VBS 2018 PRESCHOOL ROTATIONS CONFERENCE PLAN (1 HOUR)

Purpose Statement
This one-hour plan is designed to train teachers to lead preschool rotation activities during LifeWay’s Game On!™ VBS.

Needed Resources and Resource Preparation
- VBS 2018 3s—Kindergarten Rotation Pack
- VBS 2018 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards
- VBS 2018 Small Inflatable Sports Balls
- VBS 2018 Rotation Signs
- VBS 2018 Tablecloths (5)
- VBS 2018 Whistle Key Chain
- VBS 2018 Sticky Foam Shapes
- VBS 2018 Joy Banner Craft Pack
- Item 1: “Sports Balls” — Photocopy enough for one ball per person. Cut out each ball and tape them around the room. (OPTION: Use sports ball stickers.)
- Item 2: “Pennants” — Photocopy onto colorful heavyweight paper then cut along the dotted lines.
- Item 3: “Rotation Scorecard” — Photocopy front-and-back, 1 per person.
- Gift bag — Draw stripes along the top and bottom of the bag and print 18 on the bag to make it resemble a jersey. Place “Pennants” (Item 2) in the bag.
- Chenille stems in four different colors (one stem per person)
- Pencils
- Play parachute or flat sheet
- Decorated water bottle
- Plastic hoop
- Construction paper — Draw a star on one piece of paper and tape to the floor at the front of the room. Tape 9 pieces of paper in a line to the left of the star and 9 pieces of paper in a line to the right of the paper. Print Goal on 2 pieces of paper. Tape one of the goal pages at each end of the line of paper. Place an inflated ball on the star paper.
- Large numbered cube
- CD player
- Various sports-related items for decoration

Room Setup
Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Cover a table with a VBS 2018 Tablecloth and display the VBS 2018 3s—Kindergarten Rotation Pack, VBS 2018 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards, two of the VBS 2018 Inflatable Sports Balls, and any other VBS 2018 resources. Add sports-related items to the table and floor around the table. Scatter a few VBS 2018 Sticky Foam Shapes on the table.

Set up four stations around the room for the rotations. Define each station by spreading a VBS 2018 Tablecloth on the floor or a table and posting the appropriate rotation sign.
- Missions: Lay the Missions Rotation booklet, some VBS 2018 Sticky Foam Shapes, and a decorated water bottle on the tablecloth. Add pencils and some of the “Rotation Scorecards” (Item 3).
- Music: Lay the Music Rotation booklet, a play parachute or flat sheet and an inflatable ball on the tablecloth. Add pencils and some of the “Rotation Scorecards” (Item 3).
• **Crafts**: Lay the Crafts Rotation booklet, the *VBS 2018 Joy Banner Craft Pack*, and some *VBS 2018 Sticky Foam Shapes* on the tablecloth. Add pencils and some of the “Rotation Scorecards” (Item 3.)

• **Recreation**: Lay the Recreation rotation cards, a plastic hoop, and some wadded paper balls on the tablecloth. Add pencils and some of the “Rotation Scorecards” (Item 3.)

**Teaching Steps**

1. **Welcome (5 minutes)**
   - Welcome conferees. Comment: “This year in VBS we are helping children gear up for life’s big game.”
   - Play the theme song (or another track) from the music CD. Lead conferees to move around the room and each take one of the “Sports Balls” (Item 1) taped to the wall. (Or give each conferee a sports ball sticker instead.)
   - Pause the music once everyone has a ball. Lead conferees to group up with one or two other people who have the same ball. In their groups, they should tell the name of their high school or college mascots.
   - Guide conferees to now find someone with a different ball than their own. Lead them to tell their new partner a game or sporting event they would like to attend. Then ask them to find one final partner with yet another different sports ball and tell their favorite part or activity of VBS.
   - Invite conferees to return their sports balls to the wall before returning to their seats. (If using stickers, omit this step.)

