

## **VBS 2016 Kids Craft Rotation**

### **Purpose Statement**

This two-hour plan is designed to train and equip teachers who will lead the Crafts Rotation for children grades 1-6.

### **Resources to Collect, Prepare, & Copy**

#### Resources to Collect

- 5 *VBS 2016 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides*
- *VBS 2016 Craft Packs*: enough of each for 1/5 of the conferees to complete each craft:
  - *VBS 2016 Climbing Zacchaeus Craft Pack* or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 8 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.
  - *Porthole Scripture Book Craft Pack* or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 13 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.
  - *Seashell Cross Craft Pack* or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 17 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.
  - *Dive Compass Craft Pack* or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 20 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.
  - *Porthole Picture Frame Craft Pack*) or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 24 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.
- *Tape, glue, scissors, wet wipes, markers & stamp pads*
- *VBS 2016 Table Topper*
- 5 *VBS 2016 Tablecloths*
- 5 *VBS 2016 Dive Bag* or 5 large bags
- Several permanent markers for conferees to share
- *VBS 2016 Cups* or theme-related container to hold markers
- Card stock to make bubbles
- Transparency sheets
- 6 Clear plastic snap-together ornaments
- 7 Clean, clear, plastic bottles
- Small shells
- Sand
- 5 Dive Slates from the *VBS 2016 Dive Kit: Grades 1–6* or dry erase boards with markers
- Die cut theme-related shape for each conferee
- Bookmark for each conferee (*VBS 2016 Bookmark*)

#### Resources to Prepare

- Samples of all 15 daily craft options and the 3-5 day project
- Signs identifying the crafts for each session
- Print each day's elements (*VBS 2016 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* 1st page of each day) and Bible study synopsis (*VBS 2016 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* page 3) on large circles:
  - Day
  - Title
  - Today's Point
  - Bible Connection Points
  - Bible Story synopsis
- Make 25 tape rolls.

- Place a copy of the leader guide, craft pack, and additional supplies to complete the crafts in a Dive Bag for each day. (Large gift bags may be substituted for Dive Bags)
- Print the following statements on transparent circles cut to fit the ornaments. Place the circles in the ornaments. (Sentence strips in clear balloons may be substituted for ornaments)
  - Choose a craft that can be completed in the time allotted.
  - Choose a craft that relates to the Bible study.
  - Choose a craft you think the kids will enjoy and value.
  - Choose a craft that is in your budget.
  - Choose a craft that is appropriate for the age group you will teach.
  - Choose a craft that uses supplies you can gather or purchase.
- Print and tear apart the following statements. Place each in a plastic bottle with a little sand and a few small shells.
  - Remember that your attitude is contagious. Be sure that you are having fun.
  - Encourage creativity.
  - Resist the urge to "fix" the craft.
  - Have a plan in place for the finished project.
  - Give instructions before you distribute supplies.
  - Guide conversation during the craft.
  - Help the kids make the connection to the Bible study.

#### Resources to Copy

- Dive Log Handout
- Craft Test Result Handout

#### **Focal Wall Description**

Hang a few panels of the *VBS 2016 Super Duper Sized Backdrop* or create an underwater scene using the suggestions in the *VBS 2016 Decorating Made Easy*.

#### **Room Setup Description**

- Arrange chairs in a large semi-circle facing the focal wall. Place a theme-related die cut in each chair.
- Place a long table near the focal wall. Cover the table with *VBS 2016 Tablecloths* or similar cloth. Use the water side of the *VBS 2016 Table Topper* as a backdrop for the craft display table. Arrange the crafts on the table with a small sign identifying the crafts for each session.
- Place the bubbles printed with each day's elements under the chairs.
- Place the tape rolls near the focal wall.
- Scatter the ornaments throughout the craft display.

#### **Decoration Suggestions**

Use coral, seaweed, bubbles and fish to create the Deep Sea Craft area. See page 4 of the *Craft Rotation Leader Guide* and *VBS 2016 Decorating Made Easy* for additional decorating suggestions.

#### **Audio Visual Needs**

- *VBS 2016 Music for Kids CD*

- CD Player and power source

### **Teaching Steps**

Welcome (5 minutes)

1. Play "Submerged" as the conferees arrive. Invite participants to explore the Deep Sea Craft room, take pictures and make notes.
2. Ask the conferees to think of an interesting personal fact about themselves that is not obvious from the outward appearance. Encourage each to write a fact on the theme-related die cuts.
3. Collect the facts and read several, allowing the group to guess who has written each one. Point out that this year VBS is all about taking a deeper look and finding truth below the surface.
4. Ask conferees to look at page 1 of the *Craft Rotation Leader Guide*. Explain: "We will look at the Six Step VBS as it relates to teaching crafts."

