

## VBS 2022 CHILDREN'S CRAFT OVERVIEW CONFERENCE PLAN (90 MINUTES)

### Purpose Statement

This 90-minute plan is designed to train and equip VBS crafts rotations leaders to lead the crafts rotation of Lifeway's Spark Studio VBS.

### Needed Resources

- 6 *VBS 2022 Crafts Rotation Leader Guides* - Place one in each gift bag and one on the display table.
- 4 *VBS 2022 Tablecloths* – Cut 3 in half and place squares over round colored tablecloths on the 5 round tables. Use the full tablecloth on the craft display table.
- 2 sets of *VBS 2022 Inflatable Crayons* – Display them around the room. Attach the index cards listed below on 4 of the crayons. Option: If you do not have access to the *VBS 2022 Inflatable Crayons*, you may choose to use 4 large paintbrushes.
- *VBS 2022 Cups* – Use on tables to hold supplies such as markers and pencils.
- *VBS 2022 Supersized Backdrop* – Display on the focal wall of the room.
- *VBS 2022 Rotation Sign for Crafts Design Center* – Display outside the door.
- *VBS 2022 Music for Kids CD* – To play while conferees enter and/or while crafting
- *VBS 2022 Theme Stickers*
- *VBS 2022 Sticky Foam Shapes*
- *VBS 2022 Worship Rally CD Set* – Print the Bible Story pictures for each day.
- Enough of each day's supplies for 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the conferees to make their assigned craft. (1/5<sup>th</sup> of the conferees will make Day 1's craft, 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the conferees will make Day 2's craft, etc.)
  - Day 1: "Colorful World Light" (supplies listed on page 8)
  - Day 2: "Woven Heart Game Mat" (supplies listed on page 12)
  - Day 3: "Jesus Saves Bible Bands" (supplies listed on page 17)
  - Day 4: "Mystery Message Card" (supplies listed on page 21)
  - Day 5: "Band Together Wristbands" (supplies listed on page 25)
- Items 1a-e: "Craft Table Tent Labels" – Photocopy onto cardstock. Fold into tents and place on the craft display table by the corresponding crafts.
- Item 2: "Craft Evaluation" – Print a copy for each conferee.
- Sample crafts – Make a sample of each craft in the *2022 VBS Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* and the *VBS 2022 Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide*. Place the crafts and labels on a table near the focal wall. NOTE: Preteen crafts are not included on the table tent labels (items 1a-e).
- 5 round colored plastic tablecloths in various bright colors.
- 5 medium sized brightly colored gift bags – Label each bag a different day (Day 1, Day 2, etc.). Place inside each bag a *VBS 2022 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide* and the corresponding daily Bible Story picture.
- 4 index cards – Write each of the following on a separate index card and tape to one of the *VBS 2022 Inflatable Crayons: Prepare Your Heart, Plan, Teach, Continue the Connection*. Option – If you do not have access to the *VBS 2022 Inflatable Crayons*, you may choose to attach the index cards to 4 large paintbrushes.
- Cardstock
- Marker
- Tape

- CD Player

### Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing the focal wall. Cover the focal wall with a *VBS 2022 Supersized Backdrop*. Cover a table at the front with a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* and display the daily craft samples and Craft Table Labels. Cover 5 round tables with the colored round tablecloths and half of a *VBS 2022 Tablecloth* (square). Place a gift bag in the center of each table. If you do not have room for round tables, conferees may form small groups and work in their chairs.

### Teaching Steps

#### 1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Play "VBS 2022 Music for Kids CD" as conferees arrive. Invite conferees to find a chair in the front of the room.
- Introduce yourself and welcome conferees to the Crafts Design Center.

