

VBS 2022 SNACK ROTATION CONFERENCE PLAN (45 MINUTES)

Purpose Statement

This 45-minute conference overviews the more than 25 snack options available to serve during Lifeway's VBS 2022 Spark Studios®. Conferees will learn how to infuse biblical content into the Snack rotation, review all snack options, and learn how to help kids design their own snacks.

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* (2 sets)
- *VBS 2022 Writing Paper* — Write each of the following three snacks on a separate piece of writing paper (one name per paper): *Discovery Dough*, *Paint Cans*, and *Creative Juice*.
- *VBS 2022 Supersized Backdrop*
- *VBS 2022 Wall Art* — Attach the *Spark Studios logo* to focal wall.
- *VBS 2022 Tablecloths*
- *VBS 2022 Supersized Postcards* — Write the following on cards: *Marvelous Creations*, *David's Crown*, *Palm Sundaes*, *Empty Tombs*, and *Ends of the Earth*. Tape the coordinating snack card to the supersized postcard. Then tape postcards around the Spark Studios wall art on the focal wall.
- *VBS 2022 Cups* (1 set) — Attach the "Dinner Options" card to display.
- Pens or pencils
- Permanent marker
- Sample store-bought options: large pretzel rods, Combos®, Twizzlers, and animal crackers
- Supplies and ingredients for "Pick Six Inventor Mix" (recipe 19)
- Snack-size ziplock bags (1 per conferee)—Prepare the snack mix (above), scoop a small amount/individual serving into each bag, and seal the bag. Prepare enough for each conferee to receive a bag.
- "Snack Recipe" (item 1) — Print enough for each conferee to have one.
- Plain, plastic tablecloth — In the middle of the tablecloth, write these questions: *Would you rather paint a masterpiece or build a robot? What is the verse of the day? Where in the Bible is today's story found?*
- Hand sanitizer
- Tape

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semicircle. Cover the focal wall with a *VBS 2022 Supersized Backdrop*. Tape the Spark Studios logo from the *VBS 2022 Wall Art* set and the *VBS 2022 Supersized Postcards* around it. Cover a table with a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum alongside a bowl of snack samples and other tabletop decorations. Display the prepared *VBS 2022 Cup* with attached "Dinner Options" card alongside some of the store-bought options. Check out the "Decorating Ideas" card in the *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* for more ideas to decorate your spaces.

Teaching Steps

1. **Welcome** (5 minutes)
 - Welcome Studio Instructors to the Snack Pavilion and share that they will review all the pieces needed for kids to create memories while eating and making delicious snacks.
 - Reinforce that hands-on snack making is encouraged at Spark Studios this year!

- Ask conferees what comes to their imagination when they hear “Discovery Dough, Paint Cans, and Creative Juice.” Explain that these are names of some of the yummy snacks this year!
2. **Design: Bible-related Snacks** (10 minutes)
- Invite five volunteers to draw a picture of the following snacks: “Marvelous Creations, David’s Crown, Palm Sundae, Empty Tomb, and Ends of the Earth.” Encourage them to draw what they think the snacks looks like based only on the names. Lead them to draw directly on the writing paper. Allow two minutes to create.
 - Lead volunteers to show their masterpieces to the group. Thank the volunteers and ask them to return to their seats.
 - Overview each Bible-related snack (using the five snack cards on the supersized postcards) and briefly summarize each day’s Bible story and main point. Emphasize the Kid Connection on each card to the conferees. Point out the importance of talking with kids about each day’s Bible story during snack rotation. Also point out the Chef’s Secrets for helpful tips. Make sure conferees understand how each snack ties to a Bible story.
 - Day 1: God, the Creator (“Marvelous Creations”)
 - Day 2: God, the Designer (“David’s Crown”)
 - Day 3: Jesus, the King (“Palm Sundae”)
 - Day 4: Jesus, the Redeemer (“Empty Tombs”)
 - Day 5: Holy Spirit, the Helper (“Ends of the Earth”)
 - Say: “Now we will review the 20 theme recipes that are great snack options. The teal stamp denotes the preschool friendly snacks, and the gluten free snacks are noted by the gold stamp. There are a lot of creative snacks this year for kids to get innovative with.”
3. **Masterpieces** (10 minutes)
- Review the remaining 20 recipe cards and the important icons found on them.
 - Briefly mention your favorites. Point out any tips or suggest alternate ingredients.
 - Guide conferees to the snack cards that encourage kids to create their own snacks.
 - Point out the Chef’s Secrets on the cards. These are ideas for ingredient swaps and ways to connect with Jr. Designers (kids).
 - Guide conferees to pass around the prepared snack bags and each take one to enjoy.
4. **Dinner Options** (5 minutes)
- Mention that many churches conduct VBS at night and provide meals for families since parents and volunteers are coming straight from work.
 - Call attention to the prepared “Dinner Options” card on display.
 - Present each meal suggestion. Encourage conferees to suggest different pairings of meal options.
 - Comment: “You may not be able to use all of the recipes provided, but you can look for ways to DIY a great meal.”
5. **Extra Ingredients** (5 minutes)
- Say: “Be keenly aware of allergies. Prepare alternate snacks for kids with allergies to any of your snack ingredients. Designate specific tables to be used for these children to help keep areas clean, sanitized, and safe for each child. Consider using colored wristbands or special name tags to quickly identify children with allergies.

- Suggest snack leaders share the ingredients of each day's snack with their VBS directors ahead of time. It would be really beneficial if an allergy alert could be posted at registration or listed on an online registration form.
- Briefly go over the gluten free options and ask the group to share their ideas for other allergy friendly snacks.
- Say: "Spark Studios has some great store-bought options that you can use."
- Point out the snack card with the list of store-bought snack ideas. Ask conferees to share any other store-bought snack ideas that are not listed on the cards.
- Mention that snack time is a great opportunity to provide a special snack or treat to VBS volunteers.

6. **Feeding the Soul** (8 minutes)

- Say: "Snacks rotation can be more than just feeding kids. Snacks is a great time to reinforce the Bible story and to engage kids."
- Point to the prepared plastic tablecloth. Explain: "Each day, write new review questions on the plastic tablecloth to help guide discussions and spark lively conversations between volunteers and kids." Explain that the tablecloths can be made ahead of time and are a great way to reinforce the biblical truth of the day.
- Remind volunteers that not all kids learn the same. Snack rotation is great for learners who learn best through movement.

7. **Closing** (2 minutes)

- Thank conferees for coming.
- Close in prayer.

Snack Recipe: How to Create a GREAT Snack Rotation

Design: Bible-related Snacks

Masterpiece: Theme Recipes

DIY: Dinner Options

Store-bought:

Spark Imagination: