VBS Ridgecrest
2020 Preview
CONCRETE&CRANES
January 10-11

Ridgecrest VBS Preview Schedule

Friday, January 10th

Check-in (Pritchell Hall) 11:00am
Main Session 1 (Spilman) 12:30pm
Breakout 1 . . . . . 1:45pm
Breakout 2 . . . . . 2:50pm
Breakout 3 . . . . . 3:55pm
Breakout 4 . . . . . 5:00pm
Dinner (Dining Hall) 5:50pm
Main Session 2 (Spilman) 7:00pm
Creative Zone (Johnson Spring 2A–C). . . . 8:00–9:00pm
*Creative Zone 11:00am–12:20pm
1:30pm–5:30pm, 8:00pm–9:00pm

Saturday, January 11th

Breakfast (Dining Hall) 7:45am
Breakout 5 . . . . . 9:00am
Breakout 6 . . . . . 10:05am
Main Session 3 (Spilman) 11:15am

*Creative Zone (Johnson Spring 2A–C) . . . 8:00–11:00am

– VBS Store located in Pritchell 1 –

Title	Leader	Breakout					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Preschool							
Babies–2s Overview *Dogwood 2A–B*	Charity Gwaltney				•		
Preschool Overview *Dogwood 2C–D*	Klista Storts	•		•			
Preschool Rotations *Dogwood 2A–B*	Charity Gwaltney		•				•
VBS Is Not Just Childcare *Dogwood 2A–B*	Charity Gwaltney			•		•	
Grades 1-6							
Grades 1–2 Overview *Johnson Spring 1A*	Faye Scott	•	•				
Grades 3–4 Overview *Johnson Spring 1B*	Jenni Carter			•	•		
VBX Overview *Johnson Spring 1C*	Taylor Johnson				•		•
VBX Crafts & Rec *Johnson Spring 1C*	Taylor Johnson					•	
Multi-age Kids Overview *Johnson Spring 3*	Krista Peterson		•				•
Recreation Rotation Overview *Johnson Spring 1C*	Taylor Johnson	•		•			
Snacks Rotation Overview *Rhododendron 3A–B*	Kelley Pekarek						•
Missions Rotation Overview *Johnson Spring 4*	Scott Patrick				•	•	
Music Rotation Overview *Rhododendron 3A–B*	Kelley Pekarek	•					
Music & Motions *Jim Henry Auditorium*	Isaac Kierstead		•	•			
Crafts Rotation Overview *Dogwood 1A–C*	Lynn Jordan			•		•	
Backyard Kids Club Overview *Rhododendron 1B*	Jennie Ross			•			
Student, Adult, & Special Friends							
Student VBS Overview *Rhododendron 1C*	Lorie Honeycutt				•		
Student VBS Extras *Rhododendron 1C*	Lorie Honeycutt					•	
Adult VBS Overview *Ivy 4*	David Apple	•					
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Special Friends Overview *Rhododendron 1A*	Lisa Session	•					
Every Child Welcome *Rhododendron 1A*	Lisa Session					•	•

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General VBS & Kids Ministry							
Directors *Rhododendron 1A*	Lisa Session		•		•		
Pastors *Ivy 4*	David Apple		•				•
Coming in Under Budget (Decorating) *Dogwood 1A–C*	Lynn Jordan	•			•		•
Sharing the Gospel with Kids *Johnson Spring 3*	Krista Peterson				•	•	
Approaches to Learning Are Not Set in Concrete! *Johnson Spring 1B / Dogwood 2C–D*	Jenni Carter / Klista Storts	•	•				
Communicating the Why of VBS *Dogwood 2C–D*	Klista Storts					•	•
Preparing Teens to Volunteer in VBS *Johnson Spring 1A*	Faye Scott				•		
Is Your Church a Safe Place? *Johnson Spring 1A*	Faye Scott					•	•
Building on Love Languages to Help Leaders Feel Appreciated *Johnson Spring 1B*	Jenni Carter		•			•	
Adapting Your Blueprint *Johnson Spring 3*	Krista Peterson			•			
KidEvent Pro *Rhododendron 3A–B*	Patrick Watts		•				
Build Your Own Family Night *Rhododendron 3A–B*	Kelley Pekarek			•	•		
After the ABCs Comes D for Discipleship *Johnson Spring 4*	Scott Patrick	•					•
Prayer: The Real Foundation for VBS *Johnson Spring 4*	Scott Patrick		•				
Guiding Behavior *Rhododendron 1B*	Jennie Ross	•					•
Effective Follow Up *Rhododendron 1B*	Jennie Ross				•	•	
Concrete & Cranes Promotions *Rhododendron 1C*	Lorie Honeycutt	•	•				
Large Church Forum *Spilman Auditorium*	Rhonda VanCleave		•				
Small Church Forum *Spilman Auditorium*	Rhonda VanCleave			•			
Blueprint for Spiritual Development *Jim Henry Auditorium*	Delanee Williams	•				•	
Enlisting & Training Your VBS Crew *Jim Henry Auditorium*	Delanee Williams				•		•
Spanish							
Pastores y Directores *Ivy 5*	Adlin Cotto	•					
Líderes de Preescolares *Ivy 5*	Adlin Cotto		•				
Líderes de Escolares *Ivy 5*	Adlin Cotto			•			
Líderes de Adultos y Jóvenes *Ivy 5*	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: Dogwood 2C–D

