

VBS 2021 CHILDREN'S CRAFTS ROTATION BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (1½ HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This 90-minute plan is designed to train and equip VBS crafts rotation leaders to lead the crafts rotation of LifeWay's Destination Dig™ VBS.

Needed Resources

- 6 *VBS 2021 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides* — Place one in each brown paper gift bag and one on the display table.
- 4 *VBS 2021 Tablecloths* — Cut 3 in half and place squares over round, black tablecloths on the 5 round tables. Use the full tablecloth on the craft display table.
- *VBS 2021 Cups* — Use on tables to hold supplies.
- *VBS 2021 Supersized Backdrop*
- *VBS 2021 Rotation Sign for Artifact Crafts* — Display outside the door.
- *VBS 2021 Music for Kids CD*
- *VBS 2021 Theme Stickers*
- *VBS 2021 Sticky Foam Shapes*
- *VBS 2021 Writing Paper*
- *VBS 2021 Picture Frames*
- *VBS 2021 Worship Rally CD Set* — Print the Bible story pictures from Disc 2.
- Enough of each day's supplies for 1/5th of the conferees to make their assigned craft. (1/5th of the conferees will make Day 1's craft; 1/5th of the conferees will make Day 2's craft, etc.):
 - *VBS 2021 Isaiah Scroll Ornament Craft Pack* or supplies on page 7.
 - "Foil Medallion" (supplies listed on page 13).
 - "Roman Wristband" (supplies listed on page 17).
 - *VBS 2021 Magnetic Cross Bookmark Craft Pack* or supplies on page 19.
 - "Chariot Wheel Review" (supplies listed on page 25).
 - Put the craft pack for each day in a brown paper gift bag. Put other supplies in the *VBS 2021 Cups*. Place these on the table alongside the day's Bible story picture (available in any Bible study leader pack or on Disc 2 of the *Worship Rally CD Set*) and prepared building blocks with the daily word.
- Sample crafts — Make a sample of each craft in the *2021 VBS Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* and the *Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide*. Place the crafts and labels on a table near the focal wall. NOTE: Preteen crafts are not included on the table tents (items 1a-e).
- 5 round tablecloths
- 5 brown paper gift bags — Label each bag a different day (Day 1, Day 2, etc.).
- Gold, tan, or light brown paper plate — Print the VBS Scripture (Jeremiah 29:13) and reference on the plate and decorate like ancient pottery. Cut into 5–6 pieces to make a puzzle.
- 7 small brushes and hand tools
- Index cards — Write each of the following on a separate index card and attach to each hand tool with twine: *Bible Study, Prayer, Pick Crafts, Train Leaders, Room Set Up, Gather Supplies, Follow Up*.
- Twine
- Marker
- Tape
- CD player

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing the focal wall. Cover the focal wall with a *VBS 2021 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover a table with a *VBS 2021 Tablecloth* and display the craft samples. Cover 5 round tables with round table covers and half of a *VBS 2021 Tablecloth* (square). Display the craft packs, supplies, and pictures as described above. If you do not have room for round tables, conferees may form small groups and work in their chairs.

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (2 minutes)

- Play "Destination Dig" (*Music for Kids CD*, track 1) as conferees arrive. Invite conferees to find a chair in the front of the room.
- Introduce yourself and welcome conferees to Artifact Crafts.

2. Uncover the Basics of Leading Crafts (15 minutes)

- Mention that the first tool needed for success as a crafts leader is the *VBS 2021 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Lead conferees to open to page 1 in their guides.
- Invite seven volunteers to take turns selecting a hand tool and reading what is written on the index card. (These are also listed on page 1 of the crafts guide.)
- Walk through each element:
 - Bible study — Know the Bible stories for each day. Review them with children each day as part of the crafts time.
 - Prayer
 - Deciding which crafts to use
 - Training leaders
 - Room set up — Consider adding the Bible truth or Bible story picture to the focal wall each day. This makes it easier to remember to review the story with kids during crafts rotation.
 - Gathering supplies — Once crafts are selected, visit your church's resource room to look for supplies. Substitute and make adjustments based on what you already have on hand. Next, make a list of needed supplies that could be donated by your congregation. Finally, shop for any additional supplies needed.
 - Follow-up
- Mention that the crafts guide also contains other helpful information:
 - The ABCs of Becoming a Christian is included on the inside front cover of the leader guide. Every craft leader should be familiar with this information and be ready to share the gospel with kids at any moment.
 - Templates are available in the back of the guide as well. This makes prepping crafts truly easy.
- Mention that crafts leaders will also need to keep in mind the following:
 - How many kids will I have? What ages? How long is the rotation?
 - When selecting crafts, keep in mind the skills and abilities of different ages. Plan alternate crafts or make adjustments as needed.
 - Enlist a team—don't do this alone! Get people to help not only during the week of VBS but in the preparation beforehand.
 - Get organized with daily supplies. Crate supplies together by day for easy storage and transport to and from VBS.

3. Unearth the Truth (20 minutes)

- Form five groups and send each group to a different round table.

- Lead conferees to remove the Crafts Leader Guide and Bible story picture from the bag at their table and locate the pages that correspond to their assigned day (printed on the bag).
- Encourage them to read The Point and Bible Story Summary and be ready to share with the large group.
- Allow each group to share the Bible Study information from their assigned day.
- Discuss the importance of knowing the Bible Study information and helping kids make the connection to the craft for each day.

4. Test Crafts (20 minutes)

- Invite each of the five groups to use the supplies on their table to make their assigned craft.
- Encourage conferees to keep in mind the craft guidelines discussed earlier in this conference and to be ready to share with the group how the craft connects to the Bible story or truth of the day.

5. Craft Specs (25 minutes)

- Give a quick overview of each craft in the craft guide and VBX leader guide. Pause when you get to one of the crafts assigned to a group and allow them to share about that craft.
- Show the premade samples and offer tips and suggestions for making each craft. Talk about the accessibility of supplies for each craft and suggest different places conferees can go to find supplies.
- Point out suggestions included in the Leader Tips. Allow questions, but do not dwell on one craft or day for too long.
- Overview each of the craft packs provided by LifeWay. Explain that these craft packs simplify the process of preparation for the leader and come with everything (except basic supplies like scissors and glue) needed to complete the crafts. Mention that craft packs are perfect for home delivery packs if VBS has to take place at home, virtually, in a backyard setting, or in any other non-traditional setting in summer 2021.

6. Closing (3 minutes)

- Invite a conferee or two to work the Bible verse puzzle on the plate fragments, and then read the completed verse (Jeremiah 29:13) to the group.
- Remind conferees of the privilege that is theirs as craft leaders to help kids uncover the truth about who Jesus is and why He came.
- Close in prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to use crafts to help kids discover the truth about Jesus in VBS this year.