

VBS 2018 ADULT VBS BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (2 HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This two-hour conference plan is designed to train and equip leaders to conduct LifeWay's VBS 2018 Game On!TM for Adults.

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2018 Adult Starter Kit*
- *VBS 2018 Tablecloth*
- *VBS 2018 Pom-poms* (5 per package)
- *VBS 2018 Inflatable Sports Balls* (or 3–5 other miniature sports balls)
- VBS 2018 Catalog
- OPTIONAL: *VBS 2018 Decorating Made Easy*
- OPTIONAL: *VBS 2018 Administrative Guide*
- VBS 2018 Adult Enhanced CD (included in Starter Kit) — Print all items included on the CD-ROM ahead of time. Place items in a tabbed 3-ring binder and display on the focal table. Just before the session, cue the CD to play the VBS theme song.
- *VBS 2018 Whistle Key Chain* or coach's whistle
- Item 1: "Game On! Sports Match" — Print and copy (double-sided) onto bright green paper (1 per conferee). The matching game should be on side 1 and the answer key on side 2. Place in each chair before conferees arrive. OPTION: Copy the matching game only and share information from the answer key.
- Item 2: "Adult VBS Stats" — Print and copy onto bright green paper (1 per conferee).
- Item 3: "Coach's Playbook" — Make 3 copies on white cardstock. Cut apart on the dotted lines. Laminate for repeated use and place one complete set in each of the 3 gift bags (see below).
- Item 4: "Get your prAy Game On!" — Print and copy onto colored cardstock (1 per every 4 leaders). Cut apart and give a card to each adult leader.
- Sports-themed pennants (for decoration)
- Green rectangular tablecloth — Create the yardage marks and goal line of a football field on the tablecloth using white tape. Place on the floor in front of the focal table. (OPTION: Purchase a plastic football field tablecloth.)
- 4 sports-themed gift bags — Print a different time segment on each bag: *1 hour, 1.5 hours, 2.5 hours, 3 hours*
- 4 large pieces of black construction paper — Place one in each sports-themed gift bag.
- 4 pieces of white chalk — Place one in each sports-themed gift bag.
- 4 rolls of white sports tape — Place one roll in each sports-themed gift bag.
- 3 additional bags — Print the Day 1, Day 3, and Day 5 Bible Study Lesson Plans (Enhanced CD) and place one inside each bag.
- 6 sheets of white cardstock (laminated or in sheet protectors) — Place 2 inside each bag.
- Dry-erase markers and erasers — Place several markers and one eraser inside each bag.
- 3 rolls of tape — Place one roll inside each bag.
- Tear sheets — Write one of the following headings on game pennants on each tear sheet: *Before; During; After*.
- Markers — Use tape rolls to secure a marker to the wall next to each tear sheet.
- 3 star stickers per adult
- CD player
- OPTIONAL: Computer and projector to show Adult VBS 2018 Enhanced CD navigation

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Cover the focal table with one of the *VBS 2018 Tablecloths* and add *VBS 2018 Adult Kit* items alongside tabletop decorations such as pom-poms, pennants, and small sports balls. Display Starter Kit Items 2–5, 7, 8, and 10–11 on the focal wall to form a football stadium as described on page 5 of the Adult VBS Leader Guide.

Teaching Steps

1. Pregame Cheer (5 minutes)

- Play VBS 2018 theme music and greet leaders as they enter the stadium.
- Encourage early arrivers to meet and greet one or two other leaders with a high five. Lead them to team up together in small groups and develop a simple Game On cheer based on the VBS 2018 motto or to use as an invitation to attend Adult VBS 2018.
 - Provide *VBS 2018 Pom-poms* from the focal display for teams to use.
 - Applaud leaders as they demonstrate their team cheer.
- Start the session on time by welcoming leaders to Game On Adult VBS 2018!

2. Spring Training (15 minutes)

- Say: “Each session of Adult VBS begins with registration and snacks followed closely by a team-building, get acquainted game designed to break the ice and build community with both church members and first time attenders.
- Instruct adults to stand, grab a pencil and Item 1: “Game On! Sports Match,” and play a meet-and-mingle game as they try to match up the non-traditional sports with their corresponding sporting term.
 - OPTIONAL: Remind leaders not to look on the back for answers and award a small candy prize for the most correct matches.
 - Choose a few of the terms to highlight with the group or ask if any adults have participated in one of the sports listed.
 - Ask adults to take a seat and to share why mingling activities are important for Spring Training, a.k.a. the first day of VBS.
- Say: “You’ve had a chance to get an aerial view of some non-traditional sporting events. That’s the great part about LifeWay’s VBS 2018 theme—it doesn’t matter the sport, it doesn’t matter if you are a player, a server in the concession stand, or a referee—we all have a chance to make an impact and change lives this summer.”
- Direct adults to tell the person sitting next to them: “Last year in VBS I was a ____ and this year I will be the _____.”
- Quiet the conversations after a few moments and offer a prayer.
 - Thank God for the VBS leaders’ past VBS roles, pray for them in the roles they will play during VBS 2018, and pray for their opportunities to share God’s plan of salvation with their surrounding community.

