

VBS 2022 ADULT VBS EXTRAS CONFERENCE (45 MINUTES)

Purpose Statement

This 45-minute plan is designed to equip Adult VBS leaders to engage churched and unchurched adults using Lifeway's *Spark Studios* Adult VBS rotation activities.

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2022 Adult Starter Kit*
- *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM (included in the Adult Starter Kit)*
- *VBS 2022 Catalog*
- *VBS 2022 Music for Kids CD*
- *VBS 2022 Tablecloths*
- *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards*
- *VBS 2022 Decorating Made Easy*
- "Decorating Ideas" *VBS 2022 Adult Leader Guide, page 6* — Print one copy for each participant.
- *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM* — Print all resources from the CD-ROM and place in 3-ring binder or spread out on a display table.
- OPTIONAL: Bright colored tablecloths (for use on round tables)
- Pencils or pens for each participant.
- Item 1: "Creating Adult VBS Extras" — Print one copy for each participant.
- Supplies needed for "Empty Tombs" snacks:
 - Paper Plates
 - Small Chocolate Doughnuts
 - Graham Crackers
 - Mini Oreo® cookies
 - Icing
 - Condiment Cups
 - Plastic knives and spoons
- OPTION: Choose one of the other snacks from the *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* — Gather the ingredients to make one of the snacks during the session.
- Blank printer paper (20-30 sheets for use in "Crumple and Shoot Bible Trivia" game)
- Painter's Tape or another easy-to-remove tape (for "Crumple and Shoot Bible Trivia")
- Wastebasket (cleaned or freshly lined, for use in "Crumple and Shoot Bible Trivia")
- 1-2 Crafts from the *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM* (for display)
- OPTION: Provide copies of the instructions for the specific craft(s) demonstrated.
- "Parenting Seminar (from *VBS 2022 Adult Leader CD-ROM*)" — Print one copy to be distributed among small groups of adults.
- CD or speaker for playing *VBS 2022 Music for Kids CD*
- Appropriate device (laptop, iPad, etc.) for projecting PowerPoint® slides.
- 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. Hang the *VBS 2022 Supersized Backdrop* on the focal wall. Secure kit items 2-9 to walls around the room. Hang *VBS 2022 String Flags* at the entrance to the room. Cover the display table with a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth*.

Print out all items from the *Adult Leader CD-ROM* and place them alongside the Adult VBS curriculum, art/painting supplies for decoration, sample snacks, and crafts

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Play the *VBS 2022 Music for Kids CD* quietly in the background and greet participants as they enter.
- Invite participants to explore the room and resources displayed and to feel free to take pictures throughout the session.
- Explain that this session will help participants examine and find opportunities to prepare and use crafts, recreation, snacks, decoration ideas, as well as follow-up opportunities to enhance Adult VBS 2022.

2. Adult VBS Snacks (10 minutes)

- Say: "Each session of Adult VBS begins with registration and a snack. You can choose one of the theme-related refreshments from the *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipes Cards*." Select 2-3 recipes, read the descriptions, and briefly list ingredients or preparation instructions.
- Ask: "Why is it important to begin each VBS session with refreshments?" Emphasize that gathering around food encourages adults to get to know each other and build relationships.
- Invite several participants to join you at the display table with the chosen snack ingredients and assist you as you prepare the snack.
- OPTION: Create "Empty Tombs" snack. Ask for volunteers to assist with distribution of snack supplies.
 - Give adults one each of a paper plate, a square graham cracker, a small chocolate doughnut, a Mini Oreo® cookie, icing in a condiment cup or on a spoon, and a plastic spoon or knife.
 - Lead adults to spread icing on the graham cracker. Cut off the bottom of the doughnut and place the doughnut on the icing. (Add more icing if the doughnut does not stand up), place the Oreo to the side of the doughnut.
 - Say: "The chocolate doughnut reminds us of the tomb Jesus was placed in after He was crucified. The Oreo can remind us of the stone that was rolled away when Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus fulfilled God's plan to save us."
- Lead a discussion as adults prepare their snacks about how Adult VBS Extras could be used outside of the normal Adult VBS sessions to promote Adult VBS or "Continue the Connection" with adults who attended.
- Offer these ideas for using snacks with adults or share some of your own experiences:
 - One month before Adult VBS, make a large batch of one of the snacks in the foyer of the church. Include a label or tag with Adult VBS dates, times, and location. As families prepare to leave church, invite them to assist with making and bagging the snacks. Encourage each family to take a bag of the snack to each adult on their block and extend a personal invitation to Adult VBS.
 - Take snack ingredients to each Adult Bible study group one month following Adult VBS. Instruct early arrivers to make bags of the snack and take to adults who attended VBS. Include an invitation to join their Bible study.
- Give each adult a bag of the snack to eat as you continue the conference.
- Ask adults to use the "Creating Adult VBS Extras" handout (Item 1) to record one of the snack ideas you shared or an idea they thought about while making the snack.

