



## **VBS 2013 Adult Leadership Base Conference**

### **Purpose Statement**

This two-hour plan is designed to train and equip adult VBS leaders to conduct LifeWay's *Colossal Coaster World* 2013 VBS.

### **Resources to Collect, Prepare, & Copy**

#### Resources to Collect

- Bible
- *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Pack* and other resources listed on the "Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide" (Handout 1)
- Extra copies of *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*
- Extra Copies of *Adult VBS 2013 Learner Guide*
- Painter's tape
- CD player
- Name tags
- Dark color makers
- 10-12 tear sheets
- OPTION: Notebook in which to display printed CD items
- Lifeway 2013 VBS catalogues for each person present
- Small, self-adhesive notes with which to flag resources
- Backpack
- Cardboard boxes, shopping bags, and other totes or crates to create the look of the Souvenir Shop
- I Love VBS Bean Bag (Item# 005527831) or foam ball or other soft object to toss
- 5 – 10 feet of craft or butcher paper
- 6-10 sheets of color paper on which to duplicate the VBS schedule flags

#### Resources to Prepare

##### For Step 1:

- Roll up small pieces of painter tape with which to attach items to the focal wall throughout the session.
- Provide name tags and markers near the door.
- Cue the CD to Track 1, "Colossal Coaster World" theme song (CD, Music, Media & Graphics)
- Write the following questions on a large tear sheet:

1. Which theme park or theme park ride best describes your personality? Why?
  2. What are you most likely to do while in line waiting for the park to open or to ride your favorite ride?
- Mark the “Helping Adults Navigate Their Roller-Coaster World” (*Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*, p.1)

## For Step 2:

- Display the *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Pack* and other resources listed on the “Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide” (Handout 1)
- Create a Souvenir Shop using ideas from the *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*, Day 1 and the decorating ideas (CD, Theme Support)
- Provide extra copies of *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*
- Provide extra copies of *Adult VBS 2013 Learner Guide*
- Use small self-adhesive notes to flag resources in the Souvenir Shop (evangelism resources in the catalog, for example).

## For Step 3:

- Place a backpack in the Souvenir Shop.
- Place a cardboard box that opens to the back of the display, a shopping bag that is stapled, tied, and/or folded over, other totes or containers that could be used to sort items needed for each day of adult VBS and contribute to the look of the Souvenir Shop.

## For Step 4

- I Love VBS Bean Bag (Item# 005527831)
- OPTION: foam ball or other soft item one may toss
- Cut apart the “Park Personnel Park Passes” (Attachment 2) strips and attach them to the Park Passes (Attachment 1).
- Dark color marker
- Promotion Poster 2, “You’ve got the ticket to ride, (Leader Pack Item 22)
- Mark Bible to Exodus 18:13-18
- Small-Group Leader Suggestions (*Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*, pages 43-47)

## For Step 5

- 2 Timothy 2:1 roller coaster cars (Leader Pack Item 3 or larger print version on CD under Teaching Items)
- Display the Paul’s Journey of Trust sign (Leader Pack Item 6) on the focal wall.
- Prepare the “Bible Study Assignments” (Attachment 3) for all five days. Attach the assignment to the outside of a gift bag. Include all corresponding teaching/learning for each day (including CD items), as well as a color marker and a blank “Paul’s Journey of Trust” roller coaster car (Pack Item 5).
- Write a summary of the events in Paul’s life as depicted in the Bible study. Write them on the Paul’s Journey of Trust (Leader Pack Item 5) roller coaster cars. (Use these only for the day(s) not assigned to a group.)

## For Step 6

- Place 6 tear sheets around the room. Label tear sheets as follows: *2 Hour Schedule, All-Day Schedule, One-Day Plan, Weekend Schedule, 2 Week Schedule, Summer VBS*
- Cut apart the alternate schedules (Alternate VBS Schedules article from the lifeway blog web site) and attach them to the corresponding tear sheet to provide ideas for how adults can adapt these ideas for VBS for kids.
- Attach the “Alternate VBS Schedules Instructions” (Attachment 4) to each tear sheet.
- Cut a 5-10 foot length of craft or butcher paper. Use black markers or craft paint to create a silhouette of a roller coaster hill. OPTION: If wall space is not available, you

may roll up this silhouette and unroll it on the floor during this activity. You could also make a smaller visual on a tear sheet or poster board.

- Cut out the “VBS Schedule Flags” (Attachment 5). Make some blank “flags” on which you may add other suggestions made during this activity. Attach the flag to beverage straws or pipe cleaners. Attach the flags along a silhouette of a roller coaster hill. Turn the flags so the printed strips are hidden until you reveal them during the session.
- Cut apart the ideas on “Flexible for a Reason” (CD, Planning & Promotion) Attach them to the back of the 8 copies of tram clip art (CD, clip art or attachment 7).
- Display the Tram Schedule sign (Attachment 6)

#### For Step 7

- Your ABCs poster (Leader Pack Item 19)
- Flag a *Adult VBS 2013 Learner Guide* to Tabitha’s story from Day 1 (Learner Guide, p. 7 and Roger’s story from Day 2 (Learner Guide, p. 15).
- Enlist two volunteers to read Tabitha and Roger’s stories.

