

VBS 2018 GAME ON SNACK ROTATION OVERVIEW

Purpose Statement

This one-hour conference is designed to explore the more than 30 snack options available to serve during *LifeWay's VBS 2018 Game On!* Conferees will learn more about the supplies needed, tips for preparing food, ways to serve the snacks, and how to incorporate Biblical content into Team Snacks.

Resources to Collect, Prepare & Copy

Step 1: Welcome (5 min.)

- VBS 2018 Music for Kids CD - optional
- Nametags & markers
- Pom-poms

Step 2: Watch the Clock (10 min)

- SNACK handout #1 (1 per conferee)
- Pencils
- VBS 2018 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards for Days 1-5 & Store Bought Snacks Card
- VBS 2018 Music for Kids CD - optional
- 5 paper plates
- 5 place cards with the following information on separate cards:
 - Day 1: Jesus Cares for Me, *The Lost Sheep*
 - Day 2: Jesus Gives Me Hope, *The Resurrection of Lazarus*
 - Day 3: Jesus Helps Me to Believe, *Thomas Believed*
 - Day 4: Jesus Loves Me, *John Wrote About Jesus*
 - Day 5: Jesus Gives Me Joy, *Paul and Silas in Prison*
- Samples of Sheep Crackers, Donut Glasses & Sweetheart Sandwiches (optional)
- VBS Motto & Key Verse posters (can be made)

Step 3: Address the Allergy (10 min)

- VBS 2018 Allergy Alert Card
- Handout #1
- Following Statements printed and attach to plastic cones or the wall
 - S: Study the ingredients
 - N: Never make a big deal out of an allergy
 - A: Always Ask to Be Safe
 - C: Communicate the importance of avoiding contamination
 - K: Keep allergies visible as a reminder (Peanut, Red Dye, Gluten and Milk)
 - S: Supply other options
- Megaphone – optional

Step 4: Tips for Game Time (10 min)

- Cheeseballs, mini Oreos, bugles, mini marshmallows, large bowl, large spoon, measuring cups to scoop items, small containers to serve sports snack in
- Hand sanitizer
- Napkins/handwipes

- VBS Snack card #9
- Dinner Options snack card, Sharing the Gospel card, Leader Responsibilities card

Step 5: Snack Preview (15 min)

- Handout #2
- Have sandwich bags or small cups to put snacks in if needed.
- Vanilla wafers, icing, knives, small plates, black food marker or tube of black frosting
- Print REFRIGERATOR, MICROWAVE, OVEN/SLOW COOKER on separate sheets of paper & place on floor
- VBS 2018 Snack Cards #1-25 (except #5,6,9 & 10), Store Bought Snacks card
- Vanilla wafers, icing, knives, small plates, black food marker or tube of black frosting

Focal Wall Description

No focal wall is needed

Room Setup Description

1 table to display and make the snacks & snack resources

Arrange chairs to allow for movement of leader and conferees.

Decoration Suggestions

Use the VBS 2018 table cloth, SNACK rotation sign, string flags, streamers in doorway (“run-through” banner)

VBS 2018 Scripture and motto posters – can make your own

See the Snack Team Decorating Idea Cards

Audio Visual Needs

- CD player - optional

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Play the *VBS 2018 Music for Kids CD* and greet conferees as they enter the room
- Introduce yourself and share that conferees will review snacks and their purpose for the GAME ON! rotation for school-aged kids.
- Be sure each conferee has a nametag.
- Welcome conferees to Team Snacks! and engage them in playing a Fan Friendly Competition. You will call out 2 different items and all conferees must determine which item they are a “fan” of; then cheer for that choice the second time you say the choices. Practice one time by saying “VBS or NO VBS” then repeating it. Conferees should cheer for their choice. They may take turns using the pom-poms.

Use the following prompts:

- Indoor sports or outdoor sports
- Day VBS or night VBS
- Football or baseball

- Watch sports on TV or be at the game
- Sweet snacks or salty snacks

Say “You can tell we don’t all agree on everything, do we? That’s ok! God made each of us differently, including what foods enjoy.” We need to consider what kids will like and enjoy as we prepare for the Snack Rotation.