#### 2. The Basics of Leading Crafts (15 minutes)

- Mention the first item needed for success as a crafts leader is the *VBS 2022 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*. Lead conferees to open to page 1 in their guides if they have them.
- Invite four volunteers to gather and bring to the front the *VBS 2022 Inflatable Crayons* and read what is written on each index card. (These are listed on page 1 of the *VBS 2022 Crafts Rotation Leader Guide*.)
  - *Prepare Your Heart* – Review the daily Bible Stories and scripture passages and spend time in prayer.
  - *Plan* – Confirm details for your craft rotation (ages, times, etc.), select the crafts, and plan on how to gather supplies (purchasing or collecting).
  - *Teach* – Reinforce the biblical truths and build relationships with the children while you lead the craft rotation.
  - *Continue the Connection* – Look for ways to stay connected with the kids you taught.
- Mention that the crafts guide also contains other helpful information:
  - *Sharing the Gospel with Kids* is included on the inside front cover of the leader guide. Every craft leader should be familiar with this information and be ready to share the gospel with kids at any moment.
  - *Templates* are available in the back of the guide as well. This makes prepping crafts truly easy.
  - *Icons* mark crafts that are also preschool-friendly as well as the ones where there is a craft pack option to save time prepping supplies.
- Mention that crafts leaders will also need to keep in mind the following:
  - How many kids will I have? What ages? How long is the rotation?
  - When selecting crafts, keep in mind the skills and abilities of different ages. Plan alternate crafts or make adjustments as needed.
  - Enlist a team – don't do this alone! Get people to help not only during the week of VBS but in the preparation beforehand.
  - Get organized with daily supplies. Bag supplies together by day for easy storage and transport to and from VBS.
  - Consider planning a few free-art options for kids to do if they finish earlier than the group.

#### 3. Daily Stories (15 minutes)

- Form five groups and send each group to a different round table.
  - Lead conferees to remove the Crafts Leader Guide and Bible Story Picture (printed from Worship Rally CD Set) from the gift bag at their table, then locate the page that correspond to their assigned day (printed on the bag.)
  - Encourage them to read the Bible Story Summary and Today's Point for their day and be ready to share with the large group.
  - Allow each group to share the Bible Study information from their assigned day in 2 minutes or less.
  - Remind conferees of the importance of knowing the Bible Study information and helping kids make the connections to the craft for each day.
4. **Test Crafts** (20 minutes)
- Invite each of the five groups to use the supplies on their table to make their assigned craft.
  - Encourage conferees to keep in mind the craft guidelines discussed earlier in this conference and to be ready to share with the group how the craft connects to the Bible Story or truth of the day.
5. **Craft Review** (30 minutes)
- Distribute a copy of the "Craft Evaluation" (item 2).
  - Give a quick overview of each craft from the samples at the front of the room. Pause when you get to one of the crafts assigned to a group and allow them to share about that craft. Talk about the accessibility of supplies for each craft and suggest different places conferees can go to find supplies.
  - Point out suggestions included in the Leader Tips. Allow questions, but do not dwell on one craft or day for too long.
  - Remind conferees of the craft packs provided by Lifeway. Explain that these craft packs simplify the process of preparation for the leader and come with everything (except basic supplies like scissors and glue) needed to complete the crafts. Mention that craft packs are perfect for home delivery if VBS takes place at home, virtually, in a backyard setting, or other non-traditional spaces.
6. **Closing** (5 minutes)
- Invite a conferee to look up the scripture for the week (Ephesians 2:10) and read it to the group.
  - Remind conferees of the privilege that is theirs as craft leaders to help kids learn to use their talents to bring glory to God. Their creativity is a gift from the infinitely creative Creator who designed them for His glory.
  - Close in prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to use crafts to help kids discover the that we are His workmanship and masterpieces in process.