#### For Step 8

- Cut apart the ideas in “Involving Adult Class in Promotion and Follow Up” (CD, Planning and Promotion). Place the items in a VBS 2013 Souvenir Cup (or other beverage container or small box/basket).
- Create at least 1-2 examples of take-home packets for kids using VBS resources for kids such as VBS 2013 Kid’s Activity Pak (Babies-Kindergarten), VBS 2013 Daily Park Guide (Grades 1-6), promotional items, craft items, etc. Place the items in gallon resealable bags on which one can write the child’s name. If possible, include a copy of the VBS 2013 Family Park Guide (Item# 005490079) and/or other witnessing and follow up resources in the 2013 VBS Catalogue.
- If possible, locate and display (or print out) follow up suggestions from the VBS blog (<http://blog.lifeway.com>)

#### For Step 9

- Make one copy of “Breaking the Chain” (Adult VBS Leader Pack 2013, Item 16).
- Cut apart the “Breaking the Chain” (Adult VBS Leader Pack 2013, Item 16) strips. Provide tape or stapler with which to form chains from the FEAR strips

#### Resources to Copy

- Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide (Handout 1) – copy one per person
- My Adult Vacation Bible School Planning Grid (Handout 2) – copy one per person
- OPTION: Duplicate the CD items to create a notebook for display.
- OPTION: Print screen shots of Lifeway VBS 2013 web pages, blog, and facebook pages for display in the Souvenir Shop.
- 12 copies of blank “Park Personnel Park Passes” (Attachment 1)
- 5 copies of “Paul’s Journey of Trust” (Leader Pack, Item 5)
- Download and print “Alternate VBS Schedules” (<http://blog.lifeway.com> --Click on Planning and tips, Downloads, Follow Up and Helps to locate the download under the Director Helps heading.)
- 6 copies of Instructions for “VBS Alternate Schedule Instructions” (Attachment 4) activity
- Print “Developing Your Schedule”(CD, Planning & Promotion)
- 8 copies Tram clip art (Attachment 7)
- Print “Involving Adult Classes in Promtion and Follow Up”(CD, Planning and Promotion)
- Print “Breaking the Chain”(Adult VBS 2013 Leader Pack Item 16)

### **Focal Wall Description**

Place the Theme Park Map (Pack Item 18) in the center of the focal wall. Display Paul's Journey of Trust (Pack Item 5) to the right of the park map following instructions for Step 5 in the Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide, page 4. Leave enough space to add the Large-Print 2 Timothy 1:7 Roller-Coaster Cars (Teaching Item, CD) to the left of the park map later in the session.

### **Room Setup Description**

Create a Souvenir Shop using ideas in Day 1, Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide and Decorating Ideas (CD, Theme Support). Place chairs in a semi circle facing the Souvenir Shop.

### **Decoration Suggestions**

Decorate the room using suggestions for the Souvenir Shop (CD, Theme Support).

OPTION: Display some of the roller coaster backdrops (Catalogue, Colossal Coaster World Decorations).

OPTION: Create a main gate area using ideas from the decorating tips located at (lifeway blog decorating tips)

### **Audio Visual Needs**

- OPTION: Data Projector, drop cord, and projection screen if blank wall is unavailable
- Download "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) available at [www.LifewayWorship.com](http://www.LifewayWorship.com). OPTION: Provide the lyrics to this song or to "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

### **Teaching Steps**

1. Main Gate (5 minutes)
  - Play "Colossal Coaster World" theme song (CD, Music, Media & Graphics)
  - Greet park guests (participants) as they arrive and invite them to complete a name tag and follow the instructions on the tear sheet.
  - Introduce yourself and share the name of one person you met, along with one answer he or she shared. Invite a few others to do the same.
  - Call attention to the questions on the tear sheet as being taken from the Day 1 and Day 2 "Main Gate" (Getting Acquainted) activities.
  - Read "Helping Adults Navigate Their Roller-Coaster World" (*Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*, p.1). Lead in prayer. Pray for the adult VBS leaders and ask God to help each person learn how to trust Him with all of their lives—including their fears.
2. Souvenir Shop (20 minutes)
  - Invite adults to join you at the Souvenir Shop before heading to their favorite roller coaster. Briefly brainstorm items most people would like to carry into the theme park in their backpacks. Call for responses.
  - Tell adults the theme park has several suggestions to make park guests experiences more enjoyable—many of which relate to items found in the Souvenir Shop.
  - Distribute the Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide (Handout 1). Ask adults to read the instructions and browse in the shop looking at the items referenced on the guide. Tell adults they have 5 minutes to browse. Remind adults there will be time to "shop" for other items later, so pay close attention only to the items referenced on the guide at this time. OPTION: If you have a large group, you may allow persons to work in groups of 3-5 persons
  - Ask the park guests to return to their seats. Call attention to the *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Pack* and the enclosed *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide*. Remind adults the teaching

plans in the Leader Guide reference most of the other resources available. Warn leaders of the danger of assuming people know about the items or how they relate to each other. Like paths in a theme park, there are usually signs or park personnel to help you find your way around. Add, The Leader Guide is a great place to start over viewing the Adult VBS resources.

- Instruct park guests to open their *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide* and Learner Guide to Day 1. Walk through the Day 1 teaching plan. Ask adults to call out references to the Learner Guide and other resources as they scan the teaching plan with you. Point to and/or clarify the resources as they are called out. Stress the need for each adult VBS participant to have their own Learner Guide.
  - Provide details of the sections and content of the Enhanced CD. Demonstrate the use of the CD. OPTION print out CD items and place in a notebook or on display in another way.
  - Demonstrate the online resources starting with [www.lifeway.com/vbs](http://www.lifeway.com/vbs). OPTION: Provide a display of various screen shots of web pages, the blog, and facebook pages.
  - Ask adults to pick up their copy of the Lifeway 2013 VBS catalogue and locate the table of contents. OPTION: Ask a volunteer to describe the various sections of the catalogue that are flagged.
  - Remind leaders to keep this handout close throughout the session since they may want to add notes about where to locate resources not specifically referenced in this activity.
3. Packing for the Park (5 minutes)
- Point out a backpack placed in the Souvenir Shop. Recall adults have already thought of many items most park guests would like to carry into a theme park—likely in a backpack or tote bag.
  - Share ways to use backpacks, boxes (facing backwards as displays in the souvenir shop), shopping bags, collapsible or flexible folders with tabs for each day, etc to sort and store daily learning activity items, as well as add to the souvenir shop display.
4. Park Personnel (10 minutes)
- Remind participants that theme parks require the coordinated efforts of many people to provide a fantastic theme park experience. Share the following instructions: I will toss a bean bag (try to use an “I love vbs” bean bag) to someone who will shout out a job he or she feels is most important in a theme park. As soon as they shout out, they will toss the bean bag to another person who will do the same. Ask adults to stand and toss the bean bag to begin. Call time after 1 minute. Stress that all park personnel are important. Pick up a blank “Park Pass” (CD, Teaching Item) to stress someone collects tickets as people enter a theme park or in some cases, at each ride.
  - Brainstorm the roles Adult VBS leaders might carry out during VBS. As people mention them, attach the corresponding Park Pass on or around the Promotion Poster 2, “You’ve got the ticket to ride, (Leader Pack Item 22). Use a marker to write on one of the blank park passes if others are mentioned in addition to those provided. Call attention to this promotion poster being in the Leader Pack and the Park Pass an enlarged version of one referenced in the teaching plan, Day 1 found on the CD (teaching item).
  - Read Exodus 18:13-18. Stress adult VBS leaders should not try to conduct adult VBS alone either. Reread teaching idea of what makes a great vbs leader – toss the bean bag again to prompt sharing of answers.
  - Point out the daily suggestions for small group facilitators/leaders. See “Small-Group Leader Suggestions” *Adult VBS 2013 Leader Guide* (pages 43-47).

