

VBS 2023 CRAFTS ROTATION BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (1½ HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This 90-minute plan is designed to train and equip crafts rotations leaders to lead 1st through 6th graders in the crafts rotation of Lifeway's *Twists & Turns* VBS.

Needed Resources

- (7) *VBS 2023 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides*
- (4) *VBS 2023 Tablecloths* — cut 3 of the tablecloths in half to make squares that will be used in the center of 6 round tables.
- *VBS 2023 Music for Kids*
- *VBS 2023 Supersized Backdrop*
- *VBS 2023 String Flags*
- *VBS 2023 Floor Prints*
- 18 – *VBS 2023 Cups* (3 per table for supplies)
- *VBS 2023 Rotation Signs*
- (6) *VBS 2023 Catching Fish Craft Packs* — Place one at each of the 6 craft tables.
- (6) *VBS 2023 T&T Pop It Craft Packs* — Place one at each of the 6 craft tables.
- (6) *VBS 2023 Finger Twist Craft Packs* — Place one at each of the 6 craft tables.
- (6) *VBS 2023 Meeple Picture Frame Craft Packs* — Place one at each of the 6 craft tables.
- (6) *VBS 2023 Game Mask Craft Packs* — Place one at each of the 6 craft tables.
- (6) *VBS 2023 Marble Review Craft Packs* — Place one at each of the 6 craft tables.
- Item 1: “Twists & Turns Logo” — Enlarge and make 4 color copies. Trim around the edges of the logo and center it on one side of a sheet of white poster board to resemble the back of a playing card. Repeat to yield 4 cards. (Option: Use the logo punchout from 4 sets of *VBS 2023 Wall Art*.)
- Items 2–21 — Print each item onto cardstock. Feed into a color photocopier and print Item 22 on the back of each item to resemble playing cards.
- Item 22: “T&T Card Logo” — Print onto the back of the “Playing Cards” (Items 2–21).
- Item 23: “Rooster Template and Instructions” — Make 18 copies on cardstock and cut out the rooster template pieces. Make 2–3 sets per table. Place a couple of instructions on each table.
- 6 brightly colored round plastic tablecloths — Cover craft tables.
- White cardstock (20 for playing cards and 18 additional sheets for “Rooster Templates”)
- 4 sheets of white poster board — Round the corners of each posterboard to look like a playing card. Glue a copy of the “Twists & Turns Logo” (Item 1) on one side of each card. Write one of the following on the opposite side each of the 4 cards: *Prepare Your Heart; Plan; Teach; Continue the Connection*.
- Rockin’ Rooster Supplies — Place on each table.
 - Plastic eggs (1 per conferee)
 - Colorful craft feathers
 - Flatback or round marbles (1 large or 3 small per conferee)
 - Self-stick googly eyes (2 per conferee)
 - Craft foam (red and yellow)
 - Glue dots
 - Tacky glue
 - Scissors
 - Permanent markers
- Sample of each VBS 2023 craft and craft pack — Make the crafts ahead of time for display.
- *VBS 2023 Music for Kids CD* and CD player or digital album/playlist and Bluetooth speaker

Room Setup

Arrange chairs around 6 round tables. Cover the tables with colorful plastic tablecloths and squares cut from the *VBS 2023 Tablecloths*. Place *VBS 2023 Cups* on each table to hold craft supplies. Place one set of each of the craft packs on separate tables.

Cover the focal with a *VBS 2023 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover 2 display tables with *VBS 2023 Tablecloths* and display the curriculum alongside children's card games (not a regular deck), and oversized cards (logo side displayed and words hidden). Display finished craft samples on the second display table.

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Play VBS 2023 music as conferees arrive. Lead conferees to sit at the six tables.
- Once everyone has arrived, ask conferees to pair up and tell a favorite game they played as a child. If time allows, invite conferees to share with the group.

