



VBS 2013 *Thrill Seekers* Student Extras Conference

Purpose Statement

This one-hour conference is designed to introduce church leaders to the rotation options of Worship, Recreation, Crafts, Refreshments, and Missions of LifeWay 2013 Student Vacation Bible School, *Thrill Seekers*, preparing them to teach other leaders who work with students in local churches. Conferees will be introduced to VBS resources, including the Leader Guide, Student Book, and accompanying DVD-ROM.

Resources to Prepare and Collect

- Youth VBS 2013 Student Books and Leader Guides (at least enough for small groups to share)
- *Thrill Seekers* theme poster (pull out from middle of Leader Guide)
- Markers and pens (1 for each attendee)
- Tape (safe for attaching posters to walls)
- Nametags
- Purchase and ownload the suggested music playlist from the DVD-ROM to your MP3 player.

Worship

- Item 11: “J. I. Packer Quote” (DVD-ROM)
- Think of a God-directed change you have made in your own life.

Recreation

- 3 tennis balls

Snacks

- 9 cups of Rice Chex[®] cereal
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1½ cups powdered sugar
- Follow directions from page 14 for preparation.

Missions

- Episode 2 from DVD-ROM

Crafts

- Wire show curtain rings
- Narrow ribbon
- Key rings
- Scissors
- Make a sample of each craft from the Craft rotations for sessions 2–5.

Resources to Copy

- Make copies of “Rotation Options” (handout 1), one per attendee.

Focal Wall Description

- Attach theme poster to the center of the focal wall.
- Position the TV/DVD player or projector screen near the theme poster.
- Attach other signs and posters found on the DVD-ROM.

Room Setup Description

- Set table near front of the room/focal wall for leader use.
- Arrange chairs in sets of two, forming several rows of chairs with aisles between them to give the feel of a roller coaster.
- Set up laptop and projector on leader table and large screen on focal wall (if unable to project on focal wall).
- Set up side table with DVD-ROM items printed out for attendees to view, as well as the craft items you have prepared.

Decoration Suggestions

- Decorate the room using suggestions from page 5 of the Leader Guide.
- Display theme-park-type items.

Audiovisual Needs

- Laptop computer (with DVD-ROM)
- Projector (to connect to laptop)
- Large screen (if unable to project onto focal wall)
- CD player or MP3 player

Teaching Procedures**Step 1: “Pre-Ride Prep” (Before Conferees Arrive)**

- Gather the markers and nametags.
- Cue the MP3 player to play music suggested on *Thrill Seekers* DVD-ROM playlist.

Step 2: “At the Starting Line” (As Conferees Arrive)

- Play the Day 2 Countdown timer from the DVD as conferees enter.

- Welcome the conferees as they enter.
- Distribute markers and nametags.

Step 3: “Welcome to the Ride” (5 minutes)

- Introduce yourself.
- Explain that this year, students who participate in Youth VBS will be taken on a thrilling adventure that is sure to challenge them to step out of their comfort zones and experience the joy of living a life in Christ’s will.
- Explain that this conference is designed to give conferees a sampling of the different rotation options that are available for students to experience during Youth VBS this year.

Step 4: “The Ride of Your Life” (5 minutes)

- Ask if any conferee would be willing to share a daring adventure he has taken as an ambassador for Christ. Explain that the adventure doesn’t have to be a trip to a foreign country—it could be just speaking up for Christ in a tense situation.
- Allow a few minutes for conferees to share.
- Explain that *Thrill Seekers* rotations are designed to support the theme of VBS. Churches can choose to use any of the ideas of the ideas to help support their Youth VBS. Distribute copies of handout 1 for the conferees to use as a listening guide.

Step 5: “Worship” (10 minutes)

- Explain that there is a worship suggestion for every session of *Thrill Seekers* VBS. Each suggestion contains a suggested song (playlist, DVD-ROM item 32), a quote to get students to think about the topic, and a speaker idea.
- Play the suggested song for session 1—“Change This Heart,” by Sidewalk Prophets—as the conferees prayerfully listen.
- Share a daring change you have made in your own life as a result of your Christian walk.
- Read the posted quote by J. I. Packer: “Have you been holding back from a risky, costly course to which you know in your heart God has called you? Hold back no longer. Your God is faithful to you, and adequate for you. You will never need more than He can supply, and what He supplies, both materially and spiritually, will always be enough for the present.”
- Ask a few conferees to respond to the quote and pray.
- Explain that the conferees have just completed a sampling of the Worship rotation for session 1. Explain that each Worship rotation follows a similar format.

Step 6: “Recreation” (10 minutes)

- Instruct the conferees to stand and form circles of no fewer than three and no more than eight people.
- Demonstrate how to throw an underhand pass to another player. Emphasize that no hard throws are allowed.
- Explain that if the person catches the ball, he will throw it to another player, but if he drops it, he will go down on one knee.
- Add that if the same person drops it again, he will go down on two knees.

- Continue the game in this manner, eventually having players go down on one elbow, both elbows, then their chins, and then they are out.
- Congratulate the winner—the player who has gone down on the fewest body parts.
- Explain that the conferees have just played the Recreation option for session 1. Briefly explain the four other recreation options.

Step 7: “Snacks” (5 minutes)

- Explain that each session has a suggested Snacks option. Share that you have prepared the snack for session 1, “Lost Lunch Munch.”
- Allow the conferees to sample the snacks.
- Note that the Snacks options are not peanut butter free, so be sure to caution leaders of students with peanut allergies.
- Briefly review the other Snacks options.

Step 8: “Missions” (10 minutes)

- Comment that this year, the Missions option has a video supplement.
- Cue the DVD to episode 2, and explain that conferees will hear Mr. Sugioka, a formerly successful businessman from Japan, tell how he experienced a sharp turn of events in his life after an employee made a huge error and how the caring of a friend led to an even more important change in Mr. Sugioka’s life.
- Watch the video; then ask the conferees what the sharp turn was. Ask what action on the part of Mr. Sugioka’s friend helped the man experience an even bigger change.
- Remind the conferees that even the simplest acts of kindness and caring can make a huge impact in a person’s life. Conferees don’t have to be afraid to reach out to those whom God wants them to interact with.
- Explain that there are video options and activity options for each Missions rotation during *Thrill Seekers* VBS.

Step 9: “Crafts” (10 minutes)

- Distribute the supplies for the “Loop It, Leave It Key Chain” craft (page 14 of the Leader Guide).
- Give the following instructions:
 - Braid three lengths of narrow ribbon together; then thread the shower curtain ring through the spaces in the braid.
 - Tie and knot the ends, and trim any excess ribbon after tying.
 - Slide on a key ring, and work it through the ribbon to keep it in place.
 - Snap the shower curtain rings to backpacks, belt loops, and so forth.
- Display the other crafts from each session.

Step 10: “Exit the Ride” (5 minutes)

- Share that you are happy to answer any questions about the Rotations options.
- Explain that these options are great tools for engaging different types of learners.
- Pray and dismiss.

Rotation Options (Handout 1)

Below are two sample schedule options for a Youth VBS event:

	Two-Hour	Three-Hour
Worship	30 minutes	30 minutes
Bible Study	60 minutes	60 minutes
Recreation/Refreshments	30 minutes	30 minutes
Missions		30 minutes
Crafts		30 minutes

Take notes of amazing ideas you learn, or jot down questions to ask in the space below:

- **Worship:**

- **Recreation:**

- **Refreshments:**

- **Missions:**

- **Crafts:**