

VBS 2025 PRESCHOOL OVERVIEW CONFERENCE PLAN (1½ HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This 90-minute plan is designed to train and equip VBS preschool leaders to conduct Lifeway's Magnified!™ VBS. These resources are for preschool ages Babies through Kindergarten.

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2025 Preschool Starter Kit* (005849581)
- *VBS 2025 3s–Pre-K Leader Guide* (005850188) (3)
- *VBS 2025 3s–Pre-K Leader Pack* (005850189) (1)
- *VBS 2025 Multi-age Preschool Bible Study Leader Guide* (005850192) (4)
- *VBS 2025 Multi-age Preschool Bible Study Leader Pack* (005850193) (2)
- *VBS 2025 Kindergarten Leader Guide* (005850190) (3)
- *VBS 2025 Kindergarten Leader Pack* (005850191) (1)
- *VBS 2025 3s–Pre-K Leader Pack* (included in kit) Prepare the following items according to the instructions printed on the item. Place in the 3s–Pre-K collapsible bin.
 - Bible Verse Block Strips (pack item 13)
 - Jesus Letter Match (pack item 9)
 - Jesus and the Children Puzzle (pack item 8)
 - Puzzle People (pack item 11)
- *VBS 2025 Multi-age Preschool Leader Pack* (included in kit)—Prepare the following items according to the instructions printed on the item. Place in the Multi-age collapsible bin.
 - Bible Verse Words (pack item 19)
 - Word Cards (pack item 27)
 - Peekaboo: Bible (pack item 10)
 - Bible Story Picture 3 (pack item 3)
 - Mirror Pictures (pack item 29)
 - Magnified Match (pack item 26)
- *VBS 2025 Kindergarten Leader Pack* (included in kit)—Prepare the following items according to the instructions printed on the item. Place in the Kindergarten collapsible bin.
 - Bible Verse Words (pack item 14a)
 - Honeycomb Painting Instructions (pack item 33)
 - Color Cube (pack item 12)
 - Day 5 Bible Story Picture (pack item 5)
 - Shadow Puppet Silhouettes (pack item 20)
- *VBS 2025 3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack* (included in kit)—Prepare the following items from each of the rotation guides. Place on a nearby table.
 - Music: Print the Preschool Worship Rally Outlines and Teacher Helps from the redemption files
 - Crafts: Prepare at least one craft for each day
 - Missions: Print the “Mission Project Letter”
- *VBS 2025 Bumblebee Headband Craft Pack* (005850888)—Prepare 5.
- *VBS 2025 Bug Eye Decoder Glasses Craft Pack* (005850887)—Prepare 5.
- *VBS 2025 Tablecloths* (005850169)
- *VBS 2025 Supersized Backdrop* (005850086)
- *VBS 2025 Super Duper Sized Backdrop* (005850087)
- *VBS 2025 Giant Inflatable Waterdrop* (005851176)
- *VBS 2025 Inflatable Acorns* (005850883)
- 3 Collapsible Bins—labeled and filled as follows:

- 3s–Pre-K
 - 3s–Pre-K Leader Guides and Leader Pack items listed above.
 - Plastic bin, bag of leaves or shredded paper, child-safe mirror, scissors, glue/glue sticks, cardboard tubes, trays, construction paper, beanbag
- Multi-age Preschool
 - Multi-age Preschool Leader Guides and Leader Pack items listed above.
 - Play dough, stamps (flower, leaf, and alphabet), rolling pins, sticky notes, scissors, non-breakable mirrors, colored cubes or interlocking blocks
- Kindergarten
 - Kindergarten Leader Guides and Leader Pack items listed above.
 - Bubble wrap, cardboard tubes, cardboard, scissors, glue, white construction paper, yellow and orange paint, paintbrushes, index cards, markers, craft sticks, tape, flashlights
- Item 1. “Leaf Shape” — Copy onto green paper (1 per conferee). Cut out prior to session or provide scissors for conferees to cut.
- Item 2. “Surprise Message Flowers” — Make 6 copies on different colors of construction paper. Cut out and write one of the following “Continue Magnifying” methods on each flower. After writing the words, fold each petal inward (overlapping) so that the message is hidden. Place on the table next to the bowl of water.
 - Activity Book
 - Music for Preschoolers CD
 - Church Calendar
 - CSB Outreach Bible
 - Magnified Devotional
 - Pack Items
- 3 hula hoops — Stretch clear tape (or yarn) in several overlapping strands to represent a spider’s web. Label each hoop with one of the three age groupings: 3s–Pre-K; Multi-age Preschool; Kindergarten.
- 5 green pool noodles or 5 three-foot long “stems” cut from green craft paper — Attach or stand next to the focal wall about two feet apart.
- 5 sets of 6 plates (5 bright colors) — Write each day’s information on individual plates of the same color:
 - Day #
 - Session Title
 - Bible Story Title
 - Today’s Point
 - Big Picture
 - Zoom In
 - Attach the “Day #” (Day Bud) plates to the green stems on the wall. Place the remaining plates randomly around the room.
- Brown craft paper or cardboard—fashion a large tree trunk and attach it to a nearby wall
- Clear tub or bowl filled with water
- Permanent markers
- Painter’s tape
- Clear tape
- CD player or other music source
- TV/DVD player

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Cover the focal wall with a *VBS 2025 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover a table with a *VBS 2025 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum alongside small hand tools and other tabletop decorations. Drape *VBS 2025 String Flags* across the doorway.

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome and Theme Overview (5 minutes)

- Play “Magnified!” from Music for Preschoolers CD as conferees enter.
- Distribute a green leaf shape to each conferee as he enters the room. (You may also place these in seats prior to the session.)
- Instruct each conferee to write her name (and email address if desired) in large print on her leaf and to tape it on the wall around the tree trunk.
- Introduce the group to this year’s VBS. Say: “Magnified! will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God’s amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. We want kids to know that God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!”

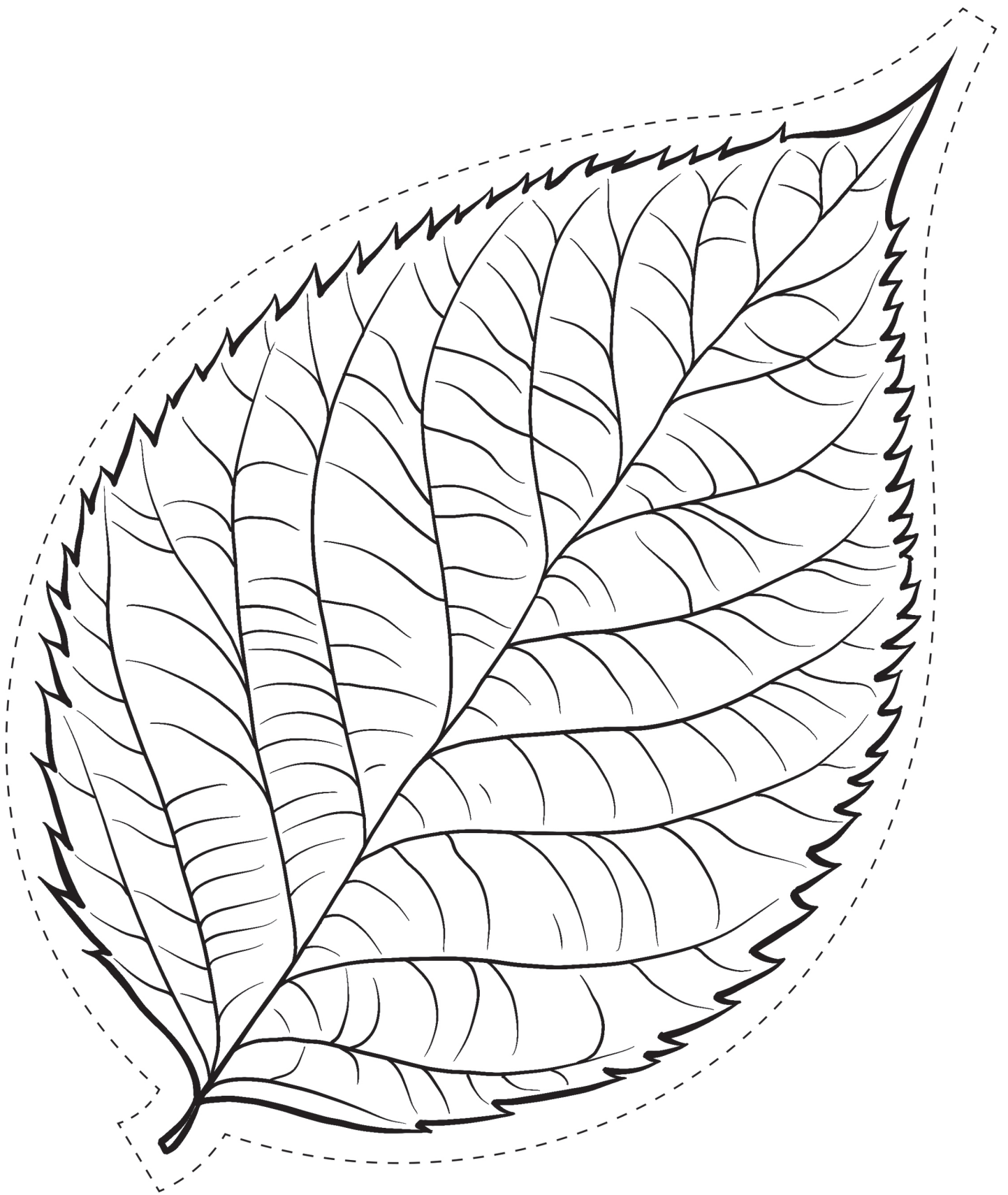
2. Magnify the Resources — Preschool Starter Kit and Multi-age Preschool Resources (10 minutes)

