

## VBS 2025 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 Magnified!™ music rotation for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Needed Resources

- *VBS 2025 Music Rotation Leader Guide* (005850080)
- *VBS 2025 Music Book* (005850179)
- *VBS 2025 Worship Rally Pack* (which includes the *VBS 2025 Music CD Set* and *VBS 2025 Media Set*) (005850233)
- *VBS 2025 Music for Kids CD* (005850227)
- TV/DVD player and screen or chosen method for projecting the videos.
- *VBS 2025 Inflatable Acorns* (package of 3) (005850883) — Inflate three.
- 3 pinwheels
- Construction paper (10 sheets in 4 or 5 different bright colors) — Cut simple flower sheets from 10 sheets of construction paper. Write one word of the Day 5 Zoom In statement on each flower: *I don't have to worry because God keeps His promises.*
- Scissors
- Markers
- Room decoration suggestions: *VBS 2025 Supersized Backdrop* (005850086), *VBS 2025 Tablecloths* (005850169), *VBS 2025 String Flags* (005850175)

### Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Cover the focal with a *VBS 2025 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover a table with a *VBS 2025 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum. Drape *VBS 2025 String Flags* across the doorway.

### Teaching Steps

1. **Welcome** (10 minutes)
  - Play VBS music from the *VBS 2025 Music for Kids CD* as conferees arrive.
  - Welcome participants and introduce conference leader(s).
  - 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 or worship rally to know the details.
    - Things that are the same:
      - Music for Kids CDs (and Music for Preschoolers CDs)
      - Worship Rally Guide (and Worship Rally Booklet)
    - Things that were new in 2024: (note these new names will continue, only the year will change)
      - *VBS 2025 Music CD Set* – ONLY audio tracks. (Also available as a digital only product.)
        - CD 1: VBS theme song and all 5 daily kids songs in 3 formats (full mix, split track, and instrumental)
        - CD 2: VBS theme song and all preschool songs in 3 formats (full mix, split track, and instrumental)
      - *VBS 2025 Media Set* – all other media resources. (Also available as a digital only product.)

- Disc 1: For use with a DVD player. (daily drama videos, all choreography videos, Gospel Plan video, and a video trailer)
  - 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.
  - All audio can be found on the *VBS 2025 Music CD Set* and all other media needs can be found on the *VBS 2025 Media Set*. Simple! Either can be bought in a physical disc form OR digital only version.
  - NEW: Ways to share VBS music with families (not for classroom use).
    - Purchase rights to share (5, 50, 100) on lifeway.com. Search for "VBS 2025 Music for Kids Album." Click "5 shares." The product page will show the other amount options.
    - Share streaming information with families. A printable handout for families can be found in the Administrative Guide redemption files under "Permissions."
2. **Theme Song** (8 minutes)
- Talk through the motions.
  - Lead the group in choreography of the theme song one time.
3. **Day 1 – Activity** (6 minutes)
- Remind leaders that every moment of VBS is a Bible-teaching moment. Music is a particularly useful way to lock in biblical truths.
  - Show the inflatable acorns and explain that the goal is to keep all three in the air while the music plays. When the music stops, three people will catch the acorns.
  - Play the theme song while participants toss. Stop the music. Invite each person holding an acorn to share his or her favorite past VBS. Play once or twice depending on time.
  - **Debrief:** God made each of us unique. We look different and we may like different things. But we are all important to God and He wants to spend time with each of us! God sees us and knows all about us! Let's sing, "God Sees Me."
4. **Day 1 – Song "God Sees Me"** (8 minutes)
- Explain motions.
  - Lead the group to do the song with motions.
5. **Day 2 – Activity** (6 minutes)
- Say: "Let's make it rain!" Explain that you will start an action on the right side of the room and everyone else will join in as you walk to the left side of the room. Do the actions in this order:
    1. Rub your thumbs across your fingertips
    2. Snap your fingers
    3. Clap your hands together lightly
    4. Clap your hands harder
    5. Slap the front of your thighs
    6. Keep slapping thighs and add stomping feet.
  - Reverse the buildup of sounds, ending with rubbing fingers, then stop.
  - **Debrief:** Explain that we didn't really make it rain, but the sound might remind us of a storm. Remind leaders that on Day 2, kids will learn how Jesus calmed a storm.

Jesus showed us often how much He cares about us. Today kids will learn that God keeps the whole universe going, and yet He still cares about what's happening to me. God truly keeps everything spinning.

6. **Day 2 – Song “Spinnin”** (8 minutes)
  - Explain the motions.
  - Lead the group to do the song with the motions.
7. **Day 3 – Activity** (6 minutes)
  - Ask participants to call out the household chore they dread the most.
  - Then, ask what would make that chore even harder? (having to hurry, no power, being extra tired, etc.)
  - **Debrief:** Kids will learn about the woman at the well in Bible study today. She was doing something hard, but God had a surprise for her. She met Jesus. Jesus knew everything about her, but He loved her anyway and told her the best news ever!
  - Kids will also have a more intentional introduction to the Gospel Plan on Day 3. Be prepared to share if a child asks questions. Know the basic guidelines (always have another adult within eyesight, etc.). Review the outline on the inside front cover of the leader guide.
  - Say: Let's zoom in on God's love and how He offers us eternal life.
8. **Day 3 – Song “Zoom In”** (8 minutes)
  - Explain the motions.
  - Lead the group to do the song with the motions.
9. **Day 4 – Activity** (6 minutes)
  - Give a pinwheel to 3 participants and ask them to make the pinwheel turn without touching anything but the stick.
  - Then, direct them to ask people sitting nearby for another way to make the pinwheel turn other than the way they chose, still only touching the stick.
  - Finally, challenge the participant and his or her nearby friends to come up with a third option for spinning the pinwheel.
  - Gather the pinwheels while you explain that all the methods used some form of air or wind. We can't see the wind, but we can see the effect wind has on things.
  - **Debrief:** Today's Bible story is about Nicodemus' conversation with Jesus. Nicodemus had trouble understanding some things too. Read John 3:7-8.
  - Jesus also said these words. Read John 3:16. Listen for them as we sing “I Believe Jesus Saves.”
10. **Day 4 – Song “I Believe Jesus Saves”** (8 minutes)
  - Explain the motions.
  - Lead the group to do the song with the motions.
11. **Day 5 – Activity** (6 minutes)
  - Distribute the 10 “Zoom In” statement flowers to 10 participants. Challenge them to stand at the front of the room, placing the words on the flowers in order without talking.
  - When they are finished, read the Zoom In statement together. Collect the flowers and thank the participants.

- **Debrief:** Jesus sometimes used things found in nature to help explain hard concepts. The flowers of the field are one thing Jesus pointed to that helps us remember that our God is "Faithful With It All."

12. **Day 5 – Song "Faithful With It All"** (8 minutes)

- Explain the motions.  
Lead the group to do the song with the motions.

13. **Closing** (2 minutes)

- Explain that all the activities you did today were identical to or adapted from the activities listed in the Music Rotation Leader Guide. 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.