

VBS 2024 STUDENT AND ADULT VBS EXTRAS CONFERENCE PLAN (45 MINUTES)

Purpose Statement

This 45-minute plan is designed to equip and train Student and Adult VBS leaders to implement and adapt the missions, crafts, snacks, and recreation rotations in Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach™ Student and Adult VBS for middle and high school students and adults.

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2024 Student Starter Kit* (005845730)
- *VBS 2024 Adult Starter Kit* (005845718)
- Printable items — Printable items are included for download using the redemption code in the Starter Kit. Print all items (from both Student and Adult), place in a binder, and display.
- Item 1: "Student VBS Rotations at a Glance" — Print 1 per conferee from the end of this document on yellow or orange copy paper. Place in each chair before conferees arrive.
- Item 2: "Adult VBS Rotations at a Glance" — Print 1 per conferee from the end of this document on yellow or orange copy paper. Place in each chair before conferees arrive.
- "God's Plan of Salvation" (located in the Student Missions Rotation in the digital download files) — Copy 1 per person.
- *VBS 2024 Tablecloths* (005846832)
- *VBS 2024 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* (005846914)
- *VBS 2024 Music for Kids CD* (005846976)
- Prepare a sample of each day's craft per the directions on pages 14, 22, 30, 38, and 46 of the Student Leader Guide and from the Adult digital download.
- CD player or bluetooth speaker

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a circle to promote conversation. Cover a table with a *VBS 2024 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum and craft samples.

Teaching Steps

1. Opening (5 minutes)

- Play the VBS theme song as people arrive.
- Welcome conferees and encourage them to use the handouts in their chairs (Items 1-2) to take notes throughout the conference.
- Point out the location of the Student VBS Rotations in the Student VBS Leader Guide. Remind conferees that additional copies of the leader guide can be printed from the digital download in the Starter Kit, making it easy to share with other leaders who will lead missions, crafts, or recreation.
- Explain that Adult VBS rotations are located on the digital download listed inside the Adult VBS Leader Guide.
- Mention that unlike in previous years, the Student and Adult curriculum no longer contains physical CDs, since many computer manufacturers no longer include disc drives in computers. But all of the same materials that used to be on the CD-ROMs are available via the digital download redemption instructions in the leader guides.

2. Recreation (15 minutes)

- Ask: “We know students aren’t, but are adults too old for rec? Of course not!” Remind conferees of the following:
 - The Adult VBS rec ideas are age-appropriate for adults.
 - Adults are competitive and will enjoy friendly and light competition.
 - Playing games makes our more experienced adults feel young.
 - Pickleball is all the rage with senior adults across the country. So of course recreation is still appropriate (and enjoyable)!
- Walk through each day’s recreation ideas for both age groups. Provide tips as you describe each one.
- Lead the group to play the Adult VBS Day 4 rec idea, “Breaker Rock Beach Cornhole Tournament.” Customize it to work with your group and in your space. Point out that this game is certainly meant to be played outdoors but can be modified to play indoors.
- Explain that the Adult VBS digital download also contains a section of Tabletop Games, which can work well for adults who prefer less active options.

3. Crafts (5 minutes)

- Show each of the premade Student and Adult VBS crafts. Provide tips as you describe each one.
- Remind conferees that many students and adults love doing age-appropriate crafts. Say: “You can do a lot with duct tape!”
- Remind leaders of the other sources for alternative craft ideas—the *VBS 2024 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* and the *VBS 2024 VBX Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide*.

4. Missions (10 minutes)

- Mention that while there is not an “official” missions rotation for adults, the student missions rotation can be used for adults as well.
- Explain that the missions rotation is located in the Student VBS digital downloads.
- Explain that the basic teaching plan can be completed in approximately 30 minutes. Say: “Rather than walk through everything included in the missions rotation, we’ll focus our time today on hands-on opportunities and practicing how to share the gospel.”
- Point out that a gospel presentation plan called “God’s Plan of Salvation” is located in the Student missions materials as part of the digital download.
- Discuss how this plan is for everyone—not just the students or adults we will lead.
- Walk through the plan so conferees will be familiar with the verbiage:
 - God’s Power
 - Our Problem
 - Our Punishment
 - God’s Provision
 - God’s Promise
- Reminder: Do not assume that everyone in the conference is saved. Use this as an opportunity to articulate the gospel and give conferees an opportunity to respond.
- Point out that suggestions for getting students actively engaged in serving in their churches and communities are listed at the end of the missions document.
- Share your story of salvation and discuss how important it is for students to not only be able to share the gospel but to make it personal by sharing their story.

5. Snacks (5 minutes)

- Say: “While we can easily use the *VBS 2024 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards*, what are some snack ideas that you can think of for students and adults?”

- Allow a brief time to share ideas. Present a few favorite ideas from the recipe cards.

6. Tailoring Rotations for Your Church and Schedule (5 minutes)

- Invite conferees to share how they will tailor the Student and Adult Rotations for their churches.
- Close in prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to minister to students and adults during VBS.

	MISSIONS <i>(30 minutes)</i> Located in the printable resources of the student leader kit.	RECREATION <i>(15 minutes)</i> Located in <i>Student VBS Leader Guide</i> immediately following each session.	CRAFTS <i>(30 minutes)</i> Located in <i>Student VBS Leader Guide</i> immediately following Missions & Recreation.	SNACKS <i>(15 minutes)</i> Ideas located in <i>VBS 2024 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards</i> .
Session 1	Share the Gospel	Ever-changing Ultimate Frisbee®	Surf's Up! Magnet	Snack Ideas for Students:
Session 2	Tell Your Story	Blanket Beach Volleyball	Beach Bag	
Session 3	Get the Message Out	Marshmallow Melee	Everyone Needs Jesus Note Holder	
Session 4	Jesus Redeems Us	Icy Marble Mix Up	Walk This Way Flip-flops	
Session 5	Serve Like Jesus	Shifting Sand Pictures	Sand Art Pen	

Item 1. Student VBS Rotations at a Glance

	RECREATION <i>(15 minutes)</i> Located in Adult VBS digital download	CRAFTS <i>(30 minutes)</i> Located in Adult VBS digital download	SNACKS <i>(15 minutes)</i> Ideas located in VBS <i>2024 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards</i>
Session 1	Beach Volleyball	Sea Glass Garden Wind Chimes	Snack Ideas for Adults:
Session 2	Pass S'more	Coastal Coasters	
Session 3	Ice Fishing	Shell Collecting Bag	
Session 4	Breaker Rock Beach Cornhole Tournament	Nautical Jar	
Session 5	Finding Ephesians	Lighthouse	

Item 2. Adult VBS Rotations at a Glance