- Overview the resources found in the *VBS 2025 Preschool Starter Kit*.
- Remind attendees that each teacher in a class will need her own leader guide, but only 1 leader pack is needed per classroom.
- Suggest the option of purchasing the Starter Kit with the digital add-on, which allows the leader guide to be copied for additional teachers.
- Hold up the Babies–2s Leader Guide as you briefly walk through it.
 - Mention that the Bible content is different but does have 2 stories the same this year as in the other guides. (Jesus and the Children and Jesus Fed the People)
 - Show and discuss the Leader Pack.
 - Show the Keepsake Book.
- Hold up each of the other leader guides as you walk through what is found in the 3s–Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Multi-age Preschool leader guides:
 - Overview
 - Schedule and Rotation Options
 - Special Needs Adaptations
 - Age-group Characteristics
 - Teacher Tips
 - Day 1–5 Teaching Plans
 - Supplies
 - Activity-based Decorations
 - Music and Motions

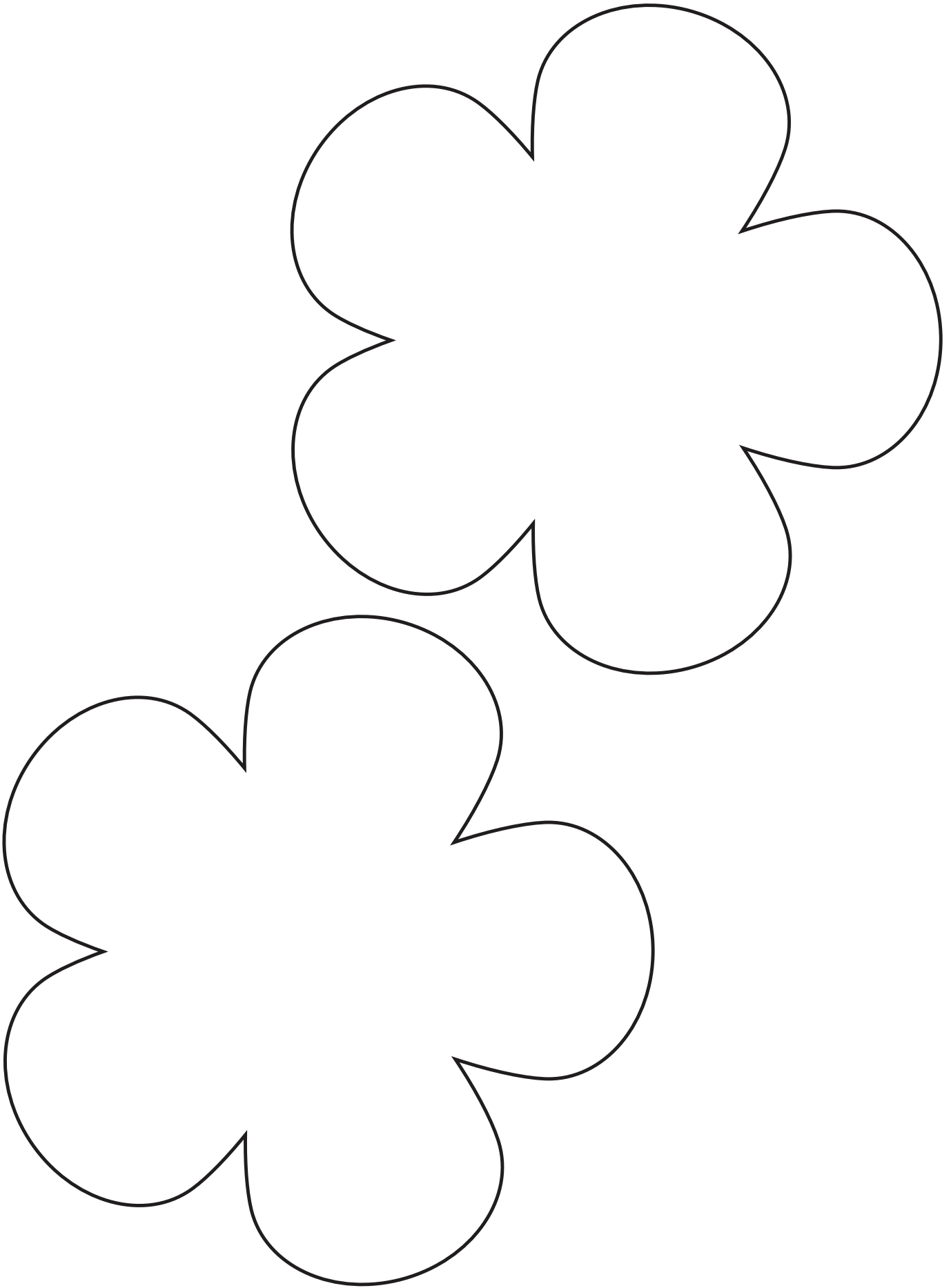
3. Magnify the Bible Verse (10 minutes)

- Draw attention to hula hoop webs on the wall.
- Instruct each team to pull the Bible Verse cards from its container and to put the words in order. Then, one by one (relay style) team members will take turns racing to the assigned web and place the cards on the web. The first team to get the verse attached in order wins!
- Teach the song motions to the Bible paraphrase song, “Praise God With Me.” (Motions can be found on the Preschool Music Rotation DVD.)

- Play the video of “Praise God With Me” from the DVD and invite the group to sing along.