2. Preparing for Wild Card Crafts (15 minutes)

- Turn over each of the large poster board cards as you discuss each step to reveal the words on the other side: Prepare Your Heart, Plan, Teach, Continue the Connection.
- Turn over the first card (Prepare Your Heart) and discuss the following points:
 - Read and study the Bible stories and scriptures
 - Pray for yourself and your teaching team
 - Pray for kids, and families.
- Play a card game with 5 volunteers. Mix the deck of 20 smaller cards (with the daily information) and distribute evenly among the volunteers. Instruct volunteers to trade cards (like "Go Fish") to get a full set for a specific day (Session Title, Bible Story, the Day's Point, and the Day's Icon).
- Call on the player holding the Day 1 set to reach each card's information. Expand on the Bible story as needed. Repeat with Days 2-5.
- Remind conferees of the importance of knowing the Bible Study information and helping kids make the connections to the craft for each day.
- Turn over the second card (Plan) and discuss the following points:
 - Find out how many kids you'll have.
 - Find out how long will rotation last.
 - Choose which crafts you will do based on your kids, time, and budget.
 - Gather supplies — ask church members to help collect.
 - Talk about how craft packs can significantly cut down on prep time.
 - Templates are available in the back of the crafts book. Be sure to check out the redemption code on page 2 of the leader guide to download and print the templates at full size.
 - Organize crafts and craft supplies by day. Keep everyday supplies in the room. Bring in other supplies as needed each day.
- Turn over the third card (Teach) and discuss the following points:
 - Recruit a team. Divvy up responsibilities (prep and teaching).
 - Remember kids' differing abilities/learning styles.
 - Reinforce the Bible connection every day.
 - Prioritize relationships and process as more important than the final product.
 - Relax and enjoy!
 - Make and use templates when appropriate.
- Turn over the fourth card (Continue the Connection) and discuss the following points:

- Overview the “Sharing the Gospel with Kids” outline in the leader guide.
 - Participate in your church’s follow-up plan.
 - Look for other ways to connect with families beyond VBS.
3. **Let’s Play!** (20 minutes)
- Invite conferees to go to a table to make crafts.
 - Explain that each person can make one craft pack craft and one Rockin’ Rooster.
4. **Crafts Review** (30 minutes)
- Invite conferees to return to their seats with the crafts they made.
 - Draw attention to the sample crafts on the display table and walk through each session’s crafts.
 - Lead volunteers to talk about the crafts that were assigned to their table and their relation to the Bible content.
5. **Closing** (5 minutes)
- Stress the importance of building relationships with the kids throughout the week. Remind the group that Wild Card Crafts may be the one place that a child actually connects with the Bible content.
 - Remind conferees of the Theme Verse: “Make your ways known to me, LORD; teach me your paths” (Psalm 25:4).
 - Invite the group to say the VBS Motto with you: “Following Jesus changes everything!”
 - Close with prayer.