- OPTION: If you have time, you may use the same bean bag toss game to brainstorm characteristics one might look for in adult VBS leaders.
5. Bible Study Overview(25 minutes)
- Remind participants they have been discovering tools to help provide effective Adult VBS experiences, but our prayer is to see lives changed as a result of studying and living out God's Word. Stress the Bible is the textbook for VBS.
  - Invite adults to unscramble the 2 Timothy 2:1 roller coaster cars (Leader Pack Item 3 or larger print version on CD under Teaching Items) to discover the VBS scripture used each day. Display the verse on the focal wall and read the verse together.
  - Recall how the park guests walked through the Day 1 teaching plan. Invite adults to overview the Bible study that depicts Paul's journey of trust. Form a group for every 3-5 persons present. Provide one of the Bible Study Overview Assignments (Attachment 3) to each group. If you only use one day, use Day 3. Allow 5 minutes for the overview.
  - Distribute the My Adult Vacation Bible School Planning Grid (Handout 2). Encourage adults to record Bible Study summaries for each day as groups report.
  - Call for the groups to attach their roller coaster car (Attachment 3) to the right of the Paul's Journey of Trust sign (Leader Pack Item 6) and share their Bible study summary, as well as the associated resources. If the group overviews one day, briefly overview the other days Bible study/resources and attach a summary for those days.
  - Clarify how the Bible Study items and instructions relate to each other –especially the leader and learner guides.
6. Schedule (10 minutes)
- Remind park guests many people plan their schedule in the park around the rides or shows they love the most. Some parks provide passes one can pick up in order to return during a specified time in order to avoid long lines. Stress, Adult VBS leaders must make time decisions prior to Adult VBS.
  - Point out the flags (Attachment 5) attached to the roller coaster silhouette. Explain how the flags represent the various segments churches may use as a part of Adult VBS (including the blank ones representing things unique to individual church VBS experiences).
  - Point out the various schedules or opportunities for providing Adult VBS on the tear sheets around the room. Invite adults to move to the area of the room that best describes how they think their church will provide Adult VBS in 2013 and follow the instructions on the tear sheet (Attachment 4). OPTION: If your group is large, assign 3-5 persons to each tear sheet. Allow 3-5 minutes for this activity.
  - Call attention to "Developing Your Schedule" (CD, Planning & Promotion) that provides information and a worksheet for developing your own church's Adult VBS schedule.
  - Invite adults to move to the Tram Schedule to discover multiple times and places for Adult VBS. Ask volunteers to read the suggestions on the back of the trams displayed near the Tram Schedule. Encourage adults to remind churches to plan ahead when ordering supplies such as Learner Guides when they provide Adult VBS in multiple settings.
  - Redirect attention to the My Adult Vacation Bible School Planning Grid (Handout 2). Encourage leaders to use the grid to not only over view the Bible study, but to determine their schedule. Suggest they also use it for assigning responsibility for days/segments and/or listing needed resources at a glance.

7. Accomplish and strengthen evangelism emphasis (15 minutes)

- Move to the Your ABCs poster (Leader Pack Item 19). Share the following: Sue Harmon (Associate Director, Childhood Ministry Group of the South Carolina Baptist Convention) reported 1400 SC Baptist Convention churches reported conducting VBS in 2012 resulting in 5600 professions of faith. That is an average of 4 baptisms for every VBS held in the SC Baptist Convention last year. VBS is one of the best evangelism tools for kids.
- Ask adults to imagine what could happen if churches used VBS as an evangelism strategy, not only for kids, but for people of all ages who do not know Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
- Direct attention to the evangelism resources in the Souvenir Shop. Invite volunteers to share how they have used these and other resources and ideas to insure VBS participants and their families know how to become a Christian.
- Remind learners of Day 3 having a heavier evangelistic emphasis, but there are several evangelistic references throughout the study. Redirect attention to the Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide (Handout 1). Ask park guests to recall evangelistic resources they discovered earlier in the session.
- Call on a volunteer to share Tabitha's story from Day 1 (Learner Guide, p. 7). Ask another volunteer to share Roger's story from Day 2 (Learner Guide, p. 15). Remind adults these lives were changed because someone invited them to Adult VBS and they heard and responded to the gospel.

8. Post-Event Follow Up 25 minutes

- Just as important as it is to invite people to VBS, churches must follow up as a part of their VBS strategy.
- Redirect attention to the Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide (Handout 1). Ask park guests to browse 8-10 minutes in the Souvenir Shop to recall or discover resources that might be helpful in their church's planning for and conducting VBS follow up.
- Call for responses. If no one mentions it, call attention to the article, "Involving Adult Class in Promotion and Follow Up" (CD, Planning and Promotion). Invite adults to select one of the ideas from the souvenir cup (or any beverage cup), scan the idea, and share it with the group. If you have a large group, ask people to turn to those seated near them to share the idea.
- Brainstorm additional ways churches can provide effective follow up.
- Stress most children would love to return to Sunday School after participating in VBS, but they don't drive cars. Invite volunteers to share effective ways they have used VBS celebrations or family night as part of their follow up strategy targeting parents or other family members.
- Demonstrate ways to create take-home packets for kids using left over VBS resources.

