

## **Preschool Rotations Conference Plan**

### **Purpose Statement**

This 45-minute plan is designed to prepare preschool leaders for using LifeWay's *Submerged 3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack*.

### **Resources to Collect**

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#### 1. Welcome

- *VBS 2016 Preschool Starter Kit*
- *VBS 2016 3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack*

#### 2. Deep Sea Music

- Music Folder from the Rotation Pack
- Music CD
- CD Player

#### 3. Deep Sea Missions

- Missions Folder from the Rotation Pack
- Missions DVD
- DVD Player
- Materials needed for “Make a Cell Phone” and “Park Journal” activities

#### 4. Deep Sea Arts and Crafts

- Arts and Crafts Folder from the Rotation Pack
- *VBS 2016 Climbing Zacchaeus*
- *VBS 2016 Submerged Periscope*
- *VBS 2016 Dive Compass*
- *VBS 2016 Porthole Picture Frame*

#### 5. Deep Sea Recreation

- Recreation Cards from the Rotation Pack
- Construction paper (various colors)

#### 6. Conclusion

- No resources needed

### **Resources to Prepare**

#### 1. Welcome

- No preparation needed.

#### 2. Deep Sea Music

- Set the CD to “Do You Know That?” (track 2)

#### 3. Deep Sea Missions

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- Set the DVD to play DJ Visits South Asia
- Put together a "Tide You Over Pack" for demonstration and discussion
- Assemble two activities suggested in curriculum:
  - "Make a Cell Phone"
  - "Park Journal"

### 4. Deep Sea Arts and Crafts

- *VBS 2016 Climbing Zacchaeus*
- *VBS 2016 Submerged Periscope*
- *VBS 2016 Dive Compass*
- *VBS 2016 Porthole Picture Frame*
- Display preschool crafts

### 5. Deep Sea Recreation

- Color Hunt (Day 4 card)
  - Gather colored paper (red, green, yellow, blue) and scissors.
  - Place one piece of each color of paper on the floor in the middle of the room.
  - Cut the remaining paper into 3x3" squares. (At least 2 per conferee.)
  - Hide the small squares around the room.

### 6. Conclusion

- No preparation needed.

### **Resources to Copy**

- Preschool Rotations Handout (1 per conferee)

### **Focal Wall Description**

- Place *VBS 2016 Rotation Signs* on the focal wall.

### **Room Setup**

- Set up a long table beside the focal wall and cover it with a *VBS 2016 Tablecloth*. Display the *VBS Preschool Starter Kit* and *VBS 2016 3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack*, and Craft Packs on the table.
- Place sample crafts on table.
- Place chairs in rows or semi-circle.

### **Decoration Suggestions**

- Drape the *VBS 2016 String Flags* around the doorways and place the *VBS 2016 Visual Pack*, *VBS 2016 Wall Art*, and *VBS 2016 Decoration Punch-outs* around the walls and door.

## **Audio Visual Needs**

DVD player

CD player

## **Teaching Steps**

### 1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Welcome conferees to the Preschool Rotation Conference.
- Distribute a handout to each conferee.
- Say: "This year at VBS we are going to help kids dive deep into God's word and to know that He sees what's below the surface and loves us anyway!"
- Show conferees the *3s--Kindergarten Rotation Pack*.
- Explain how the Pack includes Teaching Plans for:
  - Deep Sea Music
  - Deep Sea Missions
  - Deep Sea Arts and Crafts
  - Deep Sea Recreation
- Briefly discuss how one Rotation Pack is included in each *VBS 2016 Preschool Starter Kit*.
- Share options and tips on using the Rotation Pack:
  - Rotation Options:
    - Teachers lead kids to each rotation, stay with them during the activities, and lead them back to the main classroom for closing group time.
    - Teachers are enlisted to come to the room to teach the rotation activities.
    - Children and teachers remain in the room for all activities.
  - Rotation Tips:
    - Locate rotation sites close to each other.
    - Maintain appropriate teacher/child ratios (1:4) when traveling to and from rotations.
    - Use a walking rope or buddy system to keep kids together.
    - Keep the focus on the Bible story, Bible verse, Today's Point, and Kid Connection statements.
    - Each rotation should last 25 minutes, which includes time for transition.

### 2. Deep Sea Music at Rushing Waters (10 minutes)

- Say: "We're going to dive in first to Deep Sea Music."
  - Show conferees the Music Folder from the Rotation Pack. Explain:
  - CD in front contains 7 songs
  - Seven songs:
    - Bible Verse Song
    - 4 songs to sing any and every day
    - Movement song
    - Theme Song

- CD also contains Print Resources (Enhanced CD)
  - Bible Story Pictures (NEW)
  - Bible Story Coloring Pages (NEW)
  - Sea Animals
  - Numbered Bubbles
  - Lead Sheets
- Point out that suggestions for a "Preschool Worship Rally" are on the back of the folder.
- VBS at a Glance gives overview of the week
- Each teaching plan has Bible Verse, Today's Point, and Bible Story synopsis. It also includes a teaching plan with instructions on how to teach the songs to preschoolers.
- Motions and words are provided on cards in the back of the folder.
- Say: "Let's learn two of the songs you can use every day."
- Invite conferees to stand and teach the motions to "Do You Know That?" (track 2). Ask conferees to move and sing the song.
- Play "Creature Feature." Pictures for motions are not included in the pack. The kids are asked to move like animals mentioned. Ask conferees to sing and move, as they believe a preschooler might move.

### 3. Deep Sea Missions (10 minutes)

- Say: "Next, we're going to dive into Missions."
- Show conferees the Missions Folder from the Rotation Pack. Explain:
- There is a change this year—only one video segment each day.
  - Days 1 and 2 will be "DJ Visits South Asia."
  - Days 3 through 5 will be "The Dye Family."
  - Our hope is that this will be less confusing for preschoolers and the teacher will have more time to focus on the one story line for the day.
- Share information about the Mission Project
  - Preschoolers will be encouraged to bring non-perishable items to help "tide kids over" until their next hot meal.
  - Show sample of "Tide You Over" packs
  - Parent Letter is included to send home with kids on Day 1.
  - Show and discuss "Make a Cell Phone"
  - Show "Park Journal"
  - Play "Moving Relay" (If time permits)
- Show the Day 1 and Day 3 video segments to the conferees.
- Mention games and activities (like "Moving Relay") that are included in teaching plans.

### 4. Deep Sea Arts and Crafts (10 minutes)

- Show conferees the Arts and Crafts Folder from the Rotation Pack. Explain:
- Share how each day's teaching plan offers a Bible-related activity as well as theme-related activities for a total of three activities.
- Suggestions for a Free Art Center are offered each day. The Center allows time

for free-art expression and experimentation with a variety of art media.

- Mention coloring pages that are available on the Music enhanced CD
- Craft Packs available for:
  - Day 1 Climbing Zacchaeus
  - Day 3 Submerged Periscope
  - Day 4 Dive Compass
  - Day 5 Porthole Picture Frame
- Teaching Plans also include a bonus three-day project: Art Canvas Keepsake
- Several templates are also provided for the other activities.
- Teaching plans are full of Teacher Tips to help leaders every step of the way.
  - Options for Kindergarten added when applicable.
- Point out the Arts and Craft samples available.

#### 5. Deep Sea Recreation (15 minutes)

- Show conferees the Recreation Cards from the Rotation Pack. Explain:
  - 1 Bible related game suggestion for each day
  - Other sections include: Water Games, Bubble Games, and Theme Games that can be used any day.
  - Administrative Cards at the end, including Leader Responsibilities, Kid Characteristics, Teaching Tips, Decorating Ideas, and Free Play Ideas.
- Invite conferees to stand and play:
  - Color Hunt (Day 4)
    - Place conferees into four groups and assign each group a color. (May need to break into more teams depending on number of conferees. Or choose a few to play the game to demonstrate.)
    - Invite conferees to lock elbows with the others in the group and walk around the room to find their matching color.
    - Guide conferees to pick up a colored square, bring it back to the middle of the room, and place it on the matching colored paper.
    - Encourage conferees to work together to find all the squares.
  - Show conferees the “Make the Point” statement on the back of the Bible Games card.
  - Read the statement for Color Hunt aloud.
    - *You used your eyes to find the colored squares around the room. Jesus healed a man who was blind and could not see. Jesus did things no one else could do.”*
  - Simon Says (Free Play card)
    - Guide conferees to follow the directions when “Simon Says”
      - Scrub the deck (scrub the ground)
      - Hit the deck (lie on the ground and freeze)
      - Up periscope (one leg in the air)
      - Captain’s coming (salute)
      - Abandon ship (run and scream)

Mention that this game is a "free play" game, which will not have a direct tie back to the story. However, encourage teachers to always mention the Bible verse, which is listed on every card.

6. Conclude the Dive (5 minutes)

- Allow time for questions.
- Thank conferees for helping kids dive deep into God's truths through music, games, missions, arts and crafts, activities, and, fun!

# Preschool Rotations

**RUSHING  
WATERS**

**BOULDER  
BRIDGE**



**SHADY  
GROVE**

**RAPPELLING  
RAVINE**

Be ready  
for the  
children  
before they  
arrive.



Establish a way to  
get kids' attention  
quickly (blow a  
whistle, say a  
special phrase, or  
clap your hands.

Tell the children  
what you expect  
from them and  
consistently  
enforce the  
rules.

Remove a  
disruptive  
child from the  
game for one  
round.

Love and  
accept each  
child.

Modify a  
game if kids  
become  
restless.