Item 1. Twists & Turns Logo

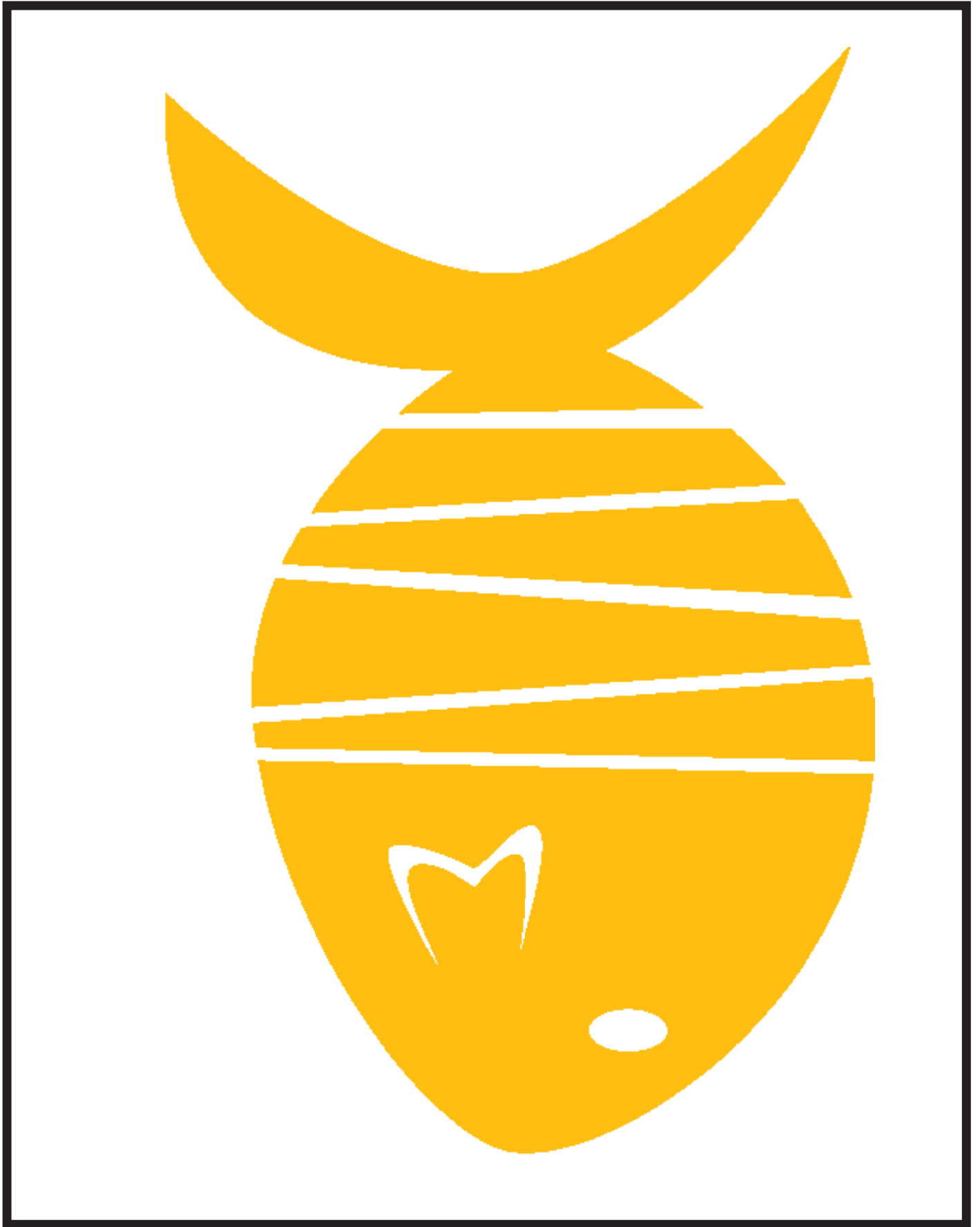
JESUS

IS

HOLY

**PETER
FOLLOWED
JESUS**

**JESUS IS
HOLY AND THAT
CHANGES
EVERYTHING!**



Item 5. Day 1 Icon

JESUS IS TRUSTWORTHY

**PETER WALKED
TO JESUS ON
THE WATER**

**JESUS CARES
ABOUT ME
EVEN WHEN I
DOUBT.**

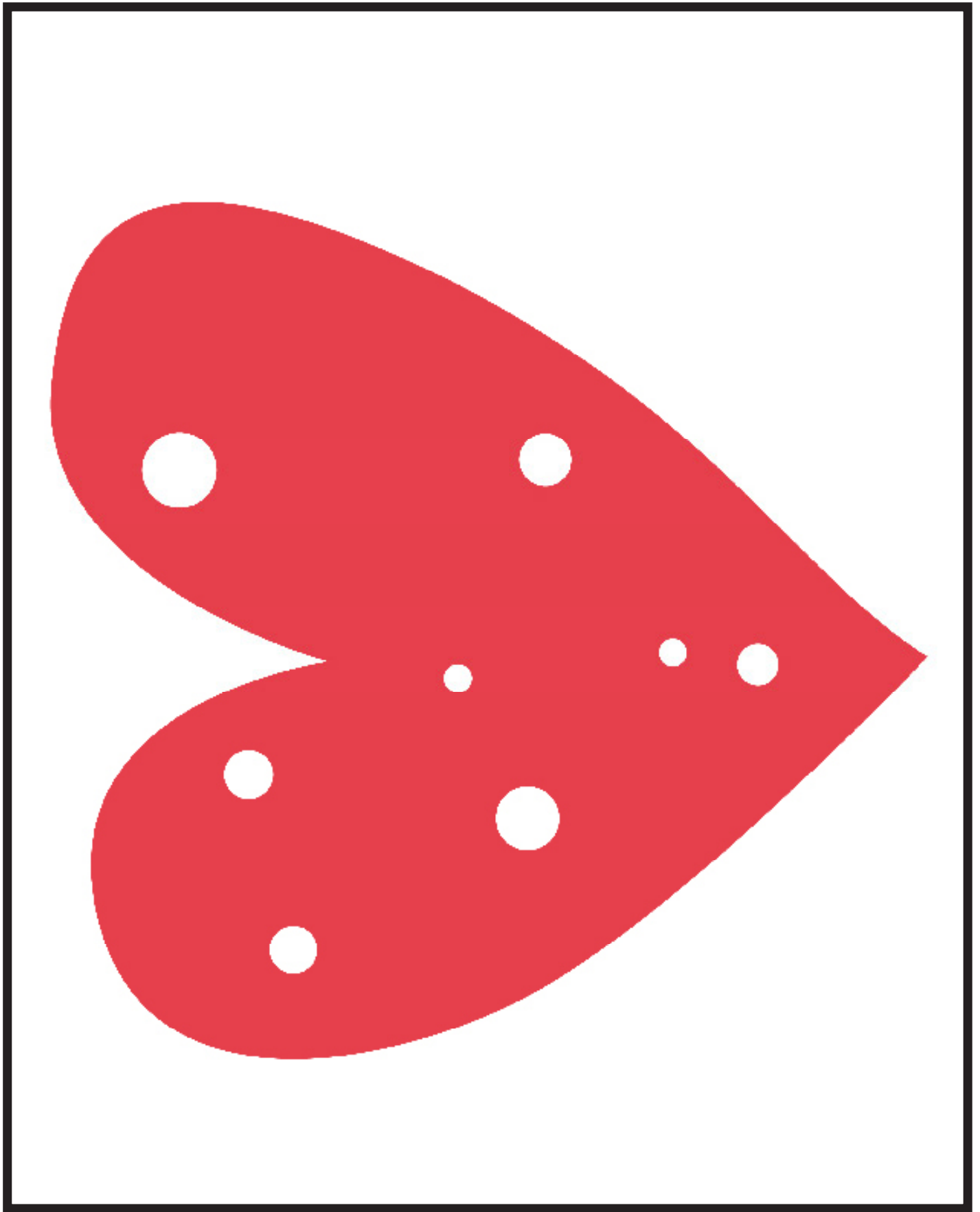


Item 9. Day 2 Icon

JESUS IS FORGIVING

PETER DENIED JESUS AND WAS RESTORED

**JESUS IS
FORGIVING EVEN
WHEN I SIN.**

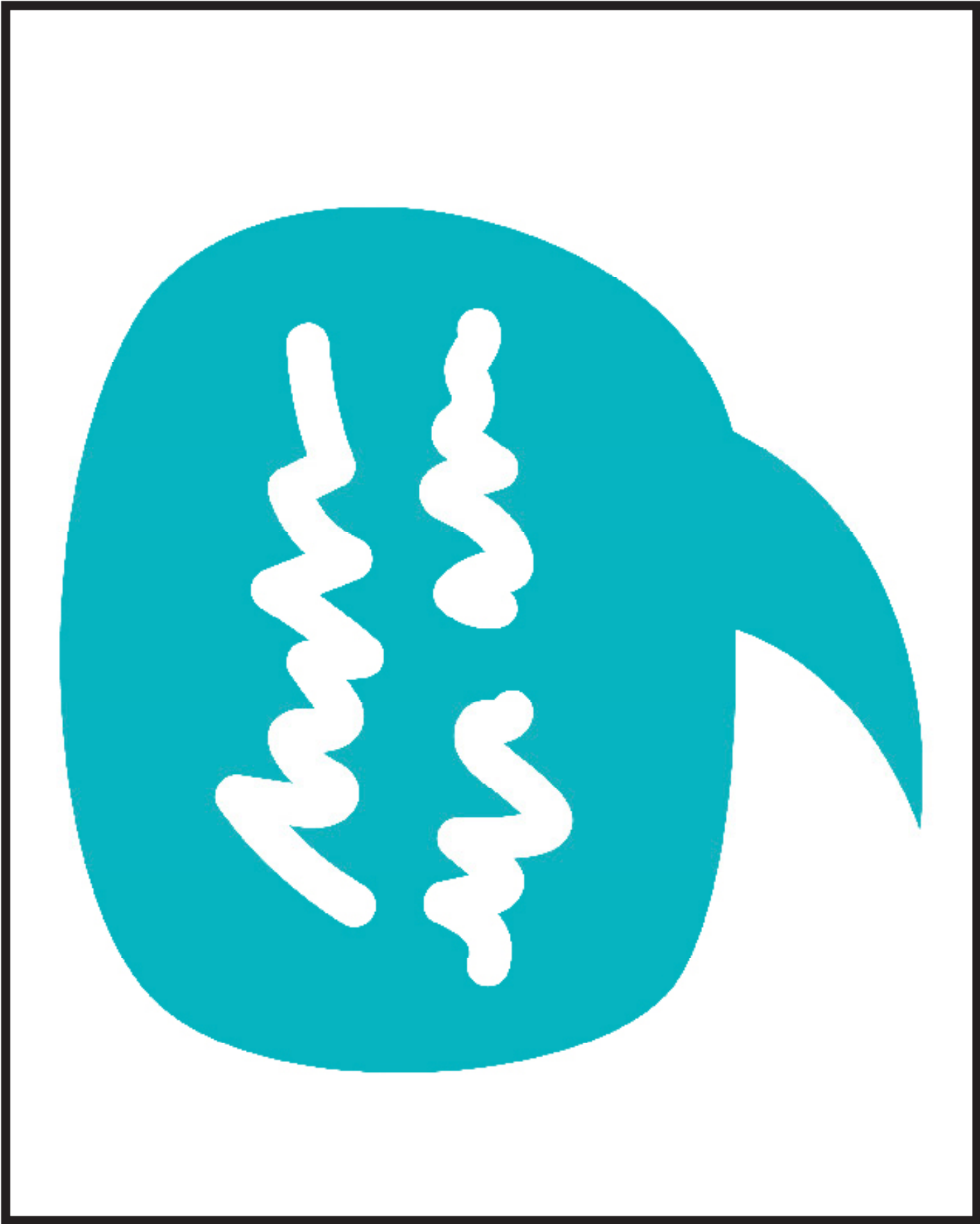


Item 13. Day 3 Icon

**JESUS
IS WORTH
FOLLOWING**

**PETER SPOKE
BOLDLY ABOUT
JESUS**

**JESUS IS WORTH
FOLLOWING EVEN
WHEN IT
GETS TOUGH.**



Item 17. Day 4 Icon

**JESUS
IS FOR
EVERYONE**

PETER TOLD CORNELIUS ABOUT JESUS

**JESUS IS FOR
EVERYONE,
INCLUDING ME.**



Item 21. Day 5 Icon



