

## VBS 2025 CRAFTS ROTATION BASE CONFERENCE PLAN

### Purpose Statement

This 90-minute conference plan is designed to train and equip 1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade crafts rotation leaders for Lifeway's Magnified!™ VBS.

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2025 Music for Kids* and music player
- *5 VBS 2025 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides*
- *VBS 2025 Tablecloths*
- *VBS 2025 Visual Pack*
- *VBS 2025 Writing Paper*—1 sheet per conferee for notes
- *VBS 2025 Raindrop Magnifier Craft Pack*
- *VBS 2025 Motto Wall Hanging Craft Pack*
- *VBS 2025 Dragonfly Verse Reminder Craft Pack*
- *VBS 2025 Bug Eye Decoder Glasses Craft Pack*
- *VBS 2025 Bumblebee Headband Craft Pack*
- *VBS 2025 Gospel Guide*—1 per conferee
- Item 1. "Gardening Tools"—Photocopy onto cardstock and cut apart. Tape pictures 1–6 under chairs at the front of the room. Tape pictures 7-12 under the edge of round tables at the back of the room.
- Colorful tablecloths for each round table
- 5 rolls of clear tape—1 roll per table
- 5 packs of colored pencils—1 pack per table
- 5 adult scissors—1 pair per table
- 5 tables—Arrange tables in the back of the room. Place supplies for each craft on the tables (see below) and a leader guide on each table:
  - Table 1—*VBS 2025 Raindrop Magnifier Craft Pack* or supplies listed on page 8 of the VBS Crafts Leader Guide for 1/5 of the conferees.
  - Table 2—*VBS 2025 Motto Wall Hanging Craft Pack* or supplies listed on page 12 of the VBS Crafts Leader Guide for 1/5 of the conferees.
  - Table 3—*VBS 2025 Dragonfly Verse Reminder Craft Pack* or supplies listed on page 16 of the VBS Crafts Leader Guide for 1/5 of the conferees.
  - Table 4—*VBS 2025 Bug Eye Decoder Glasses Craft Pack* or supplies listed on page 19 of the VBS Crafts Leader Guide for 1/5 of the conferees.
  - Table 5—*VBS 2025 Bumblebee Headband Craft Pack* or supplies listed on page 24 of the VBS Crafts Leader Guide for 1/5 of the conferees.
- Pinwheel—Write the following phrases, each petal: "prepared and organized," "build relationships," "be flexible," "value the process," "share the gospel," and "continue the connection."

### Room Setup

Arrange chairs around 5 round tables at the back of the room. Place chairs in rows at the front of the room. Cover the tables with colorful plastic tablecloths. Decorate the focal wall with the *VBS 2025 Visual Pack*. Place two tables near the focal wall and cover each table with a *VBS 2025 Tablecloth*. Display finished craft projects and curriculum.

## Teaching Steps

1. **Welcome** (5 minutes)
  - Play *VBS 2025 Music for Kids* as conferees arrive. Allow conferees to sit in the rows at the front of the room.
  - Once conferees have arrived, introduce the Wildflower Crafts setting.
2. **Prepare for Gardening** (20 minutes)
  - Instruct conferees to look under their chairs to see if they have one the tools it takes to prepare for gardening in Wildflower Crafts.
  - Discuss each detail on the gardening tools:
    - **Prepare your heart.** Remind conferees to study the daily Scripture passages and review the Big Truth, Zoom In, Today's Point, and Bible Story Summaries. Pray that God will teach you as well as the kids that you are leading.
    - **Get the basic information from the VBS Director.** This information includes the number of kids that you need to prepare for and their ages, how long you will have in each rotation, room assignment for crafts, available supplies, how to obtain additional supplies, budget, and any challenges that you may encounter.
    - **Choose which crafts you will use.** Things to consider are how much time you will have, abilities of the age groups you are leading, budget, drying time, and enjoyment of the craft.
    - **Enlist and train leaders.** Make sure that every leader is familiar with the craft plan for each day and prepared to instruct children. Also, make sure that each leader is prepared to have conversations with the children to reinforce the Bible Story and the Big Truth, Zoom In, and Today's Point.
    - **Gather and purchase supplies.** Find out who will purchase supplies. Use the supply lists on pages 4–5 as you plan. Make a list of the items that the church has, items to collect from church members, and what needs to be purchased. Organize the craft supplies for each day.
    - **Prepare one of each craft.** Make sure you understand the instructions and are prepared to teach others how to make the craft. Make sure it works, dries, and can be completed in the time allotted.
3. **Gardening Time** (40 minutes)
  - Form five groups and direct each group to one of the tables at the back of the room.
  - Lead conferees to follow the instructions from the leader guides to make their assigned craft using the resources provided.
  - As they work, encourage the group to discuss the Bible story and the Craft Connection for their assigned day. Ask them to be prepared to summarize the Bible content with the large group, as well as discuss any challenges they encountered while making the craft.
  - Recruit one volunteer from each group to share, beginning with Day 1 and continue in order until each day is discussed. After each day is shared, show the other (previously made) crafts for the day.
  - Display and share about the 3–5-day craft idea and the preteen crafts (featured in the back of the *VBS 2025 Crafts Leader Guide* with instructions in the VBX Preteen Leader Guide). Mention that there are also craft ideas in the student leader guide and the adult printable files.