## **Day 1: God, The Creator**

**Look What I Made**  
**Colorful World Light**  
**Creation Peg Light**



## **Day 2: God, The Designer**

**David's Harp**

**Woven Heart Game Mat**

**Stitch It Sketch Book**



## **Day 3: Jesus, The King**

### **King's Crown**

**Color-Dyed Fabric Squares**

**“Jesus Saves” Bible Bands**



## **Day 4: Jesus, The Redeemer**

**Canvas Masterpiece**

**Gospel Origami**

**Mystery Message Card**



## **Day 5: Holy Spirit, The Helper**

**Church On Mission**

**Twirly Whirly Wind Gadget**

**Band Together Wristbands**

DAY 1: LOOK WHAT I MADE				VOTED KIDS FAVORITE	
3-inch-by 12-inch foam board plaque	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/20x30 (14)		\$0.08
White card stock	1 /child	Walmart	\$4.53/25		\$0.20
Jute string, 20-inch length	2/child	Dollar Tree			\$0.05
2-inch spring clothespin	4/child	Walmart	\$1.88/24		\$0.32
Pony beads	4/child	Hobby Lobby	\$1.97500		\$0.02
Plain paper					
¼-inch hole punch, awl or ice pick					
VBS 2022 Theme Stickers		LifeWay	\$4.99/10 sheets		
VBS 2022 Foam Shapes		LifeWay	\$6.99/150		
<b>NOTE: Costs do not include paint, glue, paint brushes, tools or optional stickers.</b>				<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>	\$0.67
				<b>CRAFT PACK</b>	\$0.59
				<b>TIME: 13-19minutes</b>	

**KIDS SAY:** "This is cute." "I'll hang this in my room." "I'm making my Os into eyeballs." "This could be a puzzle for the Bible verse."

**SUGGESTIONS:**

Holes were easier to punch with an awl or ice pick. Add letter stickers for kids to make, "Look what \_\_\_\_\_ made."

DAY 1: COLORFUL WORLD LIGHT					
Table tennis balls	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/6		\$0.17
Tea Light	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/2		\$0.50
Craft knife (leader use only)					
Acrylic paint					
Small paper plate	Several for kids to share	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/18		\$0.05
Pencils or dowels	Recycled pencils				
Permanent markers or felt pens					
Foam blocks or cups	Recycled packing foam				
Hot glue, optional					
				<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>	\$0.72
				<b>TIME: 14-16 minutes</b>	

**KIDS SAY:** "This is pretty."

**SUGGESTIONS:** Tea lights need to be a light color so the writing will show. Straws were too flimsy. Use a pencil or skewer. Remind the kids not to mix the colors too much. It makes grey. Use a paint brush instead of rolling the ball in paint. Kids didn't like that they couldn't get the paint on the bottom of the ball. Also, if the paint is thick the light doesn't show through very well. Consider decoupage with tissue paper instead of paint.

DAY 1: CREATION PEG LIGHT					
4-by-4-inch black foam board		Dollar Tree	\$1.00/30		\$0.04
"Creation Designs"	1/child				
White crayons or pens					
4-by-4-inch paper squares					
"Peg Board"					
Plastic pegs	20/child	E-bay	\$9.99/200		\$1.00
Zip-lock bag	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/45		\$0.03
Portable light source					
Large binder clip	1/child				
Small binder clips	2/child				
				<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>	\$1.07
				<b>CRAFT PACK</b>	\$0.59
				<b>TIME: 12-20 minutes</b>	

**KIDS SAY:** "I'll use it for a light." "This is interesting."

**SUGGESTIONS:** We need to find a way for leaders to print the white on black. Lite Brite pegs don't have sharp points now.

DAY 2: DAVID'S HARP				VOTED KIDS FAVORITE	
8½ -by-10-inches cardboard	1/child	Scrap			
"David's Harp Template"					
4-inch rubber bands	4/child	Walmart	\$1.27/80		\$0.07
Plastic drinking straws	1/2 /child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/50		\$0.01
Craft knife (leader use only)					
Large craft stick	2/child	Hobby Lobby	\$2.99/75		\$0.08
Paint & foam brushes	(optional)				
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.16</b>
<b>CRAFT PACK</b>					<b>\$0.59</b>
<b>TIME: 10-17 Minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "This is awesome!" I can play it."

**SUGGESTIONS:** It needs a couple of large craft sticks to keep the cardboard from bending. These could be on the back or incorporated into the design on the front. Make sure bands are long enough. Tape the straw down so that it doesn't become an arrow to be shot by the rubber bands. Use a paper cutter to cut the straight edges. Use a die cut to make the center circle. If you don't have a circle, a square, heart or other die shape will work just as well.

DAY 2: WOVEN HEART GAME MAT					
4-inch-by-6-inch craft foam	2/child	Walmart	\$1.72/32		\$0.11
Buttons (2 colors, 5 each)	10/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/90		\$0.12
Scissors					
Glue or glue dots					
"Woven Heart Mat"					
Quart-size zip-lock bags	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/45		\$0.03
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.26</b>
<b>TIME: 12-17 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "Love it." "I'll play with my friends."

