



# VBS 2020 Houston Preview

January 17-18

# Houston VBS Preview Schedule

## **Friday, January 17th**

Check-in (Commons Area—Family Center) . . . . . 11:00am  
Main Session 1 (Worship Center) . . . . . 12:30pm  
Breakout 1 . . . . . 1:45pm  
Breakout 2 . . . . . 2:50pm  
Breakout 3 . . . . . 3:55pm  
Breakout 4 . . . . . 5:00pm  
Main Session 2 (Worship Center) . . . . . 6:00pm

\*Creative Zone (Gym 1B) . . . . . 11:00am–12:20pm  
2:30pm–5:45pm

## **Saturday, January 18th**

Breakout 5 . . . . . 9:00am  
Breakout 6 . . . . . 10:05am  
Main Session 3 (Worship Center) . . . . . 11:15am

\*Creative Zone (Gym 1B) . . . . . 8:00–11:00am

– VBS Store located in Commons Area –

Title	Leader	Breakout					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Preschool							
Babies—2s Overview <i>B3–46</i>	Charity Gwaltney				•		
Preschool Overview <i>B3–47</i>	Klista Storts	•		•			
Preschool Rotations <i>B3–46</i>	Charity Gwaltney		•				•
VBS Is Not Just Childcare <i>B3–46</i>	Charity Gwaltney			•		•	
Grades 1-6							
Grades 1–2 Overview <i>B3–82</i>	Faye Scott	•	•				
Grades 3–4 Overview <i>B2–96</i>	Jenni Carter			•	•		
VBX Overview <i>Gym 1A</i>	Taylor Johnson				•		•
VBX Crafts & Rec <i>Gym 1A</i>	Taylor Johnson					•	
Multi-age Kids Overview <i>B3–84</i>	Krista Peterson		•				•
Recreation Rotation Overview <i>Gym 1A</i>	Taylor Johnson	•		•			
Snacks Rotation Overview <i>B3–75</i>	Kelley Pekarek						•
Missions Rotation Overview <i>B2–95</i>	Abbey Land				•	•	
Music Rotation Overview <i>B3–75</i>	Kelley Pekarek	•					
Music & Motions <i>Chapel Sanctuary</i>	Isaac Kierstead		•	•			
Crafts Rotation Overview <i>Gym 1C</i>	Lynn Jordan			•		•	
Backyard Kids Club Overview <i>The Commons Place Room</i>	Jennie Ross			•			
Student, Adult, & Special Friends							
Student VBS Overview <i>B3–62</i>	Lorie Honeycutt				•		
Student VBS Extras <i>B3–62</i>	Lorie Honeycutt					•	
Adult VBS Overview <i>B1–51 (The Splash Zone)</i>	David Apple	•					
Adult VBS Extras <i>B1–51 (The Splash Zone)</i>	David Apple			•			
Special Friends Overview <i>B3–76</i>	Lisa Session	•					
Every Child Welcome <i>B3–76</i>	Lisa Session					•	•