### **Six Steps to Prepare to Teach Crafts: Prepare Your Heart (15 minutes)**

5. Explain that craft teachers, like all teachers in VBS are really Bible study teachers. The crafts we lead are designed to reinforce the Biblical truth presented each day.
6. Remind the conferees that preparing our own hearts is always the first step in getting ready for VBS. Say: "We will explore the Bible content by finding the bubbles with the Bible Study Title, Today's Point and Connection Points for each day." Ask the conferees to search below their chairs to find the bubbles. Encourage conferees to use the tape rolls to place the bubbles on the wall as you discuss each day.
7. Point out that the Bible Story Title, Today's Point, and Connection Points, are found in the leader guide on the first page of each day, and that the Bible story synopsis can be found on page 3. Call attention to the "*Sharing the Gospel with Kids*" inside the front cover of the leader guide. Briefly highlight the information on the page. Talk about the importance of being ready to help any child who might be ready to make a commitment to Christ.

### **Six Steps to Prepare to Teach Crafts: Get the Basic Facts (10 minutes)**

8. Give each conferee a copy of the Dive Log. Explain that divers use the log to record important information about each dive. Suggest that conferees can use the chart at the top of the Dive Log to make notes as you lead a discussion about the basic information the craft leader needs in order to have a successful VBS. Be sure to include:
  - VBS Date
  - Training opportunities
  - Room location and set up
  - Schedule
  - Number of and ages of children expected
  - Budget and supply requisition

### **Six Steps to Prepare to Teach Crafts: Plan (10 minutes)**

9. Ask a volunteer to find and read a bubble ornament in the craft display. Explain why this factor is important when choosing which crafts to use. Ask for another volunteer to find and read the next statement. Continue until all six have been found and discussed.
  - Choose a craft that can be completed in the time allotted.
  - Choose a craft that relates to the Bible study.
  - Choose a craft you think the kids will enjoy and value.
  - Choose a craft that is in your budget.
  - Choose a craft that is appropriate for the age group you will teach.
  - Choose a craft that uses supplies you can gather or purchase.

**Six Steps to Prepare to Teach Crafts: Gather & Prepare (40 minutes)**

10. Ask the conferees to form 5 groups. Give each group the Dive Bag prepared for the day they will be assigned. Explain that each group will make one of the crafts suggested for the assigned day.
11. Call attention to the supply lists on pages 4-5 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Give each conferee a copy of the Craft Test Result Handout.
12. Allow each group to show the craft for the assigned day. Show the additional sample crafts as you comment on the results of the craft testing. Share any additional information and helpful tips that might be of interest to leaders.
13. Show the sample of the 3-Day project. Point out the VBX crafts illustrated on page 26. Mention that additional craft ideas can be found in the Student and Adult material.

**Six Steps to Prepare to Teach Crafts: Teach (10 minutes)**

14. Toss each bottle to a different conferee. Discuss each statement as the messages are read. Suggest that conferees might want to make notes on the Dive Log in the "Teaching Tips" box.
  - Remember that your attitude is contagious. Be sure that you are having fun.
  - Encourage creativity.
  - Resist the urge to "fix" the craft.
  - Have a plan in place for the finished project.
  - Give instructions before you distribute supplies.
  - Guide conversation during the craft.
  - Help the kids make the connection to the Bible study.

**Six Steps to Prepare to Teach Crafts: Continue the Connection (10 minutes)**

15. Remind conferees that working together on a craft with kids is a great way to build a relationship. Give each group a Dive Slate. Ask each group to discuss ways to use crafts to continue the connection and to print their suggestions on the Dive Slate.
16. Allow each group to share their ideas. Remind conferees to make notes in the "Continue the Connection" section of their Dive Logs. Mention additional ideas including:
  - Participate in VBS family night
  - Greet kids by name when you see them at church or in the community

- Plan to be involved in your church's VBS follow-up efforts

**Tips (15 minutes)**

17. Explain your room set up and answer questions about where things can be found and how they are made. Remind conferees that room decor can enhance or distract from the learning experience. Point out the decoration tips on page 4 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Suggest leaders also check out ideas in *VBS 2016 Decorating Made Easy* and [lifeway.com/vbs](http://lifeway.com/vbs).
18. Talk about and show some of the products that may be used to enhance the craft experience:
  - *VBS 2016 Waterproof Case*
  - *VBS 2016 Sticky Foam Shapes*
  - *ABC Foam Shapes*

**Conclusion (5 minutes)**

19. Read Psalm 139:23-24. Remind conferees that teaching crafts in VBS will give us an opportunity to help boys and girls be submerged in God's Word and to understand that Jesus sees, Jesus knows and Jesus saves. Give each conferee a bookmark. Suggest that the bookmark can be placed in their Bible as a reminder to pray for VBS. Lead a prayer asking God to bless the leaders, kids and families in VBS this year.



# CRAFTS DIVE LOG


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