

## VBS 2023 CHILDREN'S MUSIC ROTATION CONFERENCE PLAN (1½ HOURS)

### Purpose Statement

This 90-minute conference plan is designed to train and equip VBS leaders to conduct Lifeway's Twists & Turns™ music rotation for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2023 Music Rotation Leader Guide* (need 6)
- *VBS 2023 Music Rotation and Musical CD*
- *VBS 2023 Music Book*
- *VBS 2023 Worship Rally Pack*
- *VBS 2023 Music for Kids CD*
- *VBS 2023 Giant Inflatable Game Cube* — Print the "Points Plus" inserts for the Giant Inflatable Game Cube from the redemption code that came with the cube.
- TV/DVD player and screen or chosen method for projecting the videos.

### Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Cover the focal with a *VBS 2023 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover a table with a *VBS 2023 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum alongside game pieces or other game elements, and other tabletop decorations. Drape *VBS 2023 String Flags* across the doorway.

### Teaching Steps

1. **Welcome** (8 minutes)
  - Play VBS music from the VBS 2023 Music for Kids CD as conferees arrive.
  - Welcome participants and ask: "Have you ever started to play a rather common game with a group of friends (like Uno) only to discover that there are slight differences in the ways various families have played this simple game? Basically, families adjusted for what works for them. In much the same way, churches include music rotation in a variety of ways."
    - Invite participants to share when and how they include music rotation in their VBS (during worship rally time, as an abbreviated time, in an extended format to also prepare for the musical, before or after Bible study rotation, etc.)
    - Explain that all of those ways are great because they meet the needs of that setting. The one key element they should all have in common is this:  
TO REINFORCE THE BIBLICAL TRUTH!
    - Lead participants to repeat the key element with you: TO REINFORCE THE BIBLICAL TRUTH!
2. **Theme Song** (10 minutes)
  - Say: "Let's get up and moving with the theme song."
  - Ask for a show of hands to the following:
    - Only use theme song during Worship Rally times.
    - Use in both music rotation and Worship Rally times.
    - Other
  - Lead the group to learn the choreography of the theme song.

### 3. **Basics of the Game** (15 minutes)

- Say: "Before you play a game, you need to know the basic rules. Before you lead a music rotation session, you need to know the basic biblical information about that day."
- Point out that the words of the theme verse were in the theme song they just performed.
- Form 5 teams and give each one a Music Rotation Leader Guide.
- Look together at page 3. This page gives the week overview at a glance.
- Assign each team a day (Day 1 page 4; Day 2 page 8; Day 3 page 12; Day 4 page 7; Day 5 page 22).
- Call attention to the layout: overview page, lead sheet for daily song, activities for the day including written choreography instructions.
- Ask: "How many prefer to watch the video to learn the choreography and how many prefer to follow the written instructions." (Either is great.)
- Play a scavenger hunt game. Each team will look at the pages for their day's assignment. You will call out something to be found in that session. A player from each team will locate the item and stand up. The first team to find their item can roll the cube **for the ...** Call out the following one at a time (or make up your own). As each is played, include the information below each item.
  - Choreography Intro
    - This is where the written choreography instructions start.
    - If time is short, focus on the words or message of chorus.
  - Bonus verse
    - You need to know which groups of kids are or are not learning the bonus verse.
  - Song copyright info
    - This information is particularly important if you plan to stream VBS or any parts of it.
  - Level One
    - *Start* and *Level One* are activity options to get kids focused and connect to the day. You must decide what you can use or not based on your schedule (amount of time you have for the rotation).
    - Define key words to be sure all kids understand what and why they are singing.
  - Today's Point
    - This sentence can be helpful if used consistently throughout VBS.
  - Finish
    - Ways to conclude each day and transition to the next rotation.

### 4. **Day 1 Song: "Our God Is Holy"** (9 minutes)

- Teach the choreography to "Our God Is Holy."
- Ask Group 1 to point out one way this song reinforces the biblical content for Day 1.

### 5. **Day 2 Song: "Do Not Fear"** (9 minutes)

- Teach the choreography to "Do Not Fear."
- Ask Group 2 to point out one way this song reinforces the biblical content for Day 2.

### 6. **Day 3 Song: "Make Your Move"** (9 minutes)

- Teach the choreography to "Make Your Move."
- Ask Group 3 to point out one way this song reinforces the biblical content for Day 3.

7. **Know Your Playing Pieces** (10 minutes)
  - While you catch your breath, say: "Let's review some of your 'Playing Pieces.'"
  - Show each of the following and explain their use:
    - DVD inside the leader guide
    - Music Rotation and Musical CD
    - Worship Rally Pack with emphasis on DVD Set
    - Music Book
    - Music for Kids CD
    - VBS Songs available on streaming apps
8. **Day 4 Song: "Jesus, You're All I Need"** (9 minutes)
  - Teach the choreography to "Jesus, You're All I Need."
  - Ask Group 4 to point out one way this song reinforces the biblical content for Day 4.
9. **Day 5 Song: "Everyone"** (9 minutes)
  - Teach the choreography to "Everyone."
  - Ask Group 5 to point out one way this song reinforces the biblical content for Day 5.
10. **Closing** (2 minutes)
  - Review the motto: "Following Jesus changes everything."
  - Remind conferees that music can have one of the greatest lasting impacts on a child. Kids remember words set to music. The lyrics and biblical truths taught during VBS will live in the hearts and minds of the kids long after VBS.
  - Answer any questions.
  - Close in prayer. Pray for the participants in your conference, their VBS, and the kids whose lives will be impacted by the truths learned during VBS.

NOTE: Bible study content and music rotation activities have been included in this plan to help participants understand the biblical content connections. To accommodate shorter or longer conference times, this plan can be adjusted by giving more or less time to motion instruction for each song.