Title	Leader	Breakout					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
General VBS & Kids Ministry							
Directors <i>B3-76</i>	Lisa Session		•		•		
Pastors <i>B1-51 (The Splash Zone)</i>	David Apple		•				•
Coming in Under Budget (Decorating) <i>Gym 1C</i>	Lynn Jordan	•			•		•
Sharing the Gospel with Kids <i>B3-84</i>	Krista Peterson				•	•	
Approaches to Learning Are Not Set in Concrete! <i>B2-96 / B3-47</i>	Jenni Carter / Klista Storts	•	•				
Communicating the Why of VBS <i>B3-47</i>	Klista Storts			•		•	•
Preparing Teens to Volunteer in VBS <i>B3-82</i>	Faye Scott				•		
Is Your Church a Safe Place? <i>B3-82</i>	Faye Scott					•	•
Building on Love Languages to Help Leaders Feel Appreciated <i>B2-96</i>	Jenni Carter		•			•	
Adapting Your Blueprint <i>B3-84</i>	Krista Peterson			•			
KidEvent Pro <i>B3-75</i>	Patrick Watts		•				
Build Your Own Family Night <i>B3-75</i>	Kelley Pekarek			•	•		
After the ABCs Comes D for Discipleship <i>B2-95</i>	Abbey Land	•					•
Prayer: The Real Foundation for VBS <i>B2-95</i>	Abbey Land		•				
Guiding Behavior <i>The Commons Place Room</i>	Jennie Ross	•					•
Effective Follow Up <i>The Commons Place Room</i>	Jennie Ross				•	•	
Concrete & Cranes Promotions <i>B3-62</i>	Lorie Honeycutt	•	•				
Large Church Forum <i>Worship Center</i>	Rhonda VanCleave		•				
Small Church Forum <i>Worship Center</i>	Rhonda VanCleave			•			
Blueprint for Spiritual Development <i>Chapel Sanctuary</i>	Delanee Williams	•				•	
Enlisting & Training Your VBS Crew <i>Chapel Sanctuary</i>	Delanee Williams				•		•
Spanish							
Pastores y Directores <i>Chapel Fellowship Hall</i>	Adlin Cotto	•					
Líderes de Preescolares <i>Chapel Fellowship Hall</i>	Adlin Cotto		•				
Líderes de Escolares <i>Chapel Fellowship Hall</i>	Adlin Cotto			•			
Líderes de Adultos y Jóvenes <i>Chapel Fellowship Hall</i>	Adlin Cotto				•		

# Breakout 1 (1:45–2:35pm)

---

## **Preschool VBS Overview**

*Klista Storts*

An introduction to the Concrete & Cranes™ Bible study resources for 3s, Pre–K, Kindergarten, and multi-age preschool (new).

Room: B3–47

## **Grades 1–2 Bible Study Overview**

*Faye Scott*

An introduction to the Bible study resources for 1st and 2nd graders.

Room: B3–82

## **Approaches to Learning Are Not Set in Concrete!**

*Jenni Carter*

Children (and adults) learn in many different ways, which can vary from activity to activity. Come hear how you can reach each and every child in your VBS in the way God designed him to learn best.

Room: B2–96

## **Recreation Rotation Overview**

*Taylor Johnson*

Get the nuts and bolts of the VBS 2020 recreation games, the “why” behind VBS recreation, as well as tips to make VBS recreation a fun learning experience for everyone involved!

Room: Gym 1A

## **Children’s Music Rotation Overview**

*Kelley Pekarek*

An introduction to the Grades 1–6 music rotation resources.

Room: B3–75

## **Coming In Under Budget**

*Lynn Jordan*

Decorating doesn’t have to be expensive! This session will explore ways to use things you can make, borrow, recycle, or purchase inexpensively for your Concrete & Cranes VBS.

Room: Gym 1C

## **After the ABCs comes D for Discipleship**

*Abbey Land*

New Christians need a blueprint for the next steps they should take. Learn how to construct strategies for discipleship after VBS for children who are new believers. Find out about tools that are available to help build up new believers.

Room: B2–95

---

## **Guiding Behavior**

*Jennie Ross*

Do you have a plan for when kids are disruptive, distracting, or just don't want to participate? Let's have an open and candid conversations and talk through practical tips to keep kids (and adults) engaged and wanting to come back for more!

Room: The Commons Place Room

## **Concrete & Cranes Promotions**

*Lorie Honeycutt*

Don't drop the wrecking ball on VBS promotion! Come get a blueprint of the best tools to use for Concrete & Cranes VBS, your church, and your community.

Room: B3-62

## **Adult VBS Overview**

*David Apple*

An introduction to Concrete & Cranes resources designed for teaching adults in VBS.

Room: B1-51 (The Splash Zone)

## **Special Friends Overview**

*Lisa Session*

An overview of the VBS 2020 Special Friends curriculum designed for teaching children and adults with special needs.

