conferees to take home their puppets.
- Colored pencils
- CD Player

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle and place the *VBS 2018 Super Duper Sized Backdrop* on the focal wall. Cover a table with a *VBS 2018 Tablecloth* and display the large tri-fold board, curriculum, and prepared sample crafts alongside tabletop decorations such as pom-poms, megaphones, and small sports balls. Arrange five additional tables at the back of the room. Cover with VBS tablecloths and place one prepared bag with a leader guide and craft supplies on each table. Display posters from the *VBS 2018 Visual Pack* around the room. Arrange coolers and other sports equipment around the room. Place small containers on each back table to collect trash as conferees make crafts.

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (10 minutes)

- Play “Game On!” (Music for Kids CD, track 1) as conferees arrive. Distribute copies of the “Personal Stats” handout (Item 1). Ask conferees to complete the handout and share their answers with a new friend.
- Invite a few volunteers to share what they learned about their new friends.

2. What's Your Game Plan? (30 minutes)

- Distribute Item 2 to each conferee.
- Instruct conferees to look at the section entitled, “What's Your Game Plan?”
- Lead everyone to look under their chairs to see if they have one of the “Game Plan” pieces (sentence strips).
- Encourage conferees to read and attach their part of the game plan to the tri-fold board. Discuss each element of the game plan.
 - 1- **Pray and become familiar with each day's Bible study.** Remind conferees that all VBS leaders are teachers. It is everyone's responsibility to pray for VBS and to be familiar with the Bible story for each day as well as the point and life application.
 - 2- **Get the basic information from the VBS Director.** Some of the needed information includes date and time of the VBS, training opportunities, room assignment, rotation schedule, how many crafts to prepare, budget, and how to obtain supplies. What challenges should we be prepared to handle?
 - 3- **Choose which crafts you will use.** Some things to consider are budget, age-appropriateness, enjoyment, ease of obtaining supplies, and time constraints.
 - 4- **Enlist & train leaders.** Check with the VBS Director to see if you need to enlist assistant leaders or if the VBS Director will enlist your team for you. Be sure that everyone on your team is aware of training opportunities and the importance of attending the training.
 - 5- **Gather and purchase supplies.** Talk with your VBS Director to find out who will purchase and gather supplies for VBS. Be sure to choose crafts early so that church members will have time to save up needed supplies.

- 6- **Prepare one of each craft (or let a child prepare the craft).** There's nothing worse than realizing a craft simply doesn't work or won't dry or takes too long after the children begin making the craft. Test crafts ahead of time.

3. Daily Crafts (40 minutes)

- Form five even groups and direct each group to one of the tables at the back of the room.
- Lead conferees to follow the instructions from the leader guides to make their assigned craft using the resources provided. (Note: Each person may make a craft.)
- Encourage group to discuss how the craft connects to the Bible story for their assigned day as they work. Ask them to be prepared to share that with the large group, as well as any challenges they encountered while making the craft.
- Invite groups to share, beginning with Day 1 and moving sequentially through Day 5. After each group shares, show the other (previously made) crafts for that day.
- Show and talk about the 3–5 day craft and the preteen crafts (suggested in the VBX leader guide). Mention that there are also craft ideas in the student and adult leader guides.

4. Game is Over, but Time Hasn't Been Called (20 minutes)

- Encourage conferees to look back at their handout (Item 2) and look at the section entitled, "Game Is Over, But Time Hasn't Been Called." Talk about how veterans of VBS crafts know that some children will rush through their craft and others will take much longer. Say: "We must be prepared with something to do for those who finish early." Discuss the following ideas of things to do when children finish early:
 1. Children can decorate a bag to collect their crafts for the week.
 2. Take a picture of each child to be used in a craft.
 3. Let children make a backdrop using thumbprints or fingerprints as faces in a stadium or a ball in flight. If time permits, allow a few conferees to demonstrate.
 4. Play simple games. Ask conferees for a few ideas of games they have played with children as they completed crafts. Some options might include small tabletop basketball or soccer games (may be purchased at dollar stores), playing a small putt-putt game, or even making up cheers. Remind leaders that instructing kids to sit still and wait is not usually effective. Have a plan in place, or children will come up with their own plan!
 5. Continue to build relationships through conversations.