9. Closing (5 minutes)

- Distribute the Breaking the Chain strips (Adult VBS Leader Pack 2013, Item 16). Read the VBS Motto. Instruct adults to write one situation on the strip that they would ask God for help in trusting Him more completely. Their situation may relate directly to leading adult VBS, to building relationships with people who have not chose to follow Christ as personal Lord and Savior, or other life situations.
- Invite adults to use the tape form links with the strips to make one large chain. As you construct the chain, invite a volunteer to share something he or she wrote. Be prepared to share a personal example. Encourage adults to avoid the tendency to give in to our fears (hold up the chain) and dare to trust God in all aspects of life.

- Play the song, “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” available at [LifewayWorship.com](http://LifewayWorship.com). Ask adults to hold the chain together and prayerfully listen to the song. Invite adults to join together as the song declares “my chains are gone” to visually break or destroy the chain of fear. OPTION: Read the lyrics to the song or “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.”
- Call attention to this activity as being adapted from the Leader Guide, Day 5, Step 13.
- Close in prayer asking God to use the leaders present today to help churches discover how they can reach people of all ages—entire families for Christ. Ask God to bless these leaders and to help all adult VBS leaders to be more intentional about developing relationships with people who live in fear because they do not know trust in Jesus Christ.

## Colossal Coaster World Guest Guide

Instruction: Browse through the Souvenir Shop to locate as many of the Adult VBS resources as is possible. The Leader Pack is critical to the other resources. Pay attention to how all of the items relate to one another.

### VBS 2013 Adult Leader Pack

- Leader Guide
- Large Theme poster
- Leader Pack Items (from teaching plans)
- ABC poster
- VBS motto poster
- Promotional posters
- Enhanced CD
- VBS 2013 Adult Learner Guide
- Family Park Guide

### VBS 2013 Adult Leader Guide

- Overview
- Day 1-5:
  - Teaching Plans
  - Bible Background
  - Small-Group Leader Suggestions



### VBS 2013 Enhanced CD

- How to use (CD, Leader Pack, Learner Guide)
- Planning & Promotion articles
- Teaching Items (in addition to those in Leader Pack)
- Theme Support (decorating, refreshment, craft, recreation ideas and daily worship suggestions)
- Parenting Helps
- Music, Media & Graphics
- Customizable Teaching Plans

### VBS 2013 Adult Learner Guide

- Trusting Jesus (ABC's)
- Day 1 – 5:
  - icebreaker
  - Bible activity
  - Bible summary
  - Application activity
  - Story
  - I am Here

### 2013 VBS Catalogue

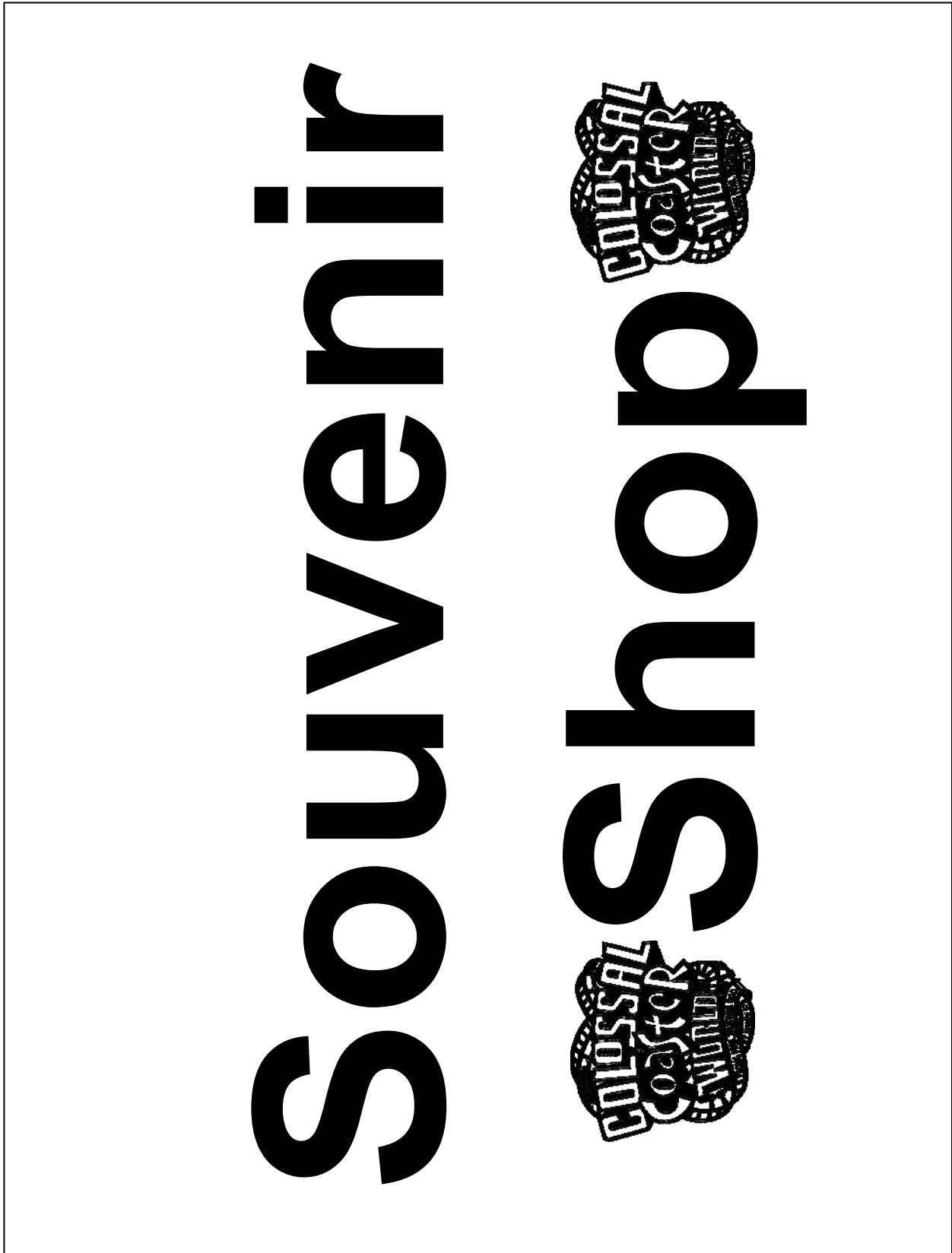
- planning resources
- promotional items
- VBS curriculum
- Theme Decorations
- Evangelism resources
- Gifts & souvenirs
- VBS apparel
- and more!