Room: B3-76

## **Blueprint for Spiritual Development**

*Delanee Williams*

Each child comes to VBS with a unique spiritual background. Discover how the Levels of Biblical Learning can help you meet each child wherever he is spiritually.

Room: Chapel Sanctuary

## **EBV 2020 para Pastores y Directores**

*Adlin Cotto*

Esta conferencia ayudará a los directores de EBV a conocer los recursos en español para la *EBV 2020 Grúas y Concreto*. Los participantes podrán aprovechar al máximo los materiales para celebrar una EBV que provee incluye a toda la familia, provee oportunidad de servicio para toda la iglesia, desarrolla y mantiene conexiones, y sobre todo, provee una oportunidad para compartir el evangelio.

Sala: Chapel Fellowship Hall

## Breakout 2 (2:50–3:40pm)

---

### **Approaches to Learning Are Not Set in Concrete!**

*Klista Storts*

Children (and adults) learn in many different ways, which can vary from activity to activity. Come hear how you can reach each and every child in your VBS in the way God designed him to learn best.

Room: B3–47

### **Preschool VBS Rotations Overview**

*Charity Gwaltney*

During this session, we'll explore Preschool VBS Music, Recreation, Missions, and Crafts and learn how to use rotations to build upon and undergird the Bible truth each day.

Room: B3–46

### **Grades 1–2 Bible Study Overview**

*Faye Scott*

An introduction to the Bible study resources for 1st and 2nd graders.

Room: B3–82

### **Building on Love Languages to Help Leaders Feel Appreciated**

*Jenni Carter*

Each of us has a primary way that we feel love. This session will use the five love languages to explore ways we can make every VBS leader feel appreciated.

Room: B2–96

### **Multi-age Kids (Grades 1–6) Bible Study Overview**

*Krista Peterson*

An introduction to the new Bible study resource for teaching broadly-graded groups of 1st through 6th graders.

Room: B3–84

### **Build Your VBS with KidEvent Pro®**

*Patrick Watts*

LifeWay's KidEvent Pro is an online event management tool that can help you manage every aspect of your VBS. This interactive session will be lead live via webcast by LifeWay's KidEvent Pro expert.

Room: B3–75

### **Prayer: The Real Foundation for VBS**

*Abbey Land*

Prayer is the foundation for a successful VBS experience. Learn step-by-step strategies that can be used to fill your toolbox and construct ways to lead your entire church in praying before, during, and after VBS.

Room: B2–95

---

## **Concrete & Cranes Promotions**

*Lorie Honeycutt*

Don't drop the wrecking ball on VBS promotion! Come get a blueprint of the best tools to use for Concrete & Cranes VBS, your church, and your community.

Room: B3-62

## **Helps for Pastors to Support & Lead in VBS**

*David Apple*

This session will examine ways pastors can help support and maximize results before, during, and following VBS 2020. It will also introduce opportunities to provide a Parenting Seminar as follow up for VBS.

Room: B1-51 (The Splash Zone)

## **Directors Overview**

*Lisa Session*

Tips for new and experienced VBS directors plus an introduction to the *VBS 2020 Administrative Guide*.

Room: B3-76

## **Large Church Forum**

*Rhonda VanCleave (moderator)*

From security issues to pick up and drop off to space and scheduling, a large to mega VBS requires creative problem solving and adaptations. This open forum will allow large to mega churches to share their experiences and learn from one another how to tackle the unique challenges posed by hosting a large VBS.

Room: Worship Center

## **Music & Motions**

*Isaac Kierstead*

Return home prepared to lead 1st-6th graders in the music and motions of LifeWay's Concrete & Cranes.

Room: Chapel Sanctuary

## **EBV 2020 para Líderes de Preescolares**

*Adlin Cotto*

Esta conferencia ayudará a los líderes de EBV Preescolares a familiarizarse con los materiales y recursos disponibles para continuar estableciendo el fundamento para el desarrollo espiritual de los preescolares.