5. Becoming an MVP (20 minutes)

- Invite conferees to take notes on their handouts (Item 2) about what it takes to be a VBS MVP (Most Valuable Player).
- Share that one step to becoming a VBS MVP is to be prepared.
 - Discuss the importance of preparing so that VBS crafts will run smoothly.
- Continue: "Another step to becoming a MVP is to realize that your role doesn't begin and end with the week of VBS. Offer to go with others in your church to a local fair or festival. Set up a booth and invite people to stop and make one of the VBS crafts. Print information about your VBS (date, time, location, etc.) on labels and affix to ziplock bags that people can use to take their crafts home with them."
 - State that one craft that lends itself well that setting is the "Kick-off Finger Puppet."
 - If time allows, allow each conferee to make one of the puppets and place it in a ziplock bag with a small pom-pom (for the finger puppet to use as a ball). Guide conferees to write the details of their VBS on the label on their bags.
- Say: "Sharing the gospel with kids will also help you become a VBS MVP."

- Lead conferees to open the crafts leader guide to the inside front cover. Encourage leaders to be sure that all crafts leaders are comfortable with sharing the gospel.
- Ask conferees to pair up and practice sharing the gospel with a child using the provided outline.
- Say, "Everyone should look for opportunities to have teachable moments and gospel conversations with children."
- Mention that continuing connections with crafts is another step to becoming an MVP.
 - Toss a ball in the air and ask the person who catches it to think of a way craft leaders can help to "continue the connection" begun with a child in VBS after VBS is over.
 - Continue tossing the ball until several have shared ideas. (*Ideas may include participating in Family Night, greeting kids by name when you encounter them in the community, and being involved in your church's follow-up efforts.*)
- Say: "The final way to become a VBS MVP is to pray."
 - Give conferees one sheet each from the *VBS 2018 Note Pad*. Ask them to write their names, church names, and the dates of their VBS.
 - Lead conferees to exchange sheets with the new friend they met at the very beginning of the conference. Encourage partners to keep the sheet to remind them to pray for their new friend as they prepare for VBS.
- Read 2 Peter 1:3. Remind conferees that if God has called them to the task of leading crafts at VBS, He will equip them for the task.
- Close in prayer. Ask God to bless leaders, kids, and families through VBS this year.

CRAFTS ROTATION
GAME ON - PERSONAL STATS

MY FAVORITE:

My favorite sport to play is _____.

My favorite sport to watch is _____.

___ Sorry, I don't do sports.

I ENJOY...

A. ___ Team Sports

B. ___ Individual Sports

MY VBS EXPERIENCE:

- I have worked in VBS _____ years.
- I have led VBS Crafts Rotation _____ years.

IF VBS WERE A FOOTBALL GAME, I SEE MYSELF AS:

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| ___ Quarterback | ___ Offensive Lineman |
| ___ Defense | ___ Team Captain |
| ___ Coach | ___ Special Teams |
| ___ Water Boy | ___ Statistician |
| ___ Cheerleader | ___ Band Member |
| ___ Fan | ___ Concession Stand Vendor |

SHARE YOUR ANSWERS WITH A NEW FRIEND!



GEARING UP FOR LIFE'S BIG GAME 2 PETER 1:3

CRAFTS ROTATION
LET THE GAMES BEGIN

WHAT'S YOUR GAME PLAN?

- 1 –
- 2 –
- 3 –
- 4 –
- 5 –
- 6 –
- 7 –

THE GAME IS OVER, BUT TIME HASN'T BEEN CALLED!

- 1 –
- 2 –
- 3 –
- 4 –
- 5 –
- 6 –

BECOMING A MVP:

- 1 –
- 2 –
- 3 –
- 4 –
- 5 –