### Online Helps

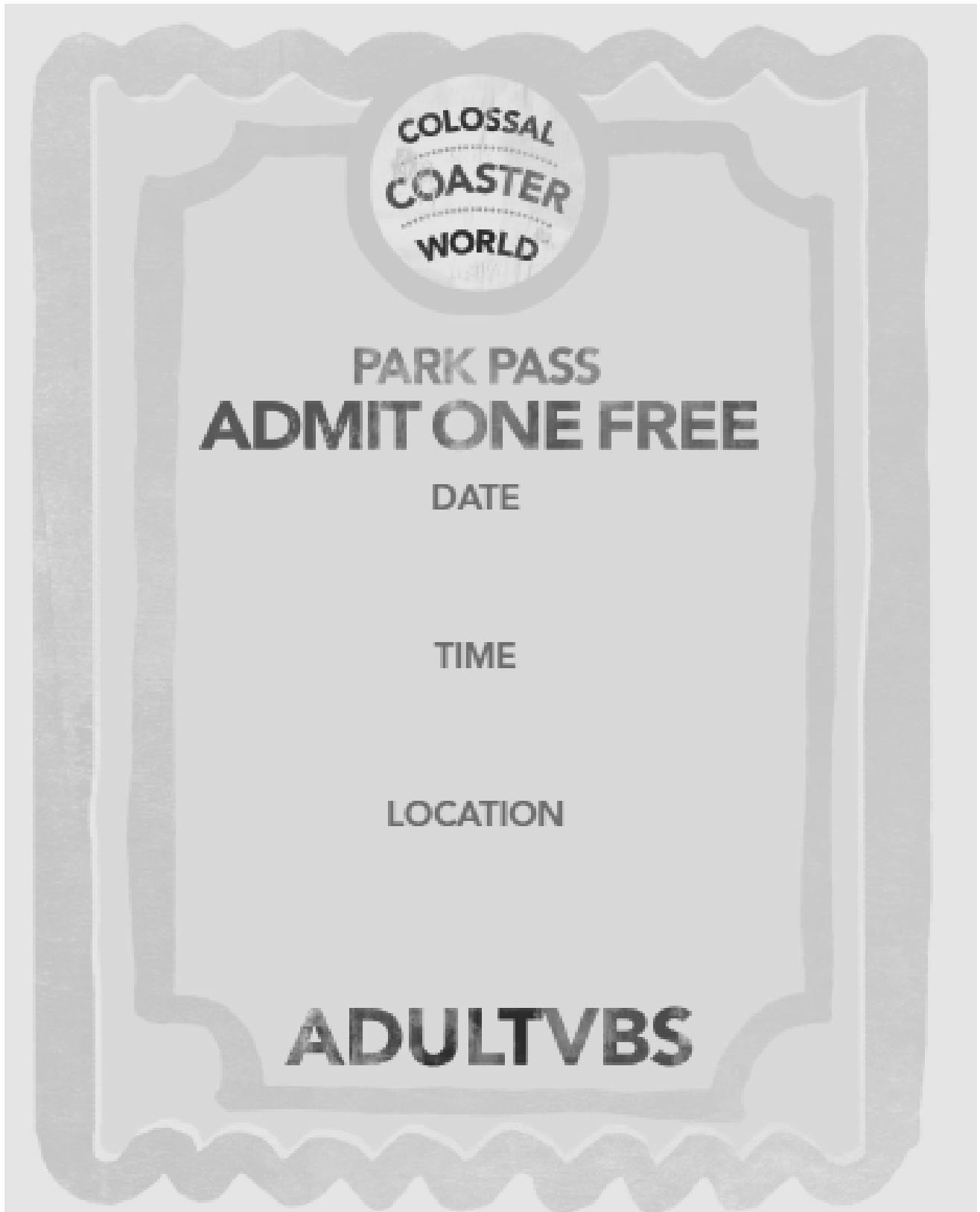
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<b>My Adult VBS Planning Grid</b>						
	<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1: Dare to Change</b>	<b>Day 2: Dare to Speak Up</b>	<b>Day 3: Dare to Believe</b>	<b>Day 4: Dare to Serve Faithfully</b>	<b>Day 5: Dare to Trust</b>
<b>Carousel Food Cart (Refreshments)</b>	<b>10</b>					
<b>Main Gate (Getting Acquainted)</b>	<b>20</b>					
<b>Souvenir Shop (Creating Interest)</b>	<b>10</b>					
<b>Colossal Coaster (Bible Study)</b>	<b>50</b>					
<b>You Are Here (Application)</b>	<b>25</b>					
<b>Tram Stop (Closure)</b>	<b>5</b>					
<b>Parenting Workshop</b>						
<b>Crafts</b>						
<b>Recreation</b>						
<b>Worship</b>						