3. Warm-up (20 minutes)

- Distribute Item 2: “Adult VBS Stats” to each leader.
- Use the *VBS 2018 Adult Starter Kit* located on the focal table and information from the VBS 2018 Catalog to share the Adult VBS resource statistics below.
- Encourage adults to fold their stat sheets on the dotted lines and take notes as needed as you walk through the following “stats.” Explain that they will need this information in order to participate in the upcoming warm-up game.
 - **VBS 2018 Adult Starter Kit**
 - ✓ Cost is \$25.99 per kit

- ✓ Contains everything needed to teach Adult VBS
 - ✓ Contains full-color teaching kit items plus a promotional poster
 - ✓ Also available in a digital format
- **Adult VBS Leader Guide**
 - ✓ Used by the leader (teacher) to study the Bible content and plan lessons
 - ✓ A customizable lesson is located on the Enhanced CD and should be shared with each small group leader
 - ✓ Only located in the Adult VBS Starter Kit
- **Adult VBS Enhanced CD**
 - ✓ Contains items to print for daily lessons
 - ✓ Extra enhancement resources like decorating and promoting Adult VBS
 - ✓ Adult VBS extenders like snacks, recreation, and crafts designed especially for adults
 - ✓ PowerPoint® presentations for Adult VBS lessons
 - ✓ Additional Bible content study aides to enhance teaching sessions
 - ✓ Includes a Parenting Seminar that can be used to “Continue the Connection” (follow up) with adults
 - ✓ Only located in the Adult VBS Starter Kit
- **Adult VBS Learner Guide**
 - ✓ Only one copy located in Adult VBS Starter Kit
 - ✓ Purchase one copy for each adult attending for \$2.79
 - ✓ Used during Get Acquainted, Bible Study, and Application
 - ✓ Contains Bible session content if days are missed, stories, and the plan of salvation
 - ✓ Great “Continue the Connection” piece to take to homes following VBS
- Lead conferees to count off by twos. Direct all “ones” to line up on one side of the playing field (room) and “twos” to line up opposite a partner on the other side of the field. Players can take their notes (Item 2) with them.
- Coach adults to toss one ball back and forth down the line with each person stating a different stat from the information shared about Adult VBS resources.
 - Make the game more challenging by putting several balls in play at a faster rate of speed.
 - End the game by blowing a coach’s whistle and applauding the team’s recall.
- Say: “Now you are ready to go back and train the small group leaders at your own churches!”
- Emphasize the importance of training by leading a discussion on other VBS training opportunities that might help strengthen a church’s Adult VBS small group leaders.

4. The Coach’s Playbook (20 minutes)

- Share the game plan for each Adult VBS session using the information on page 4 of the leader guide.
- Explain the flexibility of the bulleted options and session extenders located on the Adult VBS Enhanced CD and included in the daily Lesson Plan.
- Place adults into 4 small groups based on the amount of time allotted for their Adult VBS schedule. (For example: 1 hour, 1.5 hours, 2 hours, etc.)
 - Give each small group the sports-themed bag closest to their VBS session time.
 - Instruct each group to build a play-by-play guide using the session activity cards in the bag, and to use the provided chalk to record the amount of time their churches will spend on each session activity.

- Assist leaders in seeing the flexibility of the Adult VBS material as each group shares its customized playbook and Adult VBS game plan.
- Allow experienced adult leaders to share ideas from their personal playbook for organizing Adult VBS sessions and resources to maximize each session's impact on Adult learners.

5. Game Time (40 minutes)

- Form 3 small teams. (Reduce to 1 or 2 teams as needed for smaller groups.) Give each a bag with Bible study lesson plans.
 - Cheer for each group and encourage learners to get out on the playing field!
- Instruct adults to study their assigned Bible Study Lesson Plan and use the laminated white pieces of paper and dry-erase markers to record some of the activities adults will experience during the Bible lesson.
 - Instruct teams to tape a session title (Item 3: "Coach's Playbook") followed by game highlights (strategies) on the playing field. Teams will report back to the large group how adults will learn the biblical content each session.
 - Give teams 20 minutes to work, and then allow each team to report back to the group.
- Provide additional points from your personal examination of the session's game plan.
- Coach leaders to consider techniques for adapting the material for younger, median, or older adults or for special playing fields such as a nursing home, apartment complex, park, or small group setting in a home. Allow leaders to share other suggestions for taking Adult VBS outside the church and directly to the community.

6. Postgame Wrap-up (15 minutes)

- Say: "Any coach will tell you a game is won or lost long before the game is actually played. The same is true for VBS 'Continue the Connection' (follow-up) plans."
- Group conferees into three teams.
- Play one of the VBS 2018 songs while you assign one team to each of the *Before*, *During*, and *After* VBS tear sheets.
- Coach players to list strategies to "Continue the Connection" with adult learners on the provided tear sheets.
 - Allow 4 minutes at Station 1, and then blow your coach's whistle. Teams rotate clockwise to the next sign.
 - Allow 3 minutes to record responses at Station 2, and then blow the whistle.
 - Allow 2 minutes at the final station.
 - Give each person 3 star stickers. Encourage conferees to place a star sticker by specific strategies they will try during Adult VBS 2018.
 - Lead teams to retrace their steps around the stadium, review responses, and place their stars.

