

VBS 2019 CHILDREN'S CRAFTS ROTATION BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (2 HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This two-hour plan is designed to train and equip VBS craft rotation leaders to lead the crafts rotation using LifeWay's *VBS 2019 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.

Needed Resources

- 5 *VBS 2019 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides*
- 6 *VBS 2019 Tablecloths*
- *VBS 2019 VBX® Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide*
- *VBS 2019 Super Duper Sized Backdrop*
- *VBS 2019 Visual Pack*
- *VBS 2019 Music for Kids CD*
- *VBS 2019 Whirleys*
- *VBS 2019 Inflatable Frog* and other promotional items to decorate tables
- Brown and green bulletin board paper
- Cardstock — Fold into tent signs to label each sample craft. (OPTION: Label each sample craft using the *VBS 2019 Sticker Name Tags*.)
- *VBS 2019 Whoo's Calling Earbud Holder Craft Pack* for 1/5 of the conferees (OPTION: Collect and prepare craft supplies listed on p. 11 of the leader guide instead of using ready-made craft packs.)
- *VBS 2019 Balancing Butterfly Craft Pack* for 1/5 of the conferees (OPTION: Collect and prepare craft supplies listed on p. 20 of the leader guide instead of using ready-made craft packs.)
- Supplies for the "In the Wild Journal" (p. 12 of crafts leader guide) for 1/5 of the conferees
- Supplies for the "Braying Zebra" (p. 24 of crafts leader guide) for 1/5 of the conferees
- Supplies for the "Painted Message Rocks" (p. 25 of crafts leader guide) for 1/5 of the conferees
- Item 1: "I'm Feeling Wild!" — Copy 1 per conferee.
- Item 2: "Craft Rotation Snapshots" — Make 6 copies on cardstock. Print one of the following statements on the back of each, then place under 6 chairs around the room:
 1. Read each day's Scripture and pray God will speak to you through His Word.
 2. Consult VBS Director for budget, projected age attendance, and rotation schedule.
 3. Select the crafts you will make during VBS.
 4. Enlist and train leaders.
 5. Gather and purchase supplies.
 6. Prepare one of each craft.
- Item 3: "Cockatoo Collaboration" — Copy 1 per conferee.
- Sample crafts — Prepare one of each craft in the *VBS 2019 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* as well as one of each craft from the *Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide*. Display on the focal table with tent signs.
- 5 large paper gift bags — Place a leader guide and supplies for one of the featured crafts ("Whoo's Calling Earbud Holder," "Balancing Butterfly," "In the Wild Journal," "Braying Zebra," and "Painted Message Rocks") in each bag. Place each bag on a separate table.
- 5 tables—Arrange tables in the back of the room. Place a bag of supplies in the center of each table.

- Large, colorful paper flowers — Write each day's Point (on pages 6, 10, 14, 18, and 22 in the crafts leader guide) on a separate flower. Hang the flowers above or on the wall near each craft table to reinforce the biblical truths taught during Bible study each day.
- Write the following on tear sheets and display around the room:
 - Time Extenders for Early Finishers
 - Tips for Saving on Your Craft Budget
 - Best Craft Canopy Organization Ideas
 - Tips for Reinforcing the Bible Content During Crafts
 - Promotional Ideas for Craft Leaders
 - Continue the Connection Ideas for Craft Leaders
 - Tips for Sharing the Gospel Message During Crafts
 - Best Ideas for Functionally Decorating Cockatoo Canopy
- CD Player
- Timer

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Place the rain forest panel from the *VBS 2019 Super Duper Sized Backdrop* on the focal wall. Hang the *VBS 2019 Whirleys* from the ceiling to create a canopy of rain forest butterflies. Twist brown and green bulletin board paper to look like vines and hang them from the ceiling. Cover the focal table with a *VBS 2019 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum and prepared sample crafts alongside tabletop decorations. Arrange five additional tables at the back of the room. Cover with VBS tablecloths and place one prepared bag with a leader guide and craft supplies on each table. Display posters from the *VBS 2019 Visual Pack* around the room. Place small containers on each back table to collect trash as conferees make crafts.

Teaching Steps

1. I'm Feeling WILD (10 minutes)

- Play "In the Wild (*Music for Kids CD*, track 1) as conferees arrive. Distribute copies of the "I'm Feeling WILD" handout (Item 1). Ask conferees to decide which WILD animal they feel like today, and then fold the paper so that only that animal shows. Lead them to then raise that animal up high and then get together with the others who also chose that animal and to form a group.
- Ask conferees to discover who in their animal group has been teaching VBS crafts the longest, who traveled the farthest to come to the conference, and what was the last animal seen in the wild.
- Invite a volunteer from each group to share what they discovered.