2. Watch the Clock (10 min)

- Share that 5 snacks are Bible-related to help kids relate the Bible content each day with a snack.
- Explain you will be playing a match game to decide which snack matches each VBS day’s Bible content.
- Distribute Handout #1.
- Choose 5 volunteers or 5 groups and provide a prepared card to each group.
- Call attention to the prepared snack (optional) or the snack cards on plates. Volunteers will place the matching card with the appropriate snack.
- Review the matches and briefly review the day’s Biblical content. Point out the connection found on each Bible-Related Snack Card. Summarize it or have a volunteer read it aloud. Prepare a sample for each day.
- Use the following notes:
 - Day 1: Jesus Cares for Me, *The Lost Sheep*: “Sheep Crackers”
 - Day 2: Jesus Gives Me Hope, *The Resurrection of Lazarus*: “Tailgate Turkey Wraps”
 - Day 3: Jesus Help Me to Believe, *Thomas Believed*: “Donut Glasses”
 - Day 4: Jesus Loves Me, *John Wrote About Jesus*: “Sweetheart Sandwiches”
 - Day 5: Jesus Gives Me Joy, *Paul & Silas in Prison*: “Earthquake Cups”
- Note each of these could be assembled by kids while you review the Bible story or you may have them prepared.
- Snacks can be Bible related, theme related, made at home or by the children, or store-bought and given a fun name (See Store Bought Snacks Card)
- Read the key verse and motto together – this can be displayed and easily read or discussed during the Snack Rotation.

3. Address the Allergy (10 min)

- Keeping kids safe at VBS is very important. This includes making sure everything kids eat is safe for them. Many kids have different food allergies.
- Refer to Handout #1.
- Choose conferees to turn the cones around to display the statements. Use megaphone to say “Give me an S then read statement; “N” then statement, etc. Discuss as time allows.
 - **Study the ingredients.** –Some items may not contain an ingredient but still be processed in a plant that does handle other ingredients. Read labels & double check with parents.
 - **Never make a big deal out of an allergy.** – Don’t single out kids or call attention to a child who has an allergy.
 - **Always ask.** – Ask the child and parent. If in doubt, do not serve the food to the child.
 - **Communicate the importance of avoiding contamination.** – Clean surfaces, kitchen tools and bowls – especially those that may have been in contact with items kids are allergic to. Wear gloves during preparation and serving.

- Keep allergies visible as a reminder. (Peanut, Red Dye, Gluten & Milk are four of the most common allergens.) Educate workers and display allergy list (see ALLERGY CARD). Know church policies.
- Supply other options. – Prepare alternative foods if possible.

Step 4. Tips for Game Time (10 min)

- Make 4 Sports Snack Mix (Card # 9). Share the following tips as each ingredient is added.
 - Add cheeseballs to represent basketballs. – Bounce around. Engage children in conversation and form relationships. Discuss Bible content and/or focus.
 - Add oreos to represent hockey pucks. – Pass around the responsibilities. Enlist help and give clear instructions and specific responsibilities.
 - Add bugles to represent megaphones. – Make your grocery and supply list. Have people donate items. Order online.
 - Mini marshmallows to represent baseballs. – Catch (serve) the snacks in different ways. Use paper plates, napkins, plastic baskets with parchment paper, cupcake liners, paper boats, small paper sacks
- Mix these all together & serve.
- Show the Dinner Options Card, Leader Responsibility Card, Sharing the Gospel Card & discuss briefly the purpose of each.

Step 5 – Snack Preview (15 min)

- Distribute Handout #2.
- Have hand sanitizer & sandwich bags for snack.
- Give each conferee 2 vanilla wafers, a plate and a knife. Have them spread icing on 1 wafer, then top it with the other vanilla wafer. Using the black food marker or tube of black frosting, make basketball marks on the top wafer. Enjoy. Show Snack Card #6.
- Lay the REFRIGERATOR, MICROWAVE, OVEN/SLOW COOKER SIGNS on the floor.
- Distribute Snack Cards #1-25 (except #5,6,9 & 10) to conferees. Allow them to share a snack that requires one of the items on the signs. Do this as time allows.

CONCLUSION

- Allow time for questions and discussion of recipe card suggestions.
- Pray for VBS leaders, children and families.