**4. What to Do When the Flowers are Wilting** (10 minutes)

- Some children will rush through their craft and others will take their time. It's important to be prepared to have something for them to do if they finish early. Invite conferees to feel under the edges of the tables to look for survival items.
- Remind leaders that instructing kids to sit still and wait is not usually effective. Discuss the following ideas: (ideas are on the cards under tables)
  - Let them decorate a bag that will be used to collect their crafts for the week.
  - Coloring sheet—Coloring sheet version of the VBS Bible story pictures can be found in the printables provided with the 3s–Kindergarten Crafts Leader Guide, as well as in the back of the leader guide.
  - Take a picture of each child that can be used in a craft.
  - Make a wildflower pen. Instructions for one version of this can be found the the Adult VBS printable crafts file.
  - Build relationships through conversations.
  - Hang bulletin board paper on a focal wall. Let them make a flower with thumbprints on the focal wall, then draw and color to add to it.
- Ask conferees what ideas they have to further illustrate the main ideas for that day.

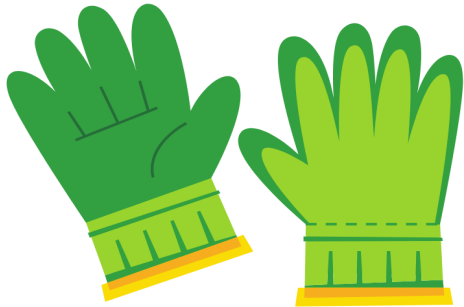
**5. Bloom Where You are Planted** (10 minutes)

- To ensure that they are blooming where they are planted, remind conferees of the following points using the prepared pinwheel:
  - Make sure that you are prepared and organized.
  - Relax and use your time to build relationships and connect with children.
  - Be flexible. Adjust your plans to make this the best experience possible for you and the kids you teach.
  - Value the process and the fun kids are having over the final result of the craft project.
  - Be prepared to share the gospel with children. Say: "Children are more likely to talk while they are busy with the craft. Listen for opportunities to have teachable moments and gospel conversations." Direct leaders to the inside front cover of the Crafts Leader Guide and discuss "Sharing the Gospel with Kids." Ask conferees to pair up and practice sharing the gospel with the provided outline.
  - Mention that continuing the connection with crafts is an important step. Discuss ways that we can continue the connection. Offer ideas like participating in family night, greeting kids by name when you see them, introducing yourself to the parents, being involved in the church's follow-up plan, delivering crafts to children who were not able to pick up their crafts, and volunteering to help with children's ministry.

**6. Dismissal** (5 minutes)

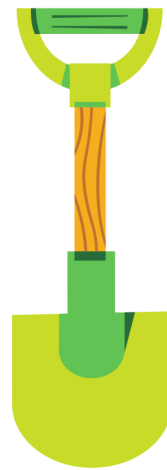
- Encourage leaders that if God has called them to this task, He will equip them.
- Close in prayer. Ask God to bless the leaders, the kids, and the families through VBS this year.

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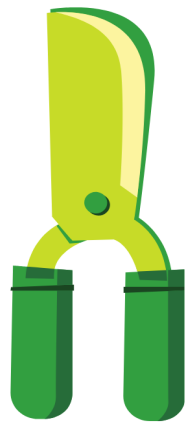
***Prepare your Heart***

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***Basic Info***

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***Choose Crafts***

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***Leaders***

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**Supplies**

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**Make Crafts**



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**Coloring sheet**



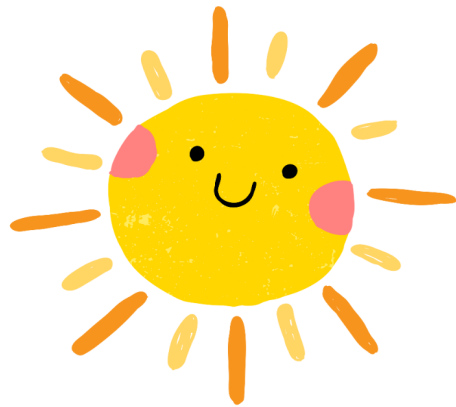
**Photo**



**Wildflower pen**



**Conversations**



**Focal Wall**