

VBS 2022 STUDENT VBS EXTRAS CONFERENCE PLAN (1 HOUR)

Purpose Statement

This one-hour plan is designed to equip and train Student VBS leaders to implement and adapt the missions, crafts, snacks, and recreation rotations in Lifeway's *Spark Studios*™ Student VBS for middle and high school students (Grades 7–12).

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2022 Student Starter Kit* — Display the Bible verse poster, daily session posters, and Gospel poster on the focal wall.
- Student VBS Printables (located in the folders of the digital leader kit or may be downloaded using the redeemable code in the leader kit) — Print all items, place in a binder, and place on the display table.
- Student Leader Guide — Print/Photocopy 6 copies of page 14. Laminate or place in plastic sheet protectors. Place on craft table.
- “Sharing the Gospel with Students” (CD-ROM) — Print 1 per conferee.
- 5 sets of *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards*
- *VBS 2022 Tablecloths* — Cover all tables.
- Item 1: “Student VBS Rotations at a Glance” — Print 1 per conferee and place in chairs before conferees arrive.
- Sample student crafts — Prepare a sample craft for each session per the directions on pages 14, 22, 30, 38, 46 of the leader guide.
- Supplies for Session 2’s rec game, “Common and Unique”:
 - 6 note cards per person
 - 1 pen per person
- Supplies for the Session 1’s Missions activity, “What Do You See?”:
 - “God’s Creation Photos” — Print 6 copies and cut apart the photos. Place each complete set in individual ziplock bags.
- Supplies for the Session 1 Mission “Share the Gospel”
- Bluetooth speaker

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing the focal wall. Create the effect of being in an art studio by arranging art supplies, various duct tape, notepads, markers, sticky notes, modeling clay, and so forth on shelves or tables in the focal area. Cover a display table with a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* and arrange the curriculum and craft samples on top. Cover an additional table at the back of the room and place the craft supplies on top.

Teaching Steps

1. **Recreation** (15 minutes)
 - Play the Spark Studios theme song from the Music for Kids CD or one of the upbeat worship songs suggested in the Student VBS materials (playlist suggestions).
 - Welcome conferees and ask them to take a look at handout on their chairs. Suggest that they take notes and fill in the squares throughout the conference.
 - Point out the locations of the Student VBS Rotations in the Student VBS Leader Guide. Remind conferees that a PDF of the Student Leader Guide is available on the CD-ROM and may be shared with rotation leaders. Rec and Craft ideas may be found in the

leader guide. Missions teaching plans are located on the Student CD-ROM. Snack ideas are located in the *VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards*.

- Explain that today you will showcase several of the Student VBS rotation options so that everyone will have a better understanding of the rotation choices and how each one reinforces the biblical content for the day.
- Lead the group to play the Session 2 game, “Common and Unique” according to the instructions in the leader guide. Point out that each game includes a debrief that connects back to the Bible content for the session.

2. **Crafts** (15 minutes)

- Show each of the pre-made Student VBS craft samples. Offer tips as you describe each.
- Ask, “Why are students not ‘too old’ for crafts?” Allow conferees to share their thoughts. Include the following:
 - Students still enjoy crafting things.
 - The discovery of art and invention captures the minds of students.
- Explain that Student VBS crafts are developed specifically for this age group.
- Ask, “Why should students still do crafts?” Allow responses. Include the following:
 - Crafts allows time to establish relationships.
 - Crafts allow time for unchurched students to get to know Christian leaders and other students in the ministry.
 - Crafts provides an opportunity to listen to students and opportunities to minister as you hear or see a need.
- Remind leaders of other sources for alternative craft ideas including those found in the Adult VBS Starter Kit and the VBX curriculum.

3. **Missions** (15 minutes)

- Explain that the missions rotation is located in the printable resources (CD-ROM). Missions focuses on hands-on opportunities and practicing how to share the gospel.
- Explain that sessions are designed with a basic teaching plan that can be completed in approximately 30 minutes. Suggestions for getting students actively engaged in serving in their churches and communities are listed at the end of the missions document.
- Lead conferees in the Session 1 activity, “What Do you See.”
- Form six groups. Give each group a set of the “God’s Creation Photos.” Instruct conferees to spread the photos out in front of their group.
- Lead each group member to choose a photo and share with the group what that photo reminds them about God.
- Encourage groups to discuss any thoughts or questions they would ask God about His creation.
- Give each conferee a copy of “Sharing the Gospel with Students” (CD-ROM). Discuss how this plan is for everyone, not just students.
- Go through each step:
 - God’s Power
 - Our Problem
 - Our Punishment
 - God’s Provision
 - God’s Promise
- Do not assume that all conferees are saved. Give an opportunity for conferees to accept Christ if they don’t already know Him.

- Share the story of your own salvation and discuss how important it is to not only be able to share the gospel but to make it personal by sharing your own story.
- 4. Snacks (10 minutes)**
- Form five smaller groups. Give each group a set of the *VBS 2022 Snack Recipe Cards*. Ask each group to review the snack cards and choose three options suitable for Student VBS. Encourage them to record their ideas on their handouts under “Snacks.”
 - Allow a brief time for groups to share their ideas with the larger group.
- 5. Tailoring Student VBS Rotations for Your Church and Schedule (5 minutes)**
- Ask conferees to turn to the person next to them and share how they plan on tailoring the student rotations for their church’s schedule.
 - Point out that a 3-hour Student VBS allows for all rotations. For a 2-hour Student VBS, plan to serve snacks as students arrive and then alternate between recreation, missions and crafts each day.
 - Remind leaders of the value of using Student VBS rotations to build relationships with students in the church and the community as well as building on the foundation of the biblical content as the Holy Spirit leads.
 - Close in prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to minister to students during VBS.

	<u>Missions</u> (30 minutes) <i>Located in the printable resources of the student leader kit.</i>	<u>Recreation</u> (15 minutes) <i>Located in Student VBS Leader Guide immediately following each session.</i>	<u>Crafts</u> (30 minutes) <i>Located in Student VBS Leader Guide immediately following Missions & Recreation.</i>	<u>Snacks</u> (15 minutes) <i>Ideas located in VBS 2022 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards.</i>
Session 1	Students will discover how to share the gospel with others.	Photo Scavenger Hunt	Earth Stress Ball	Snack Ideas for Students
Session 2	Students will discover how to tell their stories with others.	Common and Unique	Thumb Harp	
Session 3	Students will discover that as believers, we are called to love and care for people like Jesus did.	Steal the Crown	Palm Branch Card	
Session 4	Students will discover and practice how to incorporate their story while sharing the gospel with others.	Tech Glitch	Graffiti Light Bulb	
Session 5	Students will discover that every day many opportunities arise that allow them to serve people and show them God's love.	Blindfold Kickball	Cellphone Amplifier	

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