Item 22. Day 5 T&T Card Logo

FAVORITE OF THE DAY



ROCKIN' ROOSTER

CRAFT CONNECTION

Remind kids that in today's Bible story, we learned that Peter denied knowing Jesus three different times. Then a rooster crowed, and Peter remembered what Jesus had told him. After Jesus died and rose again, Jesus talked with Peter and told him that he would be a big part of helping the church grow. Even though Peter messed up, Jesus forgave him and wanted to work through him to tell others about Jesus. Explain that kids will make a "Rockin' Rooster" to remind them that Jesus is forgiving. He forgave Peter and He forgives us of our sin when we ask Him.

GATHER

- ☐ Plastic egg (1 per kid)
- ☐ Marbles (1 large or 3 small per kid; flat back marbles work as well)
- ☐ Craft feathers
- ☐ Googly eyes (Self-stick, 2 per kid)
- ☐ "Rooster Template" (page 29)
- ☐ Craft foam (red and yellow)
- ☐ Safety scissors
- ☐ Glue dots
- ☐ Tacky glue

LEADER PREP

- ☐ Make and cut apart copies of the "Rooster Template" pieces for kids to trace.

ASSEMBLE

Step 1: Place one or more glue dots inside the bottom of the egg and secure one large or three small marbles to the glue dots. Close the egg.

Step 2: Trace the pieces of the "Rooster Template" onto craft foam and cut them out. Glue the beak and comb to the egg.

Step 3: Stick the eyes to the face and add feathers to the back of the egg. Set the egg on a flat surface to watch it rock!

Leader Tips:

- Make sure feathers are placed high enough that they will not interfere with the rooster's rocking.
- Glue marbles inside the egg as part of prep to save time!