**SUGGESTIONS:** Be sure the slits on the template allow room for weaving. Kids will be able to see the pattern for weaving better if you turn the heart to the side so that the grid is square with them.

DAY 2: SKETCH IT BOOK					
Small notebook	1/child	Dollar General	\$1.00/3		\$0.34
"Stitch Patterns"	1/child				\$0.08
Tape					
Push pins	1/child				
Kid-friendly needles	1/child	Walmart	\$1.47/6		\$0.25
Embroidery thread		Walmart	\$0.98/8 yards		\$0.09
Foam board	optional				
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.76</b>
<b>TIME: 9-19 Minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "I'm going to use this for a prayer journal."

**SUGGESTIONS:** Tapestry needles have a blunt tip and work well for this. If you go around twice the entire design will show. Be sure to have an odd number of holes on the pattern. Use packing tape to cover back of the sewing.

<b>DAY 3: KING'S CROWN MAGNET</b>					<b>VOTED KID'S FAVORITE</b>
"King's Crown Template"					
Gold foil (or aluminum foil)	36-inches /child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/15 sq ft		\$0.03
Cardstock	½ /child	Walmart	\$4.53/25		\$0.10
Wooden skewers	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/32		\$0.01
Craft gems	10 /child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/50		\$0.20
Magnet strip	1/child	Walmart	\$3.99/40		\$0.10
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.44</b>
<b>CRAFT PACK</b>					<b>\$0.59</b>
<b>TIME: 8-16 Minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** *I will stick it to the fridge.* "This is pretty."

**SUGGESTIONS:** We used metallic wrapping paper that was gold on one side and silver on the other. Apply glue stick to the back (side without lines) of the template. Glue the crown to the paper, then cut along the lines for a cleaner edge. Double sided tape is not needed. The gems were a big hit with the girls, boys not as much. Bonus: Cutting aluminum foil will sharpen your scissors!

<b>DAY 3: Color-Dyed Fabric Squares</b>					
White fabric or bandanna	1/child	Walmart	\$3.00/ 4		\$0.75
Washable watercolor paint palette		Dollar Tree	\$1.00/20		\$0.05
Warm water					
Plastic cups					
Rubber bands		Recycled			
Paper towels					
Ziplock bags		Dollar Tree	\$1.00/20		\$0.05
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.95</b>

**SUGGESTIONS:** Option: Use the sharpie marker with alcohol to make faux tie-dye if watercolors don't work for you.

<b>DAY 3: "JESUS SAVES" BIBLE BANDS</b>					
Bible	1/child				
Duct tape					\$0.05
Elastic hair bands	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/36		\$0.03
Craft gems	(optional)	Hobby Lobby	\$2.19		\$0.16
Paper					
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.29</b>
<b>TIME: 10-12 Minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:**

*"I'll use this as a bookmark in my Bible."*

DAY 4: CANVAS MASTERPIECE					
Canvas	1/ child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/3		\$0.34
Painter's tape		Walmart	\$2.97/60 yds		\$0.02
Small washi or masking tape		Dollar General	\$1.00/49 feet		\$0.05
Acrylic paint in various colors					\$0.02
Foam brushes					
Small easels	1/child	Amazon	\$10.00/24		\$0.42
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.85</b>
<b>CRAFT PACK</b>					<b>\$0.59</b>
<b>TIME: 7-13 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "I'm making mine ombre." "I'll hang it in my room." "It's perfect!"

**SUGGESTIONS:** The kids loved that they were getting to use paint on real canvas. Extend the tape over the edge of the canvas to tape it to the table. Don't wrap the tape around the back- it makes it too hard to remove.

DAY 4: GOSPEL ORIGAMI					
Brown card stock	1/child	Walmart	\$5.34/25		\$0.22
Red construction paper	1/child	Walmart	\$7.47/50		\$0.01
"Gospel Booklet"	1/child				
"Gospel: God's Plan Icons"					
VBS 2022 Theme Stickers	(optional)	LifeWay			
Craft knife (leader use only)					
<b>COST PER PROJCT</b>					<b>\$0.23</b>
<b>TIME: 18-20 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "I can show this to people." "This is cool."