Grades 1–2 Bible Study Overview
Faye Scott
An introduction to the Bible study resources for 1st and 2nd graders.
Room: Johnson Spring 1A

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: Johnson Spring 1B

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: Johnson Spring 1C

Children's Music Rotation Overview
Kelley Pekarek
An introduction to the Grades 1–6 music rotation resources.
Room: Rhododendron 3A–B

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: Dogwood 1A–C

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Scott Patrick
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: Johnson Spring 4

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 conversation and talk through practical tips to keep kids (and adults) engaged and wanting to come back for more!
Room: Rhododendron 1B

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: Rhododendron 1C

Adult VBS Overview
David Apple
An introduction to Concrete & Cranes resources designed for teaching adults in VBS.
Room: Ivy 4

Special Friends Overview
Lisa Session
An overview of the VBS 2020 Special Friends curriculum designed for teaching children and adults with special needs.
Room: Rhododendron 1A

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: Jim Henry Auditorium

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: Ivy 5

Breakout 2 (2:50–3:40pm)

Approaches to Learning Are Not Set in Concrete!
Klista Storts
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Room: Dogwood 2C–D

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: Dogwood 2A–B

Grades 1–2 Bible Study Overview
Faye Scott
An introduction to the Bible study resources for 1st and 2nd graders.
Room: Johnson Spring 1A

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: Johnson Spring 1B

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: Johnson Spring 3

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: Rhododendron 3A–B

Prayer: The Real Foundation for VBS
Scott Patrick
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: Johnson Spring 4

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: Rhododendron 1C

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: Ivy 4

Directors Overview
Lisa Session
Tips for new and experienced VBS directors plus an introduction to the *VBS 2020 Administrative Guide*.
Room: Rhododendron 1A

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: Spilman Auditorium

Music & Motions
Isaac Kierstead
Return home prepared to lead 1st–6th graders in the music and motions of LifeWay's Concrete & Cranes.
Room: Jim Henry Auditorium

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: Ivy 5

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: Dogwood 2C–D

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: Dogwood 2A–B

Grades 3–4 Bible Study Overview
Jenni Carter
An introduction to the Bible study resources for 3rd and 4th graders.
Room: Johnson Spring 1B

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: Johnson Spring 1C

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: Johnson Spring 3

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: Rhododendron 3A–B

Children's Crafts Rotation Overview
Lynn Jordan
An introduction to the Grades 1–6 crafts rotation resources.
Room: Dogwood 1A–C

Backyard Kids Club® Overview
Jennie Ross
An introduction to Backyard Kids Club resources for VBS 2020.
Room: Rhododendron 1B

Adult VBS Extras
David Apple
An overview of rotation activities designed exclusively for Adult VBS.
Room: Ivy 4

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.
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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: Ivy 5

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: Dogwood 2A–B

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: Johnson Spring 1A

Grades 3–4 Bible Study Overview
Jenni Carter
An introduction to the Bible study resources for 3rd and 4th graders.
Room: Johnson Spring 1B

Grades 5–6 (VBX) Bible Study Overview
Taylor Johnson
An introduction to the Bible study resources for 5th and 6th graders.
Room: Johnson Spring 1C

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.
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Room: Dogwood 1A–C

Children's Missions Rotation Overview
Scott Patrick
An introduction to the Grades 1–6 missions rotation resources.
Room: Johnson Spring 4

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: Rhododendron 1B

Student VBS Overview
Lorie Honeycutt
An introduction to Concrete & Cranes resources designed for teaching Grades 7–12.
Room: Rhododendron 1C

Directors Overview
Lisa Session
Tips for new and experienced VBS directors plus an introduction to the *VBS 2020 Administrative Guide*.
Room: Rhododendron 1A

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: Jim Henry Auditorium

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: Ivy 5

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.
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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: Johnson Spring 1A

Building on Love Languages to Help Leaders Feel Appreciated
Jenni Carter
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Room: Johnson Spring 1B

VBX Crafts and Recreation
Taylor Johnson
An overview of stand-alone crafts and recreation ideas created exclusively for preteens (Grades 5–6).
Room: Johnson Spring 1C

Children's Crafts Rotation Overview
Lynn Jordan
An introduction to the Grades 1–6 crafts rotation resources.
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Student VBS Extras

Lorie Honeycutt

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

Room: Rhododendron 1C

Every Child Welcome

Lisa Session

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Room: Johnson Spring 1C

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Krista Peterson
An introduction to the new Bible study resource for teaching broadly-graded groups of 1st through 6th graders.
Room: Johnson Spring 3

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: Rhododendron 3A–B

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