

## VBS 2021 ADULT VBS BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (1½ HOURS)

### Purpose Statement

This 90-minute plan is designed to train and equip VBS directors, adult leaders, and pastors to conduct LifeWay's Destination Dig™ VBS for adults.

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2021 Adult Starter Kit* — Display items on focal wall or on table.
- *VBS 2021 Tablecloth* — Cover the display tables with a tablecloth.
- *VBS 2021 Adult Leader Guide* (5)
- *VBS 2021 Adult VBS Learner Guide* (5)
- *VBS 2021 Adult CD-ROM* (included in Starter Kit) — Print all of the items and display on the focal wall:
  - Kit Item 1: Promotional Poster.
  - Kit Item 2: VBS Scripture Poster.
  - Kit Item 3: Plan of Salvation Poster
  - Kit Item 6: Theme Poster
  - Kit Items 7–12: Session Posters
- *VBS 2021 Name Tags*
- *VBS 2021 Music for Kids CD*
- OPTIONAL: *VBS 2021 Catalog, Decorating Made Easy, and Administrative Guide*
- OPTIONAL: Print each of the Biblical Illustrator articles from the CD-ROM.
- Item 1: “Handout 1” — Print and copy one per conferee.
- Item 2: “Handout 2” — Print and copy one per conferee.
- Permanent markers (for name tags)
- 5-gallon bucket — Fill the bucket with the following resources:
  - Bible
  - *VBS 2021 Adult Starter Kit*
  - *VBS 2021 Adult Leader Guide*
  - Adult VBS CD-ROM
  - *VBS Learner Guide*
- Five crates — Label each crate with a session number (1–5) and session title. Place each day's Bible study lesson plan from the *Adult VBS Leader Guide*, plus the *Adult VBS Learner Guide*, and any *Adult VBS Starter Kit* items and CD items needed for the session in the appropriate crate.
- CD player

### Room Setup

Decorate the focal wall to resemble an archeological dig. Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing the focal wall. Cover a display table(s) with *VBS 2021 Tablecloth(s)* and display the curriculum resources needed for Teaching Step 3. Arrange the *VBS 2021 Adult Starter Kit* items on the focal wall as suggested on page 6 of the leader guide. Place the five crates containing Bible study lesson plans, *Adult VBS Leader Guide*, *Adult VBS Learner Guide*, *Adult VBS Starter Kit* items and CD-ROM items needed for each of the five sessions (Teaching Step 4) on or in front of the table(s).

### Teaching Steps

1. **Welcome** (5 minutes)
  - Play the *Music for Kids CD* and greet conferees.

- Provide name tags and markers.
- Introduce yourself, and lead conferees to do the same.
- Ask the eight “Truth Sifter” questions (from the Adult VBS Learner, p.30). Allow conferees to respond to each.

## 2. Prepare the Site (10 minutes)

- Call attention to the theme for Adult VBS—*Destination Dig: Unearthing the Truth About Jesus*.
- Lead participants to brainstorm reasons adults today need to unearth the truth about Jesus. Debrief responses.
- Say: “This year’s Adult VBS will give opportunities for adults to discover real-life archeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus and to bring Scripture to life in such a way that it feels new and fresh to each person. Each session of Adult VBS begins with registration and snacks followed closely by a team-building/get acquainted game designed to break the ice and build community between both church members and first time attenders.”
- Say: “Hopefully, this conference will help equip you to engage Adults in VBS.
- Lead in prayer.
- Say: “I used the “Truth Sifter” activity on page 30 of the Learner Guide as a warm-up/get acquainted activity. You’ll find activities to use with your group at the beginning of each of the five sessions.”

## 3. Discover Tools for the Dig (10 minutes)

- Say: “Let’s look at the tools needed to dig for Adult VBS.”
- Overview and discuss each resource as it is highlighted, and share how it will prepare conferees to lead Adult VBS well.
  - Bible: This is the basis of seeking, searching, and knowing who Jesus is and why He came.
  - *VBS 2021 Adult Starter Kit*: Contains everything needed to teach Adult VBS. Includes full-color teaching kit items plus a promotional poster. Also available in a digital format.
  - *VBS 2021 Adult VBS Leader Guide*: Used by the leader (teacher) to study the Bible content and plan lessons for each session. A customizable lesson is located on the CD-ROM and should be shared with each small group leader. The leader guide is only located in the Adult VBS Starter Kit.
  - *Adult VBS CD-ROM*: Contains items to print for daily lessons; extra enhancement resources like decorating and promoting Adult VBS; Adult VBS extenders like snacks, recreation and crafts designed especially for adults; PowerPoint® presentations for Adult VBS lessons; and additional study aides to enhance teaching sessions. It also includes a Parenting Seminar that can be used to “Continue the Connection” (follow up) with adults. The CD-ROM is only located in the Adult VBS Starter Kit.
  - *VBS 2021 Adult Learner Guide*: Only one copy is located in Adult VBS Starter Kit. Purchase one copy for each adult attending VBS. This is used each day during Get Acquainted, Bible Study, and Application times. It also contains the Bible session content if days are missed, Bible stories, and the plan of salvation. Includes a great “Continue the Connection” piece to take to homes following VBS.

