

## VBS 2022 3s–KINDERGARTEN ROTATIONS CONFERENCE PLAN (50 MINUTES)

### Purpose Statement

This 50-minute conference plan is designed to train and equip VBS rotations leaders to teach preschoolers and kindergartners using Lifeway's Spark Studios® preschool rotations curriculum.

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2022 3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack* (005834088)
- *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* (005834071)
- *VBS 2022 String Flags* (005835982)
- *VBS 2022 Visual Pack* (005836785)
- *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* (005835980)
- *VBS 2022 Backpack* (005835977)
- *VBS 2022 Giant Inflatable Guitar* (005836526)
- *VBS 2022 Look What I Made Craft Pack* (005836527)
- *VBS 2022 David's Harp Craft Pack* (005836528)
- *VBS 2022 King's Crown Craft Pack* (005836529)
- *VBS 2022 Canvas Masterpiece Craft Pack* (005836530)
- *VBS 2022 Church on Mission Craft Pack* (005836531)
- *VBS 2022 Music for Preschoolers CD* (included in rotation pack)
- *VBS 2022 Sticky Foam Sheets* (0058359965)
- *VBS 2022 Theme Stickers* (005835966)
- CD player or Bluetooth speaker
- TV and DVD player or screen, projector, and speakers
- Sample crafts — Make one of each craft ahead of time according to the instructions in the Crafts Leader Guide.
- 4 toy microphones
- "Parent Letter" for Mission Project (from Missions DVD-ROM)
- "Worship Rally Outline" (from Music DVD-ROM)
- 8-10 markers
- 8-10 sheets of blank copy paper

### Prepare the Room

Decorate the room to look like a music studio. Accessorize with the *VBS 2022 Giant Inflatable Guitar*, music stands, microphones, piano keyboards, and so forth. Paint a black round tablecloth to look like a vinyl record and lay it on the floor in front of the focal area. (If preferred, decorate the room to match one of the other rotation sites.) Add *VBS 2022 String Flags* and *VBS 2022 Visual Pack* posters to enhance your decorations. Cover display tables with *VBS 2022 Tablecloths* and arrange the curriculum conference resources, and craft samples on top. Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing the focal wall. Set up other rotation site areas around the room.

### Teaching Steps

#### 1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Welcome conferees.
- Give a brief introduction of the *VBS 2022 3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack*, showing the three rotation leader guides and the pack of recreation cards. Remind the group that the

*VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* may be purchased separately or pulled from the Kids Starter Kit. Snack recipes that are appropriate for preschoolers are marked on the cards.

- Explain that these resources are used to enhance each day’s Bible Study. Each rotation is planned to last 20 minutes, with a 5-minute transition break between each rotation. Mention that churches may choose to use all 4 rotations every day, or alternate rotations every other day in order to offer longer rotations.
- Go over the three options for rotations:
  - Self-contained class – Children and teachers stay in the same classroom all day (good for churches with limited number of teachers and space).
  - Teachers Rotate In – Children stay in the same classroom and each rotation teacher comes into the classroom to lead the activity (good for churches with limited space).
  - Children Rotate Out – Rotation teacher sets up in a separate classroom and children rotate out (good for church with limited number of teachers).

## 2. Explore the Possibilities (10 minutes)

- Form four groups. Hand someone in each group a toy microphone.
- Distribute each of the leader guides and the recreation cards from the pack—one guide or set of cards to each group.
- Lead the groups to find the following information in the guides and cards. Once the information is found, invite the group to present the information in a creative way using the microphone (examples: singing, rapping, emcee style, etc.).
  - **Crafts Leader Guide:**
    - How does the Free Art activity on Day 4 relate to the Bible story? (*The rock art resembles stone at the tomb.*)
    - What is the craft pack option for Day 2? (*David’s Harp*)
  - **Music Leader Guide:**
    - What is the music motion for “Amazing”? (*see p. 7*)
    - Describe the Extend the Session activity for Day 5. (*passing cups*)
  - **Missions Leader Guide:**
    - What is this year’s suggested mission project? (*SPARK bags with art supplies*)
    - On Day 5, on what type of vehicle do the volunteers ride? (*“Chicken Bus”*)
  - **Recreation Cards**
    - What is the Bible story game for Day 2? (*“Shepherd, Shepherd, King”*)
    - On what card can you find teaching tips for leading recreation? (*Card 22*)

## 3. Continue Sparking Creativity (30 minutes)

- Provide additional information about each rotation.
  - **Missions Workshop:**
    - A short video is available for each day describing the work of the missionaries. Days 1 and 2 showcase the Wilton family in Pittsburgh; Days 3–5 feature the White family in Guatemala. These are available on the DVD found on the inside front cover of the missions leader guide.
    - Show the Day 1 IMB video and the Day 1 NAMB video.
    - Explain that this year’s mission project is making “SPARK Bags.” Churches will collect art supplies to donate in their communities.
    - Mention that churches also have the option of choosing their own mission projects if preferred.

- **Recreation Station**
  - Games are included for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Five cards will include a Bible story connection. Others will be “themed” activities.
  - Form groups of 5 or 6 and play “Portrait Pass” according to the direction on Preschool Rec Card 6.
  - If time permits, play the game “Broken Statues” (Card 18).
- **Crafts Design Center**
  - Briefly show examples of each of the daily crafts.
  - Explain that there are five Craft Packs suggested for preschoolers.
    - Look What I Made
    - David’s Harp
    - King’s Crown
    - Canvas Masterpiece
    - Church on Mission
  - Explain that crafts in the Crafts Leader Guide are designed for ages 3–Kindergarten. Some may be more appropriate for one age than another. Choose crafts based on the age and abilities of your group.
  - Point out that a “free art” activity is included each day that allows children to work on their own and express their creativity freely.
  - Emphasize that at least one craft will tie back to the Bible story each day.
  - Remind the group that it is important to recognize that not all children will be excited about crafts. Offer tips for early finishers, such as copies of coloring sheets (included in the back of the crafts leader guide), or a quiet game with the teacher as others finish.
- **Music Sound Stage**
  - Point out that a *VBS 2022 Music for Preschoolers CD* is included in the rotation pack. This CD includes audio files only.
  - Show the DVD-ROM in the inside front cover of the Music Leader Guide. Explain that this includes instructional and demonstration videos for all seven preschool songs. Teacher Helps included on the printables portion (ROM) can be accessed on a computer disc drive or by using the online redemption code included in the leader guide.
  - Teach the song “God Is Amazing” and invite conferees to sing and do the motions. (Use the DVD if desired.)
  - Show the demonstration video for “Spark Studios.” Mention that these motions are the same motions as in the children’s music rotation.
  - Show conferees where to find the “Preschool Worship Rally” outline. Briefly describe the benefits of having a Worship Rally designed just for preschoolers (as opposed to combining with Grades 1–6).

#### 4. Conclude (5 minutes)

- Answer any questions the group may have.
- Close in prayer.