Sala: Chapel Fellowship Hall

## Breakout 3 (3:55–4:45pm)

---

### **Preschool VBS Overview**

#### *Klista Storts*

An introduction to the Concrete & Cranes Bible study resources for 3s, Pre–K, Kindergarten, and multi-age preschool (new).

Room: B3–47

### **VBS Is Not Just Childcare**

#### *Charity Gwaltney*

Let's think beyond babysitting when it comes to building a foundation on Jesus' love in our preschool classes. Young children are ready and able to learn enduring, foundational Bible truths. Giving them the building blocks of faith at a young age will set them up for a lifetime of knowing and loving Christ.

Room: B3–46

### **Grades 3–4 Bible Study Overview**

#### *Jenni Carter*

An introduction to the Bible study resources for 3rd and 4th graders.

Room: B2–96

### **Recreation Rotation Overview**

#### *Taylor Johnson*

Get the nuts and bolts of the VBS 2020 recreation games, the “why” behind VBS recreation, as well as tips to make VBS recreation a fun learning experience for everyone involved!

Room: Gym 1A

### **Adapting Your Blueprint**

#### *Krista Peterson*

Are you limited in your time or space for VBS? Trying to figure out how to squeeze it all in? Let's talk about ways to adapt the schedule or format of VBS while still building on the love of Jesus in all we do.

Room: B3–84

### **Build Your Own Family Night**

#### *Kelley Pekarek*

This session will explore ideas to help you build exciting Family Night and VBS Kick-off events. Come away with ideas that any sized church can use for an awesome VBS!

Room: B3–75

---

## **Children's Crafts Rotation Overview**

*Lynn Jordan*

An introduction to the Grades 1–6 crafts rotation resources.

Room: Gym 1C

## **Backyard Kids Club® Overview**

*Jennie Ross*

An introduction to Backyard Kids Club resources for VBS 2020.

Room: The Commons Place Room

## **Adult VBS Extras**

*David Apple*

An overview of rotation activities designed exclusively for Adult VBS.

Room: B1–51 (The Splash Zone)

## **Small Church Forum**

*Rhonda VanCleave (moderator)*

Hosting a small VBS requires creative problem solving and adaptations. This open forum will allow like-sized churches to share their experiences and learn from one another how to tackle the unique challenges posed by hosting a small VBS.

Room: Worship Center

## **Music & Motions**

*Isaac Kierstead*

Return home prepared to lead 1st–6th graders in the music and motions of LifeWay's Concrete & Cranes.

Room: Chapel Sanctuary

## **EBV 2020 para Líderes de EBV Escolares**

*Adlin Cotto*

Esta conferencia ayudará a los líderes de EBV Escolares a familiarizarse con los recursos para Escolares del material para EBV 2020 de LifeWay Grúas y Concreto para guiar a los escolares a encontrarse con Dios por medio de Su palabra y descubrir cómo Él quiere que vivan.

Sala: Chapel Fellowship Hall

## Breakout 4 (5:00–5:50pm)

---

### **Babies–2s VBS Overview**

*Charity Gwaltney*

Get the nuts and bolts on the Babies–2s materials for Concrete & Cranes. We'll dig into the Babies–2s Leader Guide and Leader Pack, as well as talk about age-appropriate decorations, classroom management and schedule, and how to make the most of the time we have with our youngest VBS attenders.

Room: B3–46

### **Preparing Teens to Volunteer in VBS**

*Faye Scott*

Teens serve a valuable role in VBS and can have a huge influence on younger children. This session will provide practical tools, resources, and training tips on preparing students to make a positive contribution to the overall VBS experience and to positively influence the lives of the kids they lead.

Room: B3–82

### **Grades 3–4 Bible Study Overview**

*Jenni Carter*

An introduction to the Bible study resources for 3rd and 4th graders.

Room: B2–96

### **Grades 5–6 (VBX) Bible Study Overview**

*Taylor Johnson*

An introduction to the Bible study resources for 5th and 6th graders.