**4. Excavate and Discover with Bible Study** (20 minutes)

- Give each conferee (or team of conferees if there are more than 5) a crate with Bible study lesson plans, *Adult VBS Leader Guide*, *Adult VBS Learner Guide*, *Adult VBS Starter Kit* items and CD-ROM items needed for one of the five sessions.
- Distribute Handout 1 (item 1) to each conferee. Encourage conferees to look over their assigned session resources (particularly the Bible Study Lesson Plan from the leader guide) and record information that adults will experience during Bible study on their handouts.
- Allow several minutes for conferees to complete the assignment. Play music from the Music for Kids CD quietly in the background as they work.
- Lead conferees to report their findings to the large group. Go through the information in session order (1–5). Encourage the group to fill in the information on their handouts as others report.
- Be prepared to fill in any gaps in information as needed.

**5. Scheduling Adult VBS** (10 minutes)

- Lead the group look at various options for scheduling Adult VBS.
- Overview the suggested schedule using the information on page 4 of the leader guide. Explain the flexibility of the bulleted options and session extenders located on the CD-ROM.
- Discuss ways Adult VBS can be used to engage adults in a variety of times and settings (young parents, senior adults, nursing home residents, etc.).

**6. Focus on Extras** (15 minutes)

- Explain that there are suggestions for Snack, Crafts, and Recreation based on ideas from the CD-ROM and the Leader Pack. Overview the following:
  - SNACKS: Call attention to the included snack recipes.
    - Lead the group to brainstorm reasons why snacks can enhance the Adult VBS experience.
  - CRAFTS: Call attention to the crafts suggestions.
    - Explain that crafts give adult opportunities to express creativity and build community within the group.
    - Some of the crafts will provide opportunities to make something to be used for missions or ministry projects.
    - Some crafts will relate directly to a particular day's Bible study, while others are appropriate to use with any session.
  - RECREATION: Show conferees where to find instructions for recreation ideas for Adults.
    - Mention that games give adults opportunities to get to know each other better in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.
    - Some games could be used as get acquainted experiences for each session.
  - *Biblical Illustrator* articles (1 per session): Show the articles printed from the CD-ROM (optional).
    - Mention that these articles are excellent for going deeper during Bible study and for bringing fresh understanding about the people, places, and way of life in Bible times.

**7. Discuss Why Adults Need to Know the Truth About Jesus (15 minutes)**

- Distribute Handout 2 (item 2). Mention that adults need to know the truth about Jesus.
- Invite conferees to select one or more sessions from the Leader Guide. (Session materials can be reviewed from the crates and resources from Teaching Step 4.)
- Lead conferees to consider ways adults relate to people and issues that surfaced in their assigned session and make notes on their handouts. Invite conferees to share with the group and discuss a list of issues and needs of adults whom we need to include in Adult VBS. Lead a discussion of ways these needs can impact planning for, conducting, and following up on Adult VBS.
- Call attention to the “Connection Ministry Ideas” and “Parent Seminar” as opportunities for follow up. (leader guide, p. 47)

**8. Prayer and Closing (5 minutes)**

- Invite conferees to pray and ask God to bring to mind individuals they need to invite to participate in Adult VBS.
- Close by praying for the adult leaders, their churches and VBS, and their follow-up efforts following VBS.



# OVERVIEW OF DESTINATION DIG: UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5
Truth					
Bible Passage					
Get Acquainted Idea					
Create Interest Idea					
Bible Passage Key Character(s)					
Bible Study Key Message(s)					
Supplement the Session					
Application Suggestion					
Suggestion for Closing					



## **ADULTS NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS**

Review one of the five sessions. Reflect on ways adults relate to issues related to the truth in the passage(s). Identify individuals/people groups, prayer concerns, and potential ministry opportunities regarding adults based on the truth/passage.

**SESSION 1:** Adults need to know the truth that Jesus is the Savior God promised.

What prayer concerns and ministry opportunities come to mind for adults?

**SESSION 2:** Adults need to know the truth that Jesus has the power God promised.

What prayer concerns and ministry opportunities come to mind for adults?



**SESSION 3:** Adults need to know the truth that Jesus knew what would happen and still followed God's plan.

What prayer concerns and ministry opportunities come to mind for adults?

**SESSION 4:** Adults need to know the truth that Jesus fulfilled God's plan to be our Savior.

What prayer concerns and ministry opportunities come to mind for adults?

**SESSION 5:** Adults need to know that the Bible is true and helps us tell others about Jesus.

What prayer concerns and ministry opportunities come to mind for adults?