

## VBS 2022 ADULT VBS BASE CONFERENCE (1½ HOURS)

### Purpose Statement

This 90-minute plan is designed to train and equip Adult VBS leaders to conduct Lifeway's *Spark Studios™* VBS.

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2022 Adult Starter Kit* – Display items on focal wall or on a table.
- *VBS 2022 Adult Leader Guide* (included in Adult Starter Kit)
- *VBS 2022 Adult VBS Learner Guide* (one included in Adult Starter Kit)
- *VBS 2022 Adult Leader Kit* (included in Adult Starter Kit) — Print out each kit item and display on the focal wall or on walls around the room.
- *VBS 2022 Adult CD-ROM* (Included in Starter Kit) — Print all items and place on a display table, or place within a 3-ring binder.
- *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards*.
- *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* — Cover the display tables with *Spark Studios™* tablecloths.
- *VBS 2022 Name Tags*
- *VBS 2022 Music for Kids CD*
- *VBS 2022 Bible Study Location*
- OPTIONAL: *VBS 2022 Catalog*, *VBS 2022 Decorating made Easy*, *VBS 2022 Whirleys* and *VBS 2022 Administrative Guide*.
- Permanent Markers (for name tags)
- Crayons, washable colored markers, and colored pencils (for individual table displays if participants are seated at tables)
- 10-20 pages of white printer paper
- 5 art & craft organizers or other portable storage containers—Label each organizer with a session number (1-5) and corresponding session title. In each art & craft organizer place resources for the assigned Adult VBS session, including *Adult VBS Leader Guide* commentary and teaching procedures, *Adult VBS Learner Guide*, *Adult VBS Starter Kit* items, and CD-ROM items, such as *Biblical Illustrator* articles and other resources.
- One *Adult VBS Learner Guide* or “Handout 1” (Item 1) per participant
- One *Adult VBS Learner Guide* or “Handout 2” (Item 2) per participant
- “Scheduling Helps” from Adult VBS Leader CD-ROM — Print one copy for each participant.
- CD player or speaker (for playing *VBS 2022 Music for Kids* songs)
- Appropriate Device (laptop, iPad, etc.) for projecting “Biblical Content PowerPoint®”
- TV, Monitor, or Data Projector for displaying “Biblical Content PowerPoint®” and “Parenting Seminar Slides.”

### Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing a focal wall. OPTION: Set up 5 tables facing the focal wall. Cover each table with a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* or colorful tablecloths. Cover the focal wall with a *VBS 2022 Supersized Backdrop* and attach *Leader Kit* items 2-9 to walls around the room. Place a *VBS 2022 Bible Study Location Sign* at the entrance to the room and hang *VBS 2022 Whirleys* from the ceiling. Cover a display table with a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum alongside art/painting supplies, craft items, and other tabletop decorations.

## Teaching Steps

### 1. Welcome to the Studio (5 minutes)

- Play VBS 2022 music and greet leaders as they enter.
- Encourage early arrivers to meet one or two other Adult VBS leaders (designers). Instruct “designers” to form small groups and to share a talent or hobby they have with others in their group.
- Ask for one volunteer from each group to share or demonstrate their talent or describe their hobby in 15 seconds or less with the larger group.

### 2. Studio Time (15 minutes)

- Introduce yourself and the Spark Studios theme and motto. **SPARK STUDIOS: Created in Christ. Designed for God’s Purpose.** Call attention to the “VBS Scripture Poster” (*Adult VBS Leader Kit Item 2*) on the wall. Lead designers to read the Scripture verse from the poster aloud in unison.
- Say, “Each session of Adult VBS begins with registration and snacks followed closely by a get acquainted activity used to break the ice and build community with both church members and first-time attenders.”
- Form groups of 4-5 designers. Distribute copies of the Adult VBS Learner Guide (or “God’s Creation Shows His Majesty” [Item 1]) and direct them to turn to page 3. Allow groups time to discuss examples of things in nature that show the power and majesty of God and record their top 5 examples on their page. Ask each group to choose one designer to present their conclusions to the larger group and make a case for why their group’s examples are the best.
- Ask: “Why are ‘get acquainted’ games important to start out each day of VBS?”
- Say: “You’ve had a chance to contribute to a larger picture in our studio—God as the marvelous Creator! It doesn’t matter what sort of art you express—singer, painter, photographer, or dancer—we all are created in Christ and designed for God’s purpose. With Spark Studios we have a chance to make an impact and change lives this summer.”