Room: Gym 1A

### **Hit the Nail on the Head—Sharing the Gospel with Kids**

*Krista Peterson*

Through all the fun and teaching in VBS, we want to be sure to hit the nail on the head by ultimately leading kids to know Christ as their Savior. In this session, we'll look at ways to create a solid framework for salvation and remove any obstacles so we can successfully share God's love and His redemptive plan with kids.

Room: B3–84

### **Build Your Own Family Night**

*Kelley Pekarek*

This session will explore ideas to help you build exciting Family Night and VBS Kick-off events. Come away with ideas that any sized church can use for an awesome VBS!

Room: B3–75

---

## **Coming In Under Budget**

*Lynn Jordan*

Decorating doesn't have to be expensive! This session will explore ways to use things you can make, borrow, recycle, or purchase inexpensively for your Concrete & Cranes VBS.

Room: Gym 1C

## **Children's Missions Rotation Overview**

Abbey Land

An introduction to the Grades 1–6 missions rotation resources.

Room: B2–95

## **Effective Follow Up**

*Jennie Ross*

Congratulations! You got them through the door—now how do you get them to come back? Let's talk about what to do and what not to do as you follow up with guests who visit your VBS. You only get one chance to make that first impression!

Room: The Commons Place Room

## **Student VBS Overview**

*Lorie Honeycutt*

An introduction to Concrete & Cranes resources designed for teaching Grades 7–12.

Room: B3–62

## **Directors Overview**

*Lisa Session*

Tips for new and experienced VBS directors plus an introduction to the *VBS 2020 Administrative Guide*.

Room: B3–76

## **Enlisting and Training Your VBS Crew**

*Delanee Williams*

The best leaders are trained leaders. In this session, we'll discuss how to enlist, train, and equip your volunteers for Concrete and Cranes.

Room: Chapel Sanctuary

## **EBV 2020 para Líderes de EBV Adultos y Jóvenes**

*Adlin Cotto*

Esta conferencia equipará a los líderes de EBV para adultos y adolescentes a conocer los recursos en español de LifeWay para la *EBV 2020 Grúas y Concreto*, y alcanzar así a toda la familia.

Sala: Chapel Fellowship Hall

## Breakout 5 (9:00–9:50am)

---

### **Communicating the Why of VBS**

*Klista Storts*

You have a deep passion for VBS and long to see God do great things through it. How do you share your vision with your staff, leadership, and congregation? Let's talk about getting everyone on board so the entire church works together to make it happen.

Room: B3–47

### **VBS Is Not Just Childcare**

*Charity Gwaltney*

Let's think beyond babysitting when it comes to building a foundation on Jesus' love in our preschool classes. Young children are ready and able to learn enduring, foundational Bible truths. Giving them the building blocks of faith at a young age will set them up for a lifetime of knowing and loving Christ.

Room: B3–46

### **Is Your Church a Safe Place?**

*Faye Scott*

Studies show that trusting Jesus can only happen when kids feel a sense of safety, love, and belonging. This session will provide practical resources leaders (not just VBS Directors) must implement to keep kids safe and feeling safe.

Room: B3–82

### **Building on Love Languages to Help Leaders Feel Appreciated**

*Jenni Carter*

Each of us has a primary way that we feel love. This session will use the five love languages to explore ways we can make every VBS leader feel appreciated.

Room: B2–96

### **VBX Crafts and Recreation**

*Taylor Johnson*

An overview of stand-alone crafts and recreation ideas created exclusively for preteens (Grades 5–6).

Room: Gym 1A

---

## **Hit the Nail on the Head—Sharing the Gospel with Kids**

*Krista Peterson*

Through all the fun and teaching in VBS, we want to be sure to hit the nail on the head by ultimately leading kids to know Christ as their Savior. In this session, we'll look at ways to create a solid framework for salvation and remove any obstacles so we can successfully share God's love and His redemptive plan with kids.

Room: B3–84

## **Children's Crafts Rotation Overview**

*Lynn Jordan*

An introduction to the Grades 1–6 crafts rotation resources.