- 4. Magnify the Bible Content (15 minutes)**
- Point out the five green stems with a day “Bud” on the wall.
 - Ask for five volunteers to put on Bumblebee Headbands and Bug Decoder Glasses.
 - Assign each volunteer a bud color. Ask them to search around the room for the petals (plates) that match their assigned bud.
 - Once all the petals have been found, ask the volunteers to attach them to the wall to make flowers around the corresponding day buds.
 - Briefly summarize the Bible content for each day.
- 5. Magnify a VBS Day (20 minutes)**
- Explain that the groups will now zoom in on a specific day of VBS. (3s–Pre-K: Day 1; Multi-age Preschool: Day 3; Kindergarten: Day 5)
 - Encourage them to use the contents of the bins as they plan the activities. Ask that they be prepared to tell how the activities tie back to the Bible content for the day.
 - Set a timer for approximately 10 minutes to finish the assignment. Then, ask each group to give a summary of its work.
- 6. Keep Magnifying God**
- Ask for a volunteer to choose one of the Surprise Message flowers from the table and place it in the water. Once the message is revealed, discuss the suggested method or tool to continue the outreach of VBS.
 - Continue until all flowers have been opened and discussed.
- 7. Closing**
- Invite conferees to take a leaf from the tree on the wall. Encourage each conferee to pray for the person whose name is on the leaf she chose. If the email is included on the leaf, suggest that she send a note to the person she prayed for.
 - Pray for the conferees and for the VBS of churches around the world.



Item 1. Leaf Shape



Item 2. Surprise Message Flowers