

## VBS 2024 CHILDREN'S MUSIC ROTATION BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (1½ HOURS)

### Purpose Statement

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

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2024 Music Rotation Leader Guide* (005846912)
- *VBS 2024 Music Book* (005846921)
- *VBS 2024 Worship Rally Pack* (005845731) (especially *VBS 2024 Music CD Set* and *VBS 2024 Media Set*)
- *VBS 2024 Music for Kids CD* (005846976)
- *VBS 2024 Supersized Backdrop* (005847616)
- *VBS 2024 Tablecloths* (005846832)
- *VBS 2024 String Flags* (005846824)
- 9 large sheets of paper — Print the letters *R-O-C-K-S-O-L-I-D* (1 letter per paper).
- 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 2024 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover a table with a *VBS 2024 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum. Drape *VBS 2024 String Flags* across the doorway.

### Teaching Steps

#### 1. Welcome (8 minutes)

- Play VBS music from the *VBS 2024 Music for Kids CD* as conferees arrive.
- Welcome participants and explain: "Lifeway has made some changes in the music product configuration this year that should make knowing where to find what you need even easier."
- Give a quick product update. Explain that participants may be aware of the new music product configuration, but it is important for VBS leaders doing music rotation or Worship Rally to know the following details.
  - Things that are the same:
    - Music for Kids CDs (and Music for Preschoolers CDs)
    - Worship Rally Guide (and Worship Rally Booklet)
  - Things that went away:
    - Music Rotation and Music CD — All the tracks **except for a recording of the Music Drama** still exist but are on the new "VBS Music CD Set."
  - Things that are new (note these new names will continue, only the year will change):
    - *VBS 2024 Music CD Set* (replaces Worship Rally CD Set) — Now is ONLY audio tracks.
      - CD 1 — Contains the VBS theme song and all 5 daily kids songs (Grades 1–6) in 3 formats (full mix, split track, and instrumental)
      - CD 2 — Contains the VBS theme song and all preschool songs in 3 formats (full mix, split track, and instrumental)
    - *VBS 2024 Media Set* (replaces Worship Rally DVD Set) — Contains all other media resources.

- Disc 1 — For use with a DVD player. Same content as disc 1 of previous Worship Rally DVD sets (daily drama videos, trailer, all choreography videos, and gospel presentation video).
- Disc 2 — Downloadable HD video files (MP4), PowerPoint® presentations, downloadable graphics designed for incorporation into presentation software, editable Worship Rally and VBS Musical scripts, overhead cel master, and a font list.
- Bottom line: All audio can be found on the *VBS 2024 Music CD Set* and all other media needs can be found on the *VBS 2024 Media Set*. Simple!
- Ask: "Now are you ready to learn some of the fun songs and motions for VBS 2024?"

## 2. Theme Song (10 minutes)

- Let's get up and moving with the theme song.
- Talk through the motions for "Breaker Rock Beach."
- Play the "Demonstration" video and lead the group in the choreography.

## 3. Why is Music Rotation Important? (15 minutes)

- Explain that music rotation is not just to "teach the kids the motions so they can perform on family night." VBS is specifically designed to carry biblical learning through the VBS day. The songs and extra activities of the music rotation time help reinforce those truths and offer many opportunities to engage every child's learning style. Its benefits are solid as a ROCK.
- Show the letters as you debrief each of the following:
  - **R – Repetition without feeling Repetitive.** We know repetition is a great learning tool, but when it is obvious, it can be boring. Music helps kids engage with Bible verses and biblical truths in energetic fun ways.
  - **O – Offers Opportunities** for teachers and kids to excel in a different environment. VBS utilizes the talents of many types of teachers. Those who love kids and love music share that joy with kids. Joy and enthusiasm are contagious!
  - **C – Cerebral Connections** are made. Music engages both sides of the brain aiding in memory and retention. Have you ever made up a song to remember something? God made our brains amazing like that!
  - **K – Kinesthetic Kids**, whether it is their primary learning style or not, all kids learn better when they are fully engaged. It doesn't matter if they get all of the moves right ... it is important that they move! Some kids connect best when their whole bodies are involved. That's why music and recreation can be the best connections (mind, soul, and heart) for some kids.
- Say: "Now, let's get some of those connections going with some daily songs!"

## 4. Day 1 Song Choreography — "Truth Comes From God" (9 minutes)

- Explain the motions, then teach the Day 1 song.
- Lead the group to practice it with the demonstration video.
- Ask: "What is one way this song will help kids remember today's biblical truth?"

## 5. Day 2 Song Choreography — "Even Better" (9 minutes)

- Explain the motions, then teach the Day 2 song.
- Lead the group to practice it with the demonstration video.

- Ask: "What phrases in this song help kids know things about God's plan?"
- 6. Day 3 Song Choreography — "The Only Way to Heaven" (9 minutes)**
- Explain the motions, then teach the Day 3 song.
  - Lead the group to practice it with the demonstration video.
  - Discuss: "All of the VBS content this week focuses on what the world says (what some people say) versus God's truth. What specific things can kids learn about what some people say and what God says from the lyrics of this song?"
- 7. Managing Methods and Leaning in to Learning Styles with Music (10 minutes)**
- Explain that the specific activities found in the *Music Rotation Leader Guide* and in the way you teach the songs and motions offer natural opportunities to connect with each child's specific learning style. This builds on the ROCK of "why" we do music to make music rotation a rock SOLID experience for kids.
    - The methods we use include (hold up the letters as you discuss each point):
      - **S – Singing.** This appeals to both auditory and musical learners. How easy is that?
      - **O – Observation.** By watching videos, leaders, and other kids, visual learners can see what to do and begin to make the lyric and meaning connection. Reflective learners have time to think, ponder, and process while they listen, watch, and learn.
      - **L – Lyrics.** Printed lyrics either on screen, posters, or handouts can connect with verbal (reading and writing) learners as well as those kids who learn from a logical approach. (This is how this all fits together.)
      - **I – Inspire, Integrate, Ignite Interest, Imitate ...** the "I" list could go on forever! Social learners excel when they do things together. Natural learners may be the hardest to connect with ... except with this theme! A nature lover's dream! Tapping into the look of this theme can truly ignite interest for those who thrive in nature.
      - **D – Dance.** Kinesthetic learners are in their element when they can get their whole bodies moving. (Even if it's in the wrong direction!)
    - Ask: "Are you ready for our final two songs?"
- 8. Day 4 Song choreography — "Name Above All Names" (9 minutes)**
- Explain the motions, then teach the Day 4 song.
  - Lead the group to practice it with the demonstration video.
  - Debrief: "This song may really connect with those reflective learners. Not only does the melody have a slower pace, but the words are full of meaning. What does this song tell us about the name of Jesus? What descriptive phrases are part of the lyrics?"
- 9. Day 5 song choreography — "God's Love" (9 minutes)**
- Explain the motions, then teach the Day 5 song.
  - Lead the group to practice it with the demonstration video.
  - Ask: "How does this song help kids know that God's love is rock solid?"
- 10. Closing (2 minutes)**
- Review the motto: "God's Truth Never Changes!"
  - 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: To accommodate shorter or longer conference times, this plan can be adjusted by giving more or less time to motion instruction for each song.