**SUGGESTIONS:** The template needs to allow extra room at the top and sides so that it can fit over the bulk created when folding the card. It would also be helpful if the side flaps were already trimmed in a half heart shape so the flaps will fit in the slot. Younger children may just cut square around the icons. The circle shapes take longer to cut out. Save this template to use again. It is a great Gospel message craft.

DAY 4: MYSTERY MESSAGE CARD				VOTED KIDS FAVORITE	
Cardstock (1st color)	½ /child	Walmart	\$4.53/25		\$0.10
Cardstock (2nd color)	1/8/ child	Walmart	\$4.53/25		\$0.03
Double-sided tape		Walmart	\$3.06/250in		\$0.08
VBS 2022 Theme Stickers	(optional)	LifeWay	\$4.99/10 sheets		
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.21</b>
<b>TIME: 14-16 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "Everyone give this a 10. We've got to make sure this is in the book!" "It's the most awesome thing ever!" "That's tricky."

**SUGGESTIONS:**

- They were not too excited until we showed them how to discover the mystery, then it was a real hit.
- You could do a template to show where to make the cuts. We folded a scrap piece of 5½ -inch paper into thirds to see where to mark the cut lines for the slits.

DAY 5: CHURCH ON MISSION					
Blank gable box	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$1.99/12		\$0.17
Markers					
Scissors					
VBS 2022 Foam Shapes	(optional)	LifeWay	\$6.99/150		
VBS 2022 Theme Stickers	(optional)	LifeWay	\$4.99/10 sheets		
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.17</b>
<b>CRAFT PACK</b>					<b>\$0.59</b>
<b>TIME: 11-15 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "I would collect my money for the offering." "This is pretty cute."

**SUGGESTIONS:** The template is hard to cut, fold and glue. Definitely buy the kit or get plain gable boxes to decorate. It is very easy to lay the box flat and use a craft knife to cut the money slit before giving the box to the kids. Cutting the slit with scissors was much harder.

DAY 5: TWIRLEY WHIRLEY WIND GADGET					
Eight 1-by-11-inch strips copy paper	8/child (various colors)	Walmart	\$3.97/100 sheets		\$0.04
Four 1½ -inch cardstock paper circles	1 set /child	Walmart	\$4.53/25		\$0.04
Wooden dowel	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/10		\$0.10
Hole punch (leader use only)					
Hot glue (leader use only)					
Bead					
VBS 2022 Theme Stickers	(optional)		\$4.99/10 sheets		
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.18</b>
<b>TIME: 15-19 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "I'm going to make some for my friends." "This is fun."

**You can't glue the strips until both sets are on the dowel.**

**SUGGESTIONS:** Cut the strips and stack them in sets of eight. Bring all the ends together and use a heavy duty, tabletop hole punch so all the strips for each can be punched at the same time. This will help the holes be uniform and so they fit together better. Circles can be cut out with a circle cutter. A hand-held punch will reach to punch a hole in the center of the circles. You may need to move the second set of strips up and down a few times to loosen the hole enough for the craft to spin.

DAY 5: BAND TOGETHER WRISTBANDS					VOTED KIDS FAVORITE
Rectangle wood block	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/54 (Jenga blocks)		\$0.02
Pencils	2/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/24		\$0.09
Large rubber bands or tape	1/child	scrap			\$0.02
Small rubber bands in various colors	50/child	Walmart	\$25.00/8000		\$0.16
Bracelet clasps	(optional)	Hobby Lobby	\$7.42/300		\$0.03
<b>COST PER PROJECT</b>					<b>\$0.32</b>
<b>TIME: 15-20 minutes</b>					

**KIDS SAY:** "It was perfect." "I'll wear it." "I love it!"

**SUGGESTIONS:** We used Jenga blocks and pencils to make the loom. I would put the pencils together for all the kids. We turned a Styrofoam cup upside down and taped it to the table. We stuck the loom through the bottom of the cup to hold it while the kids worked. The bracelet clasps were very inexpensive, but if you choose not to purchase them, cut a band and tie the first and last bands together.