2. **Rotation Basic Training (10 minutes)**
   - Point out the rotation pack. Emphasize these points:
     - The pack contains booklets and cards for each of the rotations.
     - One rotation pack is included in each Preschool Starter Kit.
     - A church will need one rotation pack (or a rotation pack for every 4 preschool/kindergarten classes).
   - Show the snack cards. Explain that these cards are not included in the rotation pack. But preschool-friendly snacks are included within the set of snack cards.
   - Pull the “Pennants” (Item 2), one at a time, from the jersey bag. Talk about each point.
     - **Rotation Options**:
       - **Rotate Out**: Teachers lead kids to each rotation, stay with them during activities, and lead them back to Bible study room.
       - **Rotate In**: Rotation teachers are enlisted to come to each Bible study room to lead rotation activities.
       - **Self-contained**: Bible study teachers lead rotation activities in the Bible study room.
     - **Rotation Tips**:
       - Position rotation locations close to one another.
       - Maintain appropriate teacher/child ratios when moving among rotation locations. (Ratio is 1:4.)
       - Schedule each rotation for 25 minutes, which includes transition time.
       - Use a buddy system or other simple system to keep children together during transition times.
       - Point back to the Bible story, Bible verse, Point, and Kid Connection statements during rotation activities.
3. Rotation Drills (30 minutes)
   • Distribute a chenille stem to each conferee. Lead conferees to form groups according to the color of their chenille stems. (Form 4 teams of approximately equal size.)
   • Assign a team (by color) to each rotation station. Tell teams they will have approximately 7 minutes to explore their rotation site before moving to another rotation. Instruct them to record their observations about each site on a “Rotation Scorecard” (Item 3).
   • Blow the whistle for teams to begin their first exploration “drill.” Move among the stations and assist/answer questions as needed.
   • Blow the whistle after about 7 minutes and indicate how teams should rotate to the next station.
   • Continue in like fashion every 7 minutes of so until each team has visited every rotation site.

4. Move the Ball Down the Field (10 minutes)
   • Form two teams to play a game to review the rotation information.
   • Place an inflated ball on the star on the game board.
   • Ask a review question to Team 1. If the team answers correctly, a member can roll the numbered cube and move the ball toward that team’s goal.
   • Repeat for Team 2 and allow them to move the ball back toward that team’s goal.
   • Continue until the ball moves to or past one team’s goal (or as time permits).

5. Closing (5 minutes)
   • Answer any questions or clarify any information as needed.
   • Lead the group in singing the theme song, “Game On!” from the music CD.
   • Pray for VBS teachers.
Item 1. Sports Balls
Rotate Out:
Teachers lead kids to each rotation, stay with them during activities, and lead them back to Bible study room.
Rotate In:
Rotation teachers are enlisted to come to each Bible study room to lead rotation activities.
Self-Contained: Bible study teachers lead rotation activities in the Bible study room.
Position rotation activities close to one another.
Maintain teacher/child ratios (1:4) when moving to rotation locations.
Schedule each rotation for 25 minutes, including transition time.
Use buddy system or walking rope to keep children together during transitions.
Talk about the Bible story, Bible verse, and Point during rotation activities.
## TEAM MUSIC

What resources are included in the rotation pack for the music rotation?

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Where can you find motions for the songs? ________________________________

Where can you find additional games to extend the session? ________________

Turn to Day 2. How does this session emphasize the Bible content?

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As time allows, play the parachute game in Day 2.

![Parachute Game](image)

## TEAM MISSIONS

What resources are included in the rotation pack for the missions rotation?

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Who are the featured missionaries for VBS 2018? _________________________

What is the suggested missions project? ________________________________

If you are unable to use the missions videos, how can you convey the missions content?

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Where are templates for the activities? ________________________________

Turn to Day 3. Talk about the activities. How do these activities support the missions content and the Bible content?

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As time permits, read the missions story together on Day 3.
TEAM CRAFTS

What resources are included in the rotation pack for the crafts rotation?
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How many activities are suggested for each day? ____________________________

Where can you find templates for some of the activities? ______________

Where can you find coloring sheets for each day? _________________________

What other VBS resources are available for crafts? ________________________

Turn to Day 5. What is the Bible-related activity? How is Bible content emphasized?
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As time permits, examine and talk about the craft pack for Day 5.

TEAM RECREATION

What resources are included in the rotation pack for the recreation rotation?
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What kinds of recreation activities are provided? _________________________

What are some theme-related activities? ________________________________

What are some free-play activities? _________________________________

What is one activity that could be played indoors? ______________________

Find the Day 4 Bible recreation activity. Talk about the game. How does this game
connect to the Bible content? _________________________________________

As time permits, play the game together from Day 4.

Item 3. Rotation Scorecard