### 3. Studio Equipment and Supplies (10 minutes)

- Say: “Let’s look at the resources and supplies we have to help us spark our imagination and kick our creativity into high gear at Sparks Studios!”
- Hold up each resource as you overview and discuss how it will prepare designers to lead an interactive, creative Adult VBS.
  - *VBS 2022 Adult Starter Kit*: Contains everything needed to teach Adult VBS, including a PDF leader guide with teaching plans, one *Adult VBS Learner Guide*, posters, a CD-ROM (which can also be downloaded), and other teaching aids. In addition, there is a five-session parenting workshop guide to use alongside or apart from VBS. Order one for your VBS. A digital format is also available.
  - *VBS 2022 Adult Leader Guide*: Used by the Adult VBS leader to study the Bible content and plan to lead each session. The *Adult Leader Guide* is only located as part of the *Adult VBS Starter Kit*. A PDF version is also available in the Adult VBS Starter Kit.
  - *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*: Contains items to print for preparation and use in Adult VBS. The *Adult Leader CD-ROM* is only available in the *VBS 2022 Adult Starter Kit*. Printable content includes *Biblical Illustrator* articles for each of the daily sessions, clip art, *VBS Adult Leader Guide*, Biblical content PowerPoint® slides, craft, promotional, and recreation ideas, registration and evaluation forms, scheduling helps, tabletop activities for use as ice breaker activities, or for use with

seniors or non-mobile groups, a document to help lead adults to Christ, and a 5-session Parenting Seminar with slides.

- *VBS 2022 Adult Learner Guide*. Purchase one copy for each Adult VBS participant. Only one copy is provided in the *Adult VBS Starter Kit*. The *VBS 2022 Adult Learner Guide* is used each day during Create Interest, Bible Study, and Application procedures. It features daily Bible study content, interactive activities, and the plan of salvation.

#### **4. Studio Time in Bible Study (25 minutes)**

- Create five groups of designers, either at tables or by having designers form a circle with their chairs. Each group will examine one of the Adult VBS sessions. Provide each group an art and craft organizer or other portable storage container containing resources for their assigned Adult VBS session, including *Adult VBS Leader Guide* commentary and teaching procedures, *Adult VBS Learner Guide*, *Adult VBS Starter Kit* items, and CD-ROM items, such as *Biblical Illustrator* articles and other resources for their assigned session.
- Distribute “Handout 2” (Item 2) to each designer. Ask each group to review its assigned session resources and record information that adults will experience during Bible study on the handouts.
- Allow time for designers to do their work. Play music from the *VBS 2022 Music for Kids* CD quietly while groups work.
- Lead each group to share its summary of the assigned session with the large group. Have groups report in session order, 1 through 5. Encourage designers to fill in the information on their handouts as others give their report.
- OPTIONAL: Provide each group with several sheets of blank paper, crayons, colored pencils, and/or washable markers in addition to the Adult VBS resources. Encourage one or two designers to create a drawing to represent the point of their assigned session while others in the group examine the Bible study. Allow designers to share their creation as part of their group’s report.
- Provide additional information and insight from your examination of the Bible study sessions, including creative alternatives to various steps in the teaching plan. (Example: Instead of asking a question to the entire class, have Adult VBS participants form pairs or groups of 3 to discuss the question. This allows more individuals to respond to the question.)

#### **5. Scheduling Studio Time in Adult VBS (10 minutes)**

- Use page 4 in the *Adult VBS Leader Guide* to share a suggested schedule for Studio Time (Adult Bible study session) each day. Remind designers that Adult VBS is designed for five two-hour sessions as indicated by the schedule on page 4.
- Distribute copies of “Scheduling Helps” from the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*.
- Highlight the flexibility of Adult VBS and discuss ways to limit time or add options such as “Craft Ideas,” “Recreation Ideas,” or “Tabletop Activities.” (Items found on *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*.)
- Discuss ways Adult VBS can be used to engage adults in a variety of times and settings. (Daytime event for senior adults, at a senior center, special event for young adults, at a mission site, women’s or men’s retreat, or Wednesday nights for VBS leaders who will teach kids in the summer.)

**6. Creative Extras in Adult VBS (10 minutes)**

- Say: “Adult VBS is a time of focused Bible study and application. But there are also additional elements you can incorporate to provide for creative expression, team building, and fellowship.”
  - **SNACKS:** Describe 2 or 3 of the theme-related refreshments from the *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards*.
    - Brainstorm with designers how snacks can enhance the Adult VBS experience.
  - **CRAFTS:** Reference the “Adult VBS Craft Ideas” located on the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*.
    - Point out that crafts give adult opportunities to express creativity and build community within the group.
    - Adults can use their projects as gifts for others or as a ministry of the church.
    - Some crafts relate to a particular day’s Bible study while others are appropriate for any session.
  - **RECREATION:** Reference the “Recreation Ideas” located on the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*.
    - Share how games and other recreational activities give adults opportunities to get to know each other in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.
    - Some games are great to use as optional “Get Acquainted” activities.
  - **BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR ARTICLES:** Show articles for each session that are available on the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*.
    - Inform designers that these articles are excellent for going deeper during Bible study preparation and for bringing fresh understanding to the passage being studied.