2. Craft Rotation Snapshots (30 minutes)

- Invite conferees to a seat. Direct them to look under their chairs for one of the "Craft Rotation Snapshots" (Item 2).
- Call on those six conferees to read the statements on the back of their cameras. Use information from page 1 of the craft leader guide (Get Started) and the following to talk about each statement:
 1. **Discuss how you prepare your heart for VBS.** Ask conferees to turn to the person on their right and briefly share how they prepare to teach crafts by praying and reading the Bible content ahead of time. Review each day's Point displayed on the large flowers by the craft tables.
 2. **Discuss how you plan for VBS.** Ask conferees to turn to the person on their left to discuss what information they need from the VBS Director to successfully plan for crafts.

3. **Select the crafts you will make during VBS.** Share tips that leaders may want to keep in mind when selecting crafts for VBS (such as the length of time for crafts rotation, the ages of the children they will lead, supplies that are available in their area, and so forth). Remind conferees that all of the crafts in the leader guide have been tested and are written for kids who have completed grades 1–6. (Crafts suitable for preschoolers may be found in the *Preschool Crafts Rotation Guide* in the *3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack*. Crafts for students and adults may be found in their respective age group leader guides.)
4. **Enlist and train leaders.** Direct conferees to find someone new and discuss ways to enlist and train craft leaders for VBS. Point out the importance of encouraging leaders to make the crafts in advance so they can be familiar with the steps and make any necessary adjustments ahead of time.
5. **Gather and purchase supplies.** Call on 3–5 volunteers to give their best money-saving tip for crafts!
6. **Prepare one of each craft.** Show the crafts displayed on the focal table. Mention how the crafts connect to each day's Bible content using the *Craft Connections* found each day in the leader guide. Point out that each craft includes steps to prepare in advance and leader tips to help with preparation, timesaving, alternate supplies, and so forth.

3. Crafts Under the Canopy (35 minutes)

- Form five even groups and direct each group to one of the tables at the back of the room.
- Lead conferees to follow the instructions in the bags to make their assigned craft using the provided supplies.
- Ask each group to discuss the following questions after making their craft and to share their answers with the larger group:
 - How does the craft relate to the biblical content or VBS theme?
 - What challenges did you encounter making the craft?
 - What additional preparation is needed for younger children to successfully complete the craft on time?
 - How could the craft be extended for an older student?
- Allow time for each group to share.
- Point out the 3–5 day craft option (“Giraffe Air Freshener,” p. 27) of craft guide) on display. Mention that this craft will take several days to complete and can be worked on all week.
- Remind conferees that additional craft ideas are located in the following resources: *3s–Kindergarten Rotation Pack* includes 15 craft/art activities plus 5 free art activities; *VBX/Preteen Leader Guide* includes 5 craft ideas; *Student Leader Guide* includes 5 craft ideas, and the *Adult CD–ROM* includes 10 craft ideas. So along with the 15 ideas in the children's craft guide there are a total of 50 crafts to choose from!

4. Cockatoo Collaboration (40 minutes)

- Place conferees into smaller groups at each tear sheet located around the room.
- Set a timer for 3 minutes and encourage groups to list tips and best practices at each tear sheet. Play VBS music as conferees work.
- After 3 minutes, lead conferees to rotate to the next poster and add additional tips to the sheet. If they agree with a statement already listed, they should add a star next to the statement.
- Continue until each group has visited all the tear sheets.

- Provide each conferee with a copy of "Cockatoo Collaboration" (Item 3). Allow time for teams to share information from the last tear sheet they visited. Conferees may add notes to their handouts as information is shared.
- Thank everyone for sharing his or her expertise!

5. Canopy Close (5 minutes)

- Invite conferees to return to their seats. Open your Bible and read John 20:31.
- Close the session by offering a prayer of thanksgiving for the leaders who will work with children in crafts during VBS.

Sleepy Sloth



Peppy Penguin



Hungry Hedgehog



Grumpy Grizzly





Item 2: Craft Rotation Snapshots

<p>Time Extenders for Early Finishers</p>	<p>Promotional Ideas for Craft Leaders</p>
<p>Tips for Saving on Your Craft Budget</p>	<p>Continue the Connection (Follow Up) Ideas for Craft Leaders</p>
<p>Best Craft Canopy Organization Ideas</p>	<p>Tips for sharing the Gospel Message During Crafts</p>
<p>Tips for Reinforcing the Bible Content During Crafts</p>	<p>Best Ideas for Functionally Decorating Cockatoo Canopy for Crafts</p>