## Souvenir Shop sign



## Park Personnel Park Passes



**Park Personnel Park Passes (cont'd)**

**Park Guide  
(Teacher)**

**Park Guides  
(Small Group  
Leaders)**

**Refreshments**

**Crafts**

**Recreation**

**Worship**

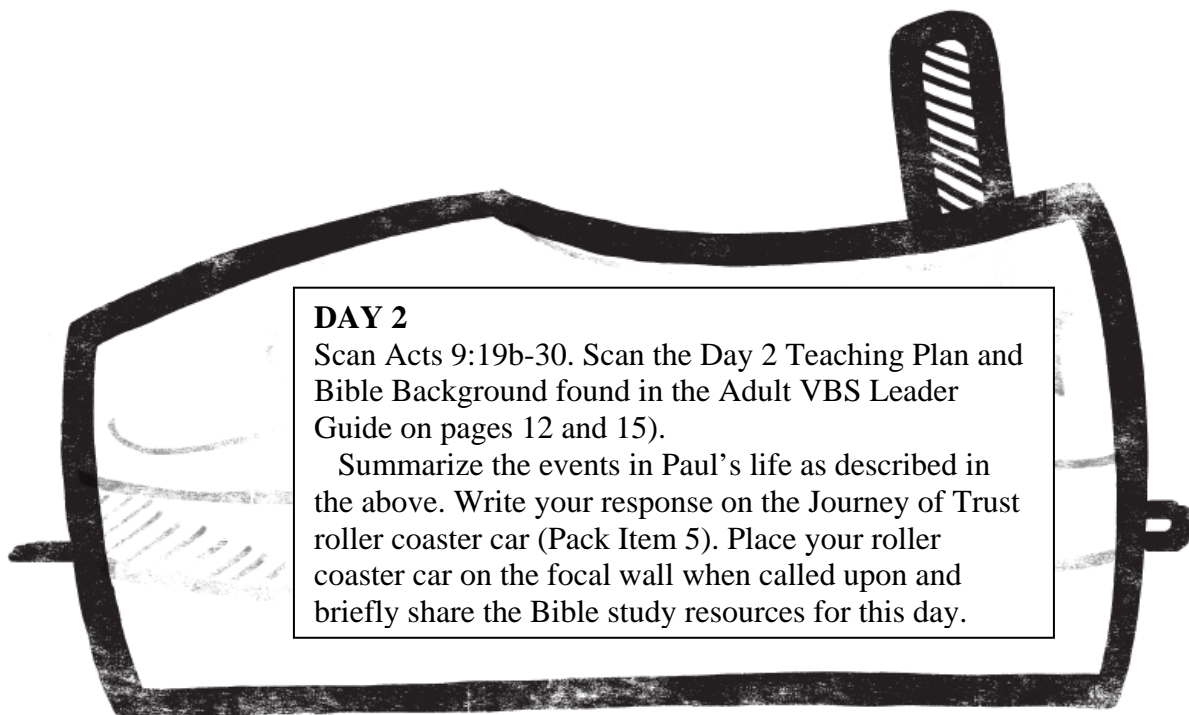
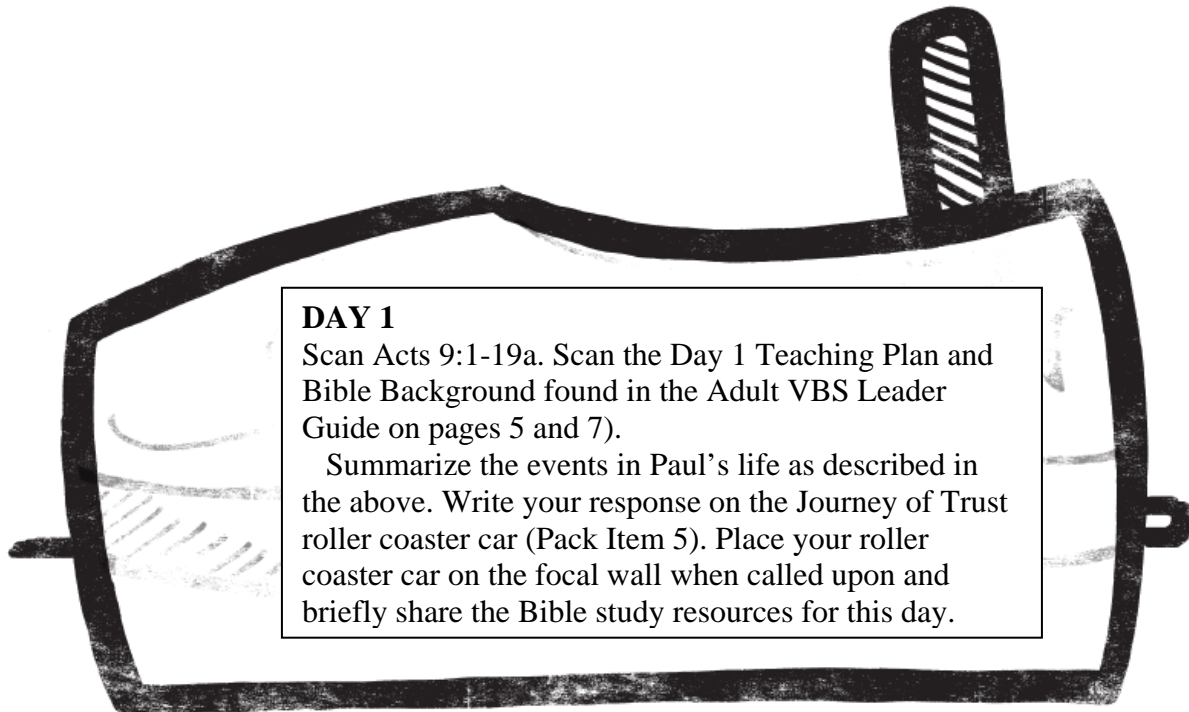
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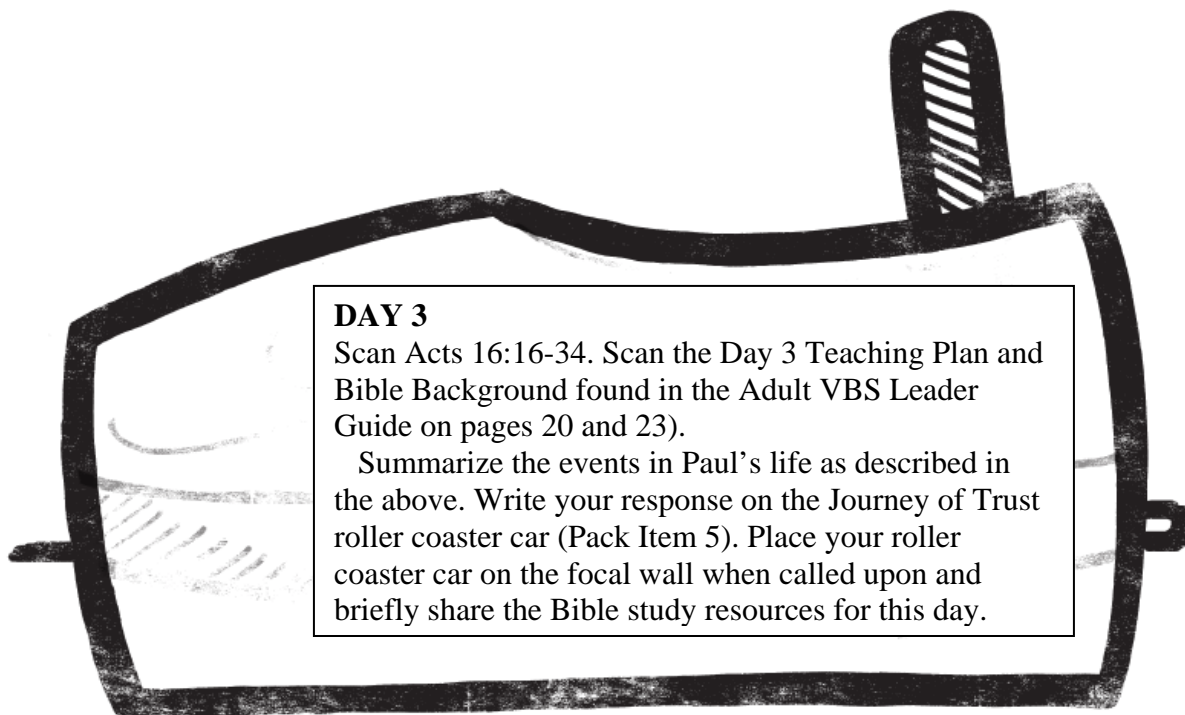
**Promotion**

