

File 7 VBS 2017 Kids Craft Rotation Conference Plan

Purpose Statement

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

Resources to Collect, Prepare, & Copy

Resources to Collect

- 5 VBS 2017 Tablecloths
- □□ VBS 2017 Cups or theme-related container to hold markers on each table
- Everyday Supplies: tape, pencils, glue (tacky and glue dots), scissors, markers, crayons or colored pencils, hole punches, rulers, table covers (or newspaper).
- VBS 2017 Super Duper Sized Backdrop
- VBS 2017 Star Curtain (optional for decorating)
- VBS 2017 Star Projector (optional for decorating)

STEP 2

- VBS 2017 Music for Kids CD
- Die cut stars or theme related shape for each conferee

STEP 9

- □□ clear plastic snap-together ornaments for Galactic Globes (*Note: sentence strips in clear balloons can be used in place of the ornaments.*)
- Clear labels for snap-together ornaments
- Black beans, glow in the dark stars, sparkly pom-poms, plastic planets or bouncy balls

STEP 10

- 5 VBS 2017 Starveyor Backpacks to hold crafts on each table. Label backpacks one of the following: *Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, or Jupiter.* (*Note: large gift bags could be used instead*)
- 5 VBS 2017 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides
- VBS 2017 Craft Packs: enough of each for 1/5 of the conferees to complete each craft:
 - VBS 2017 Galactic Kaleidoscope Craft Pack (005791179) or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 7 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Craft pack will also need: clear tape, decorative tape, markers
 - VBS 2017 Miss the Mark Game Craft Pack (005791180) or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 16 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Craft pack will also need: scissors, glue or tape, and permanent markers
 - VBS 2017 Moon Gazers Craft Pack (005791171) or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 15 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Craft pack will also need: permanent markers and glue or tape
 - VBS 2017 Starry Night Card Craft Pack (00579117) or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 19 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Craft pack will also need: liquid watercolor paints, paint brushes, scrap paper, table salt, markers, disposable bowls, and glue
 - VBS 2017 Astronomical Frame Craft Pack (005791173) or supplies for 1/5 of the conferees to complete the craft as directed on page 23 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Craft pack will also need: glue or glue dots

STEP 12

- VBS 2017 Cosmic Bookmark Craft Pack (005791171)

STEP 14

- □□wide mouth pint size mason jars for Light Up Lanterns
- □□battery operated tea light candles
- Clear labels for Light Up Lanterns

STEP 15

- Mini white beach balls or white balloons for mini-moons
- Black dry erase markers to write on the mini-moons

STEP 18

- *VBS 2017 Sticky Foam Shapes*
- *VBS 2017 ABC Foam Shapes*
- *VBS 2017 Giant Inflatable Solar System*
- *VBS 2017 Inflatable Star Set*

STEP 19

- *VBS 2017 Bookmark* for each conferee

Resources to Prepare

- Samples of all 15 daily craft options and the 3-5 day project
- Signs/table tents identifying the crafts for each session

STEP 6

- Print each day's elements (found in the *VBS 2017 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*, 1st page of each day) on planet clip art (see www.lifeway.com/vbs for art)
 - Day- see 1st page of each day
 - Title- see 1st page of each day
 - Today's Point- see 1st page of each day
 - Bible Connection Points – see 1st page of each day
- OPTION: Print out this information found on Attachment 1
- Make 20 tape rolls.

STEP 9

- Print the following statements on clear labels. Attach the labels to clear, round plastic ornaments (Galactic Globes) filled with black beans, glow in the dark stars, sparkly pom-poms, plastic planets, and a yellow bouncy ball for the sun.
 - 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.
- Make a small box to hold the Galactic Globes. Use a lid of a box or shallow tray filled with white packing peanuts, cotton balls or cut up strips of white tulle to resemble clouds.

STEP 10

- Place a copy of the leader guide, craft pack, and additional supplies to complete the craft packs in a Starveyor Backpack. Place a backpack on each table that has been set up in the back of the room.

STEP 12

- Make a sample Cosmic Bookmark from the craft pack.

STEP 14

- Print the following statements onto clear labels or sentence strips. Decorate the inside of the mason jars with glue and glitter to make Light Up Lanterns. Add battery operated tea light candles and glue statements to the inside of each jar. Create wire hangers for the lanterns.
 - 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

- Galactic Starveyors Handout
- Craft Test Result Handout
- (OPTION: Attachment 1)

Focal Wall Description

Hang a few panels of the *VBS 2017 Super Duper Sized Backdrop*. Add telescopes, evergreen table-top size trees, star lights, lanterns, a sleeping bag and so forth. See page 4 of the *Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* for additional ideas. Or create a nighttime star-gazing scene using the suggestions in the *VBS 2017 Decorating Made Easy* book.

Room Setup Description

- Arrange chairs in a large semi-circle facing the focal wall. Place a theme-related die cut (stars, moons, planets, etc.) in each chair. Place the planets printed with each day's elements under the chairs.
- Place a long table near the focal wall. Cover the table with a *VBS 2017 Tablecloth* or similar cloth. Arrange the craft samples on the table with a small sign identifying the crafts for each day.
- Place the tape rolls near the focal wall.
- Set the tray of Galactic Globes near the focal wall.
- Scatter the Light Up Lanterns around the crafts display.
- Set up five tables with chairs in the back of the room for conferees to work at.

Audio Visual Needs

- *VBS 2017 Music for Kids CD*
- CD Player and power source (extension cord may be needed)

Teaching Steps

Welcome (5 minutes)

1. Play "Galactic Starveyors" as the conferees arrive. Invite participants to explore the Galactic Starveyors Craft room, take pictures and make notes.
2. Ask the conferees to think of something they've done that was "out of this world" exciting! Encourage each to write their exciting, "out of this world" thing on a theme-related die cuts.
3. Collect the die cuts and read several, allowing the group to guess who has written each one. Point out that this year VBS is all about "Searching the Visible, Discovering the

Invisible."

4. Ask conferees to look at page 1 of the *Craft Rotation Leader Guide*. Say: "Today 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 they lead are designed to reinforce the biblical truth presented each day.
6. Remind the conferees that preparing their own hearts is always the first step in getting ready for VBS. Say: "We will explore the Bible content by finding the planets 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 planets. Once found, conferees will get in groups according to each day. Each group will give a brief synopsis of their day. Encourage conferees to use the tape rolls to place the planets 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 a Bible story synopsis can be found on page 3. Call attention to the "*Sharing the Gospel with Kids*" on the 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 Galactic Starveyors Handout. Explain that official Starveyors take notes to categorize the stars they observe. Suggest that conferees can use the handout 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 choose a Galactic Globe from the cloud display and read the statement. Explain why this factor is important when choosing which crafts to use. Suggest that conferees might want to make notes on their Galactic Starveyors Handouts. Ask for another volunteer to find and read the next statement. Continue until all six have been chosen 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. Place the conferees into 5 groups (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter). Explain that each

group will make one of the crafts suggested for the assigned day. Dismiss to the tables in the back of the room.

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. After each group has completed their craft, allow each them to show the craft for the assigned day. Return to seats facing the focal wall. Show the additional sample crafts as you comment on the results of the craft-testing handout. Be sure to point out the sixth craft pack option and show the sample you made. Share any additional information and helpful tips that might be of interest to leaders.
13. Show the sample of the 3-5 Day project. Also, point out the VBX crafts pictured on page 26 of the leader guide. Mention that additional craft ideas can be found in the Student and Adult material as well.

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

14. Ask a volunteer to choose a Light Up Lantern from the craft display area and read the message inside the lantern. Discuss each statement as the messages are read. Suggest that conferees might want to make notes on their Galactic Starveyors Handouts.
 - 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 relationships. It is important that every VBS leader take responsibility for reaching the unchurched families that attended your VBS. Form groups of 5-6 people. Give each group an inflatable moon (mini white beach ball). Ask each group to discuss how they can use crafts to continue the connection and to print their suggestions on the mini moons with dry erase markers.
16. Allow each group to share their ideas. Remind conferees to make notes in the "Continue the Connection" section of their Galactic Starveyors Handouts. 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 2076 Decorating Made Easy* book and at www.lifeway.com/vbs.
18. Talk about and show some of the products that may be used to enhance the craft experience:

- *VBS 2017 Sticky Foam Shapes*
- *VBS 2017 ABC Foam Shapes*
- *VBS 2017 Giant Inflatable Solar System*
- *VBS 2017 Inflatable Star Set*

Conclusion (5 minutes)

19. Read the VBS Scripture Verse, Colossians 1:15-16. Remind conferees that teaching crafts in VBS will give us an opportunity to help kids search the skies and God's Word to uncover God's truth etched in His handiwork. They will discover that the God who created everything there is—the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with them! And from the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and the Holy Spirit to be our Helper. From the very beginning, to the furthest reaches of space (and beyond), nothing is outside God's control or beyond His grasp. God loves us and will never leave us.
20. 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.



Choose crafts that...

Basic Info

Continue the Connection

Teaching Tips