**7. Beyond the Studio (10 minutes)**

- Say: “VBS continues to be a great opportunity to identify unchurched families. In fact, for many churches more prospects are discovered during the one week of VBS than all other weeks combined. Statistics reveal that 22% of children attending VBS are unchurched. If the children are unchurched, chances are good that the parents are as well.”
- Call attention to *Continue the Connection*, page 47 of the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader Guide*. Highlight several of the suggestions for follow up and continuing the connection with families from VBS.
- Brainstorm with designers other ways their churches could continue to connect with unchurched families from VBS. Ask designers for testimonies or examples their church has used to connect with families.
- Call attention to the *VBS 2022 Parenting Seminar* located on the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*. Say: “When God instructed Adam and Eve to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it, He gave them a biblical mandate to make disciples of their children (Genesis 1:28). This wasn’t a suggestion, nor was it a burden. God invited Adam and Eve to imagine and participate in the endless possibilities of what it means to raise creative generations to delight in God.”
- Emphasize to designers that they can use the Parenting Seminar sessions to help parents lead their families to uncover timeless truths and principles that will help them, no matter what challenges develop along the way.
- Say: “The Parenting Seminar (5 sessions) is an excellent way to continue the connection with VBS families.”

- OPTION: As you describe the Parenting Seminar, project Parenting Seminar slides via PowerPoint® on the TV, monitor, or data projector. (Parenting Seminar Slides available on the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*.)

**8. Closing the Studio** (5 minutes)

- Invite designers to pray and ask God to recall individuals they need to invite to participate in Adult VBS.
- Close by praying for the designers (Adult VBS leaders), their churches, their VBSs, and their “continuing the connection” efforts following VBS.

# SESSION 1

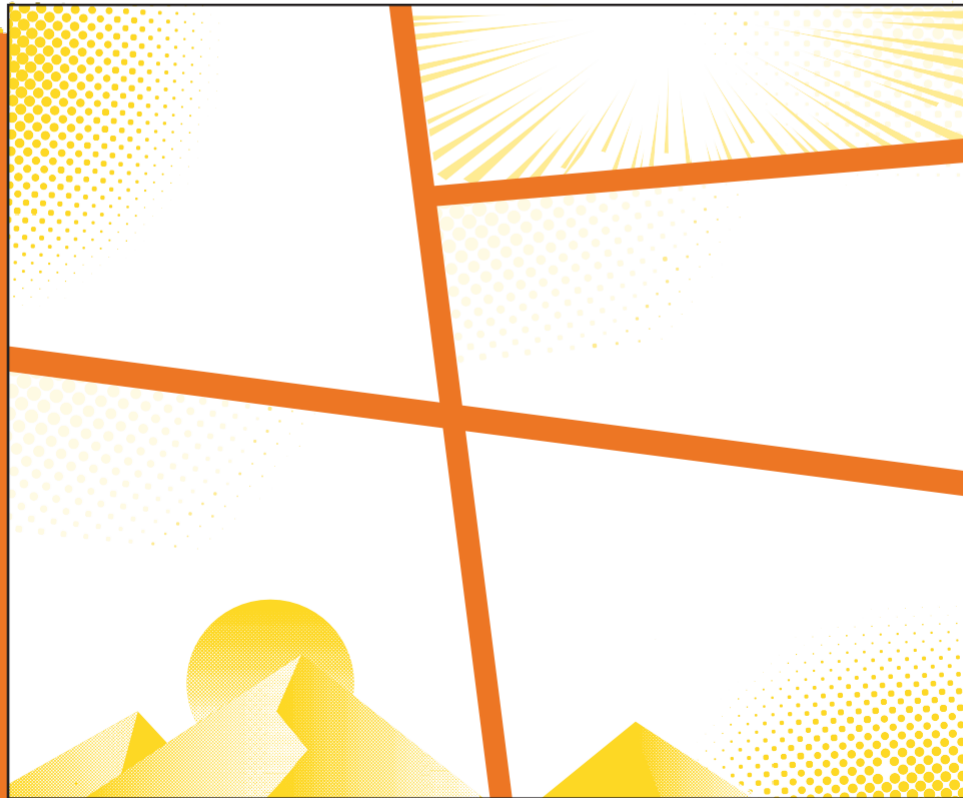
## GOD, THE CREATOR

**Bible Passage:** David Praised God the Creator  
(Acts 13:21-23; Psalm 104)

**Today's Point:** God is the marvelous Creator.

### GOD'S CREATION SHOWS HIS MAJESTY

**Instructions:** Work with your small group to think about your top five examples of things in nature that show the power and majesty of God. Write your answers in the boxes below. Choose someone from the group to present your conclusions and to make a case for why your group's examples are the best.



**OVERVIEW OF SPARKS STUDIOS: CREATED IN CHRIST. DESIGNED FOR GOD'S PURPOSE**

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5
Bible Story					
Point of the Lesson					
Bible Passage					
Get Acquainted Idea					
Create Interest Idea					
Bible Passage Key Message(s)					
Key Questions to Ask					
Biblical Illustrator Articles					
Application					
Closing					