**Follow Up**

**Bible Study Overview Assignments**

Attachment 3

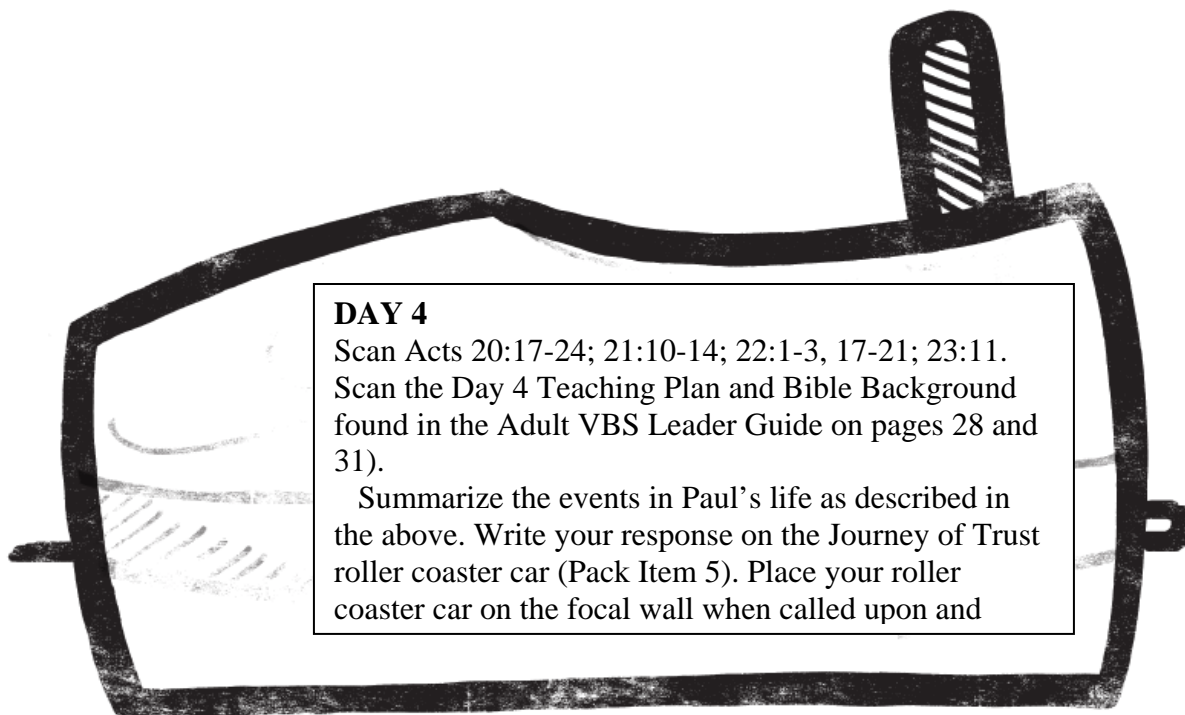




**DAY 3**

Scan Acts 16:16-34. Scan the Day 3 Teaching Plan and Bible Background found in the Adult VBS Leader Guide on pages 20 and 23).