Room: Gym 1C

## **Children's Missions Rotation Overview**

*Abbey Land*

An introduction to the Grades 1–6 missions rotation resources.

Room: B2–95

## **Effective Follow Up**

*Jennie Ross*

Congratulations! You got them through the door—now how do you get them to come back? Let's talk about what to do and what not to do as you follow up with guests who visit your VBS. You only get one chance to make that first impression!

Room: The Commons Place Room

## **Student VBS Extras**

*Lorie Honeycutt*

An overview of the rotation activities designed exclusively for Student VBS.

Room: B3–62

## **Every Child Welcome**

*Lisa Session*

Discover how to create an environment that welcomes children with special needs. Walk away with strategies and interventions that can also be used on Sunday mornings and during mid-week services at church.

Room: B3–76

## **Blueprint for Spiritual Development**

*Delanee Williams*

Each child comes to VBS with a unique spiritual background. Discover how the Levels of Biblical Learning can help you meet each child wherever he is spiritually.

Room: Chapel Sanctuary

# Breakout 6 (10:05–10:55am)

---

## **Communicating the Why of VBS**

*Klista Starts*

You have a deep passion for VBS and long to see God do great things through it. How do you share your vision with your staff, leadership, and congregation? Let's talk about getting everyone on board so the entire church works together to make it happen.

Room: B3–47

## **Preschool VBS Rotations Overview**

*Charity Gwaltney*

During this session, we'll explore Preschool VBS Music, Recreation, Missions, and Crafts and learn how to use rotations to build upon and undergird the Bible truth each day.

Room: B3–46

## **Is Your Church a Safe Place?**

*Faye Scott*

Studies show that trusting Jesus can only happen when kids feel a sense of safety, love, and belonging. This session will provide practical resources leaders (not just VBS Directors) must implement to keep kids safe and feeling safe.

Room: B3–82

## **Grades 5–6 (VBX) Bible Study Overview**

*Taylor Johnson*

An introduction to the Bible study resources for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Room: Gym 1A

## **Multi-age Kids (Grades 1–6) Bible Study Overview**

*Krista Peterson*

An introduction to the new Bible study resource for teaching broadly-graded groups of 1st through 6th graders.

Room: B3–84

## **Snacks Rotation Overview**

*Kelley Pekarek*

Taste and see themed snacks to keep your crew energized during VBS. This session will also cover preschool and allergy-friendly snacks as well as easy, prepackaged snack suggestions.

Room: B3–75

---

## **Coming In Under Budget**

*Lynn Jordan*

Decorating doesn't have to be expensive! This session will explore ways to use things you can make, borrow, recycle, or purchase inexpensively for your Concrete & Cranes VBS.

Room: Gym 1C

## **After the ABCs comes D for Discipleship**

*Abbey Land*

New Christians need a blueprint for the next steps they should take. Learn how to construct strategies for discipleship after VBS for children who are new believers. Find out about tools that are available to help build up new believers.

Room: B2-95

## **Guiding Behavior**

*Jennie Ross*

Do you have a plan for when kids are disruptive, distracting, or just don't want to participate? Let's have an open and candid conversations and talk through practical tips to keep kids (and adults) engaged and wanting to come back for more!

Room: The Commons Place Room

## **Helps for Pastors to Support & Lead in VBS**

*David Apple*

This session will examine ways pastors can help support and maximize results before, during, and following VBS 2020. It will also introduce opportunities to provide a Parenting Seminar as follow up for VBS.

Room: B1-51 (The Splash Zone)

## **Every Child Welcome**

*Lisa Session*

Discover how to create an environment that welcomes children with special needs. Walk away with strategies and interventions that can also be used on Sunday mornings and during mid-week services at church.

Room: B3-76

## **Enlisting and Training Your VBS Crew**

*Delanee Williams*

The best leaders are trained leaders. In this session we'll discuss how to enlist, train, and equip your volunteers for Concrete and Cranes.

Room: Chapel Sanctuary