



CHOOSE YOUR FORMAT



In the Wild™ offers an excellent evangelistic opportunity for your church and community and is flexible enough to meet your needs. In the Wild can be used in a variety of formats. Use the following steps to guide you as you select the format that best suits your church set up, number of volunteers, amount of space, and number of participants.

STEP 1: In the Wild offers teaching plans for babies through adults. Check the age groups you will include.

PRESCHOOL

- Babies–2s
- 3s–Pre-K
- Kindergarten

CHILDREN

- Grades 1–4
- VBX® grades 5–6

Note: Age groups for children are based on the grade last completed.

STUDENT

- Grades 7–8
- Grades 9–12

Note: Students can be separated into middle school and high school groups or taught all together.

ADULT

- All ages from college and career to senior adults

SPECIAL FRIENDS

- Mainstream
- Self-contained
- Combination

Note: See page 28 for a complete description.

STEP 2: Select a children’s rotation option that fits your church’s size and space.

Rotation Schedule—After Worship Rally, learners will go to their age group Bible Study rooms to interact with the day’s Bible story. Leaders will accompany the kids to each rotation site: crafts, music, snacks, missions, and recreation.

Leader Rotation—After Worship Rally, learners will go to their age group Bible Study rooms to interact with the day’s Bible story. Rotation leaders will come to Bible Study rooms to lead the rotation activities.

Self-contained Classrooms—Each of the sites can be contained in one room without moving any of the kids or leaders. Leaders can divide the responsibilities for music, missions, recreation, snacks, and crafts. These can be led in any order.

Bible Study Rotation—After Worship Rally, learners will begin rotations with Bible Study included in the

rotation schedule. Leaders prepare the Bible study and teach it to different groups of children.

VBX® for Preteens—VBX has been designed as a Vacation Bible School experience especially for preteens. You will need to determine the rotation option that best fits your church.

Traditional Schedule—Preteens will rotate through rotations with grades 1–4.

VBX Schedule—Preteens will attend Worship Rally with the other age groups, but then they will stay together for the remainder of their time with a break for missions and snacks. Recreation and crafts will be taught in Bible study.

Note: Preschool rotation options and schedules are discussed on pages 17 and 18.

STEP 3: Choose the hours, number of days, and times you plan to do VBS.

Traditional 5-Day VBS—You will need to decide on morning/afternoon slots or an evening schedule and the number of hours. See pages 20–22 for sample schedules.

Mornings from _____ to _____

Afternoons from _____ to _____

Evenings from _____ to _____

Once-a-Week—The VBS curriculum can be used as a once-a-week program for kids (such as Wacky Wednesday) throughout the summer. Present the Bible story along with two rotation activities one week. Follow up the next week with a Bible story review and two more rotation activities.

One Day, Weekend, and Two Weeks—Example schedules have been provided on our website at www.lifeway.com/vbs if your church would like to offer one of these formats.