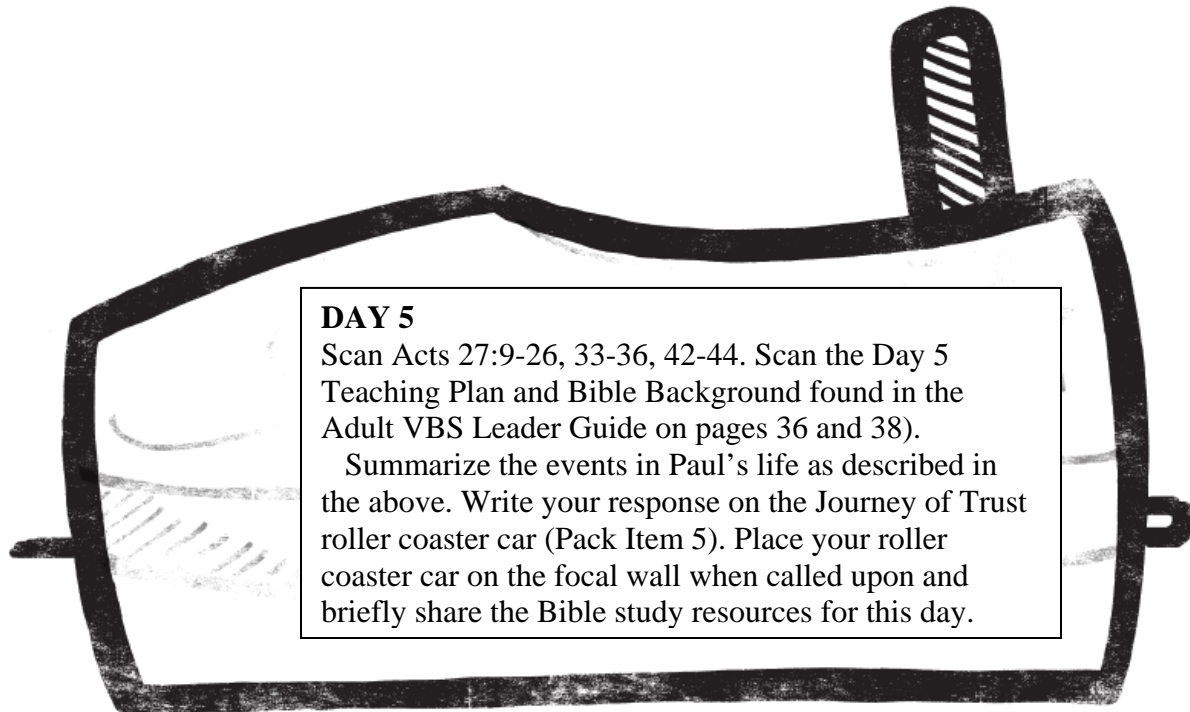
Summarize the events in Paul's life as described in the above. Write your response on the Journey of Trust roller coaster car (Pack Item 5). Place your roller coaster car on the focal wall when called upon and briefly share the Bible study resources for this day.



**DAY 4**

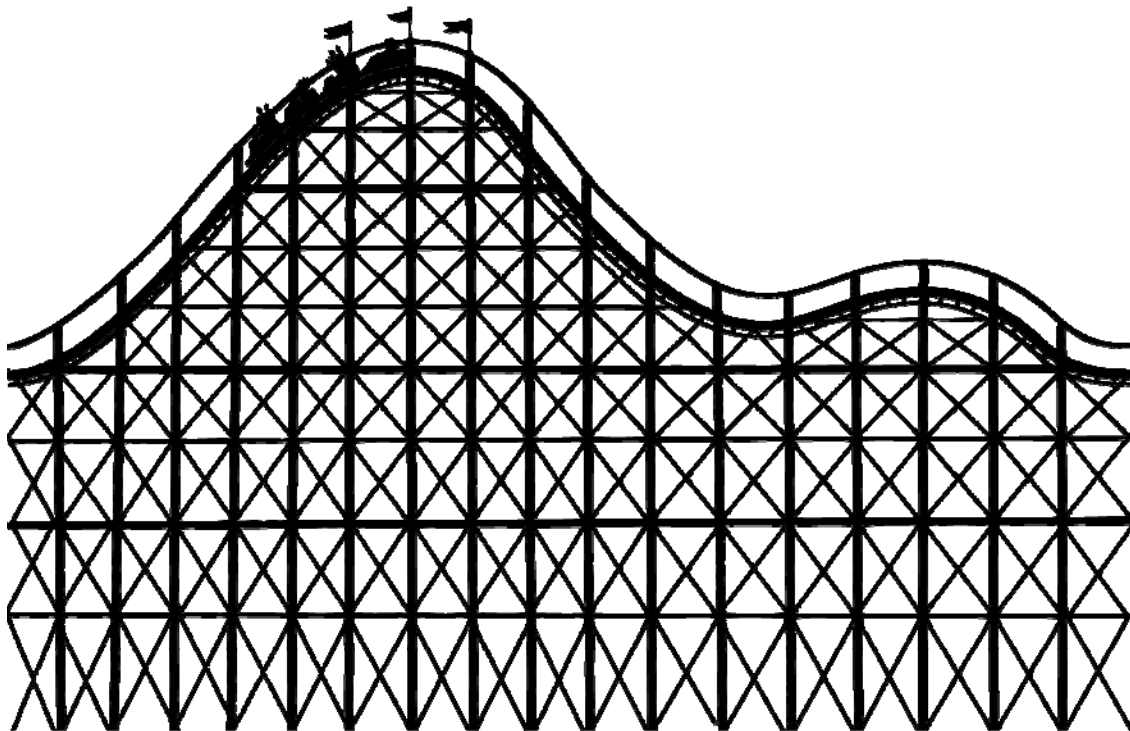
Scan Acts 20:17-24; 21:10-14; 22:1-3, 17-21; 23:11. Scan the Day 4 Teaching Plan and Bible Background found in the Adult VBS Leader Guide on pages 28 and 31).

Summarize the events in Paul's life as described in the above. Write your response on the Journey of Trust roller coaster car (Pack Item 5). Place your roller coaster car on the focal wall when called upon and



## VBS Alternate Schedule Instructions

Arrange the flags on the roller coaster silhouette visual to reflect the activities and time frame you think will best work for your church. Write other components of your Adult VBS schedule on the blank flags provided. Try to protect the time for the Colossal Coaster (Bible Study) and You Are