

File 6 VBS 2017 Grades 5-6 VBX Extras (45 minutes)

Purpose Statement

The purpose of this teaching plan is to demonstrate the 2017 recreation and craft options found in the *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Guide*.

Resources to Collect, Prepare, & Copy

1. Welcome

- “Recreation and Crafts” Handout (1 per conferee)
- “Galactic Starveyors” (track 1) from the Enhanced CD

2. Recreation:

- Cones, rope, or tape.
- In advance, make two lines in the room 10 yards apart (or whatever space you have available).
- 2 or 3 pool noodles for Star Catchers to tag stars (people)
- Make copies of the following pages from the *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Guide*: 14, 21, 28, 35, and 42.

3. Crafts:

- Prepare a sample of each craft to display.
- Bible Study CD “Star Target” (Day 2) printed on card stock. One for each conferee.
- ¾-inch PVC pipe (1 7/8-inch piece per conferee). Note: you can purchase PVC connectors that are the same size as the cut pipe. Also, you can use heavy cardboard tubes or cups with the bottom removed.
- Star-patterned duct tape (5-inches per conferee)
- 10-inch round balloon (1 per conferee)
- Pom-poms (4-6 per conferee)
- Transparent Tape
- Card Stock
- Scissors (several pairs)
- Several copies of page 20 from the *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Guide* for conferees to share

Focal Wall Description

Use the items included in your *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Pack* to create an inviting focal wall.

Room Setup Description

Arrange chairs in a semicircle facing inward. Leave room for activities in the middle. Provide tables and chairs to complete the craft activity.

Decoration Suggestions

Use the items included in your *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Pack* and the suggestions given on pages 6-7 of the *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Guide* to decorate your room.

Audio Visual Needs

- CD Player

- Enhanced CD (from the *VBS 2017 VBX Preteen Leader Pack*)

Teaching Steps

1. **Welcome (1 minute):** Play “Galactic Starveyors” (track 1) from the CD as conferees enter the room. Welcome conferees and distribute handouts. Encourage the conferees to take notes on their handouts during the session. Explain that during this conference, participants will learn about the recreation and craft options for VBX.
2. **Recreation (20 minutes):** Share that the recreation options that are presented in the leader guide provide activities that are age appropriate for preteens.

Let the group know that they are going to play “Star Catchers,” the Day 4 recreation option found on page 35 of the leader guide. Explain the rules of the game. Select two or three conferees to be the star catchers and to stand between the two lines that you have previously placed on the floor. The remaining conferees will be the stars and stand on either line, facing each other. Play the game as written in the guide. When only one conferee is remaining, that conferee is the winner. Play the game as time permits.

Say: “At the end of each recreation game there is an observation section that gives the recreation leader a statement on how to relate the game to the main point of that day’s Bible study. For this game the main point is that because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we do not have to stand outside of heaven or hope to follow all the rules to receive eternal life.

Next, form four groups. To each group give one of the games from days 1, 2, 3, and 5. Tell conferees to take 3 minutes to read over the game and come up with a two-sentence synopsis of the game. Allow groups to present their summaries to the other conferees.

3. **Crafts (15 minutes):** The craft options in the leader guide are designed just for preteens. Display the crafts for Day 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Point out each craft, how it relates to that assigned day’s Bible study, and any tips for making each craft.

Explain the following:

- VBX crafts are more detailed than traditional crafts so preteens will enjoy the challenge.
- Even if you don’t use the standalone VBX model, share these crafts ideas with your VBS Crafts Rotation Leader so that they can use the ideas with preteens.
- Each day’s craft has a connection to the Bible story and daily point.

4. **Make and Take (24 Minutes):** Thank the conferees for attending this conference. Encourage the conferees to consider using the ideas presented in the leader guide for recreation and crafts in their own church’s VBX. Pray for the leaders.

After the prayer, invite the leaders to make the Day 2 craft, “Shooting Stars.” Provide supplies and copies of page 20 from the leader guide. After conferees have made the craft, allow them to play and see who can hit the “Star Targets” (CD).



VBX Recreation:

Day 1: Asteroid Belt

Day 2: Moving Targets

Day 3: Star Rescue

Day 4: Star Catchers

Day 5: Solar System Scramble

VBX Crafts:

Day 1: Planetary Super Balls

Day 2: Shooting Stars

Day 3: Constellation Journal

Day 4: Nebula Coasters

Day 5: Cosmic Bible Pen Pocket