7. Preseason Prayer Plan (10 minutes)

- Continue playing soft background music.
- Remind leaders: "We have spent almost two hours talking about planning, preparing and promoting Adult VBS, but we've spent very little time on the one topic that can really make a difference during VBS 2018—praying! I'd like to challenge you to spend more time praying before, during, and after VBS 2018!"
- Distribute copies of "Get Your prAy Game On!" (Item 4) to each adult. Challenge players to form small groups and begin their prayer ministry for VBS 2018 right now.

- Encourage leaders to record new prayer ideas from their prayer partner teams at the bottom of their cards.
- Close by praying for the adult leaders, their churches and VBS, and their Connection ministry following VBS 2018.

Game On! Sports Match

Instructions: Draw a line to match each sport on the left with the correct term on the right.

Sport

Term

1. Cricket	Man up
2. Futsal	Oche
3. Curling	Chicane
4. Darts	Blading
5. Martial Arts	Funnies
6. Water Polo	Fielding
7. Motor racing	Cashspiel
8. Sumo Wrestling	Crucible Curse
9. Golf	Flat
10. Snooker	Chomage
11. Professional Wrestling	Winger
12. Fly Fishing	Jab

Game On! Sports Match Answer Key

1. **Fielding** in the sport of **cricket** is the action of fielders in collecting the ball after it is struck by the batsman, to limit the number of runs that the batsman scores and/or to get the batsman out by catching the ball in flight or by running the batsman out.
2. In **Futsal**, the Wing or **Winger** is a player constantly moving forward and backward in the sides of the pitch (left-wing and right-wing), between defense and attack. This position is not as offensive as the pivot, yet not as defensive as the defender.
3. A **cashspiel** is an event in the sport of **curling**. A combination of the two words *cash* and *bonspiel*, cashspiel are competitive tournaments played for money.
4. The **oche**, also called the throw line or toe line, in the game of **darts** is the line behind which the throwing player must stand.
5. A **jab** is a type of punch used in the **martial arts**.
6. **Man Up** is a player positioning of 5-on-6 in **water polo** when a defensive player is excluded from the game for twenty seconds, known as a 'kick out' or an ejection
7. A **chicane** is a serpentine curve in a road, added by design rather than dictated by geography. Chicanes add extra turns and are used both in **motor racing** and on roads and streets to slow traffic for safety.
8. The **Sumo chonmage** is a form of Japanese traditional topknot haircut worn by men.
9. **Funnies** are terms used during a game of **golf** to describe various achievements, both positive and negative. They are different from traditional expressions such a birdie, eagle, etc. in that they do not necessarily refer to strict scores, but to unusual events which may happen in the course of a game.
10. The "**Crucible curse**" (also known as "The curse of the Crucible") refers to the fact that no first-time **snooker** world champion has retained his title the following year since the tournament moved to the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield in 1977.
11. In **professional wrestling**, **blading** is the practice of intentionally cutting oneself to provoke bleeding.
12. In **fly-fishing**, the **flat** is an area of water with a relatively stable depth, often over a sand or grass bottom; common area for fish such as bonefish, stripers, and redfish to forage for food.

Source: Wikipedia.com

Adult Starter Kit

Adult Leader Guide

Adult Enhanced CD

Adult Learner Guide

X	Team Draft Registration & Snacks	
	Spring Training Get Acquainted	0
X	Exhibition Games Create Interest	
	Season Plan Bible Study	0
X	Pro Bowl Application	
	Post-Game Closure	0

<p style="text-align: center;">Get your prAy Game On!</p> <p>The Challenge: <i>Match the efforts spent in preparing & promoting VBS with praying for VBS.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enlist a prayer team! 2. Prayer walking 3. Around-the-clock praying 4. Prayer chains 5. On-site real-time praying 6. 40 days of prayer and fasting 7. Prayer/Commissioning Service 8. Use social media to encourage prayer for VBS 9. Church communications – Bulletins, newsletters, email blasts, telephone trees, and every means of communication needs a reminder to pray for VBS. 10. Lead a study on prayer for VBS <p>What ideas would you add to the list?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Get your prAy Game On!</p> <p>The Challenge: <i>Match the efforts spent in preparing & promoting VBS with praying for VBS.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enlist a prayer team! 2. Prayer walking 3. Around-the-clock praying 4. Prayer chains 5. On-site real-time praying 6. 40 days of prayer and fasting 7. Prayer/Commissioning Service 8. Use social media to encourage prayer for VBS 9. Church communications – Bulletins, newsletters, email blasts, telephone trees, and every means of communication needs a reminder to pray for VBS. 10. Lead a study on prayer for VBS <p>What ideas would you add to the list?</p>
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