3. Adult VBS Recreation (10 minutes)

- Describe several of the recreation ideas from the *Adult Leader CD-ROM*. Explain that:
 - Games give adults opportunities to get to know each other better in a fun, relaxing atmosphere.
 - Some games are more active, while others require less movement. Choose games best suited to the interests and abilities of the group you will teach.
 - Consider using the “Tabletop Activities” found on the *Adult Leader CD-ROM* for seniors or non-mobile groups.
- Encourage adults to stand. Use instructions for “Crumple and Shoot Bible Trivia” to play the game with the adults.
- Brainstorm with the group ways to use *Recreation Ideas* games at an Extra time outside of Adult VBS, and specifically an idea to promote Adult VBS or “Continue the Connection” following Adult VBS.
- Allow time for participants to record ideas on their handout.

4. Adult VBS Crafts (5 minutes)

- Say: “This year’s crafts are designed to relate to the Spark Studios™ theme and biblical content.”
- Present one or two of the craft items prepared ahead of time and how it relates to one of the Adult VBS Bible study sessions. Share with adults the items needed to create the craft and any ideas or tips gleaned from creating the craft.
- OPTION: Provide copies of the instructions for the specific craft demonstrated for adults to review as you share the step above.
- Ask adults to brainstorm ideas to use Adult VBS Crafts to promote VBS to the parents of children attending VBS at your church.
- Allow time for adults to record one of the Craft ideas on their handouts.

5. Parenting Seminar (10 minutes)

- Say: “Parenting is both a privilege and an exciting journey. Use the five-sessions Parenting Seminar to help parents lead their families to uncover timeless truths and principles that will help them as they face challenges and make disciples of their children.”
- Ask adults to form one of five small groups. Distribute one of the sessions from the “Parenting Seminar” to each group.
 - As adults review their assigned session, provide a quick overview of each session and demonstrate the “Parenting Seminar Slides” via PowerPoint®. Share how the slides help reinforce the content of the seminar.
- Have adults record any insights or ideas related to the “Parenting Seminar” on their “Creating Adult VBS Extras” sheet.

6. Other Extras (3 minutes)

- Say: “The *Adult Leader CD-ROM* has lots of additional helps for your Adult VBS. You’ll find registration and evaluation forms, scheduling helps, promotional ideas, and an outline to help you lead someone to Christ.”
- Continue: “You’ll also find PowerPoint® slides to help reinforce the Bible study each day.”
 - Demonstrate the biblical content slides via PowerPoint® and how these slides can be used in the daily Bible study sessions.
- If time allows, show adults how to locate the resources on the CD-ROM.

7. Debrief and Closing Prayer (2 minutes)

- Briefly review elements of the conference and answer any questions.
- Close in prayer.

Creating Adult VBS Extras

Record ideas, notes, or suggestions for ways these extras could be used during your VBS or while following up with adult after VBS.

SNACK IDEAS:

RECREATION IDEAS:

CRAFT IDEAS:

PARENTING SEMINAR:

Suggestions from the Seminar we would want to emphasize:

Ways to use this Seminar as a follow up to Adult VBS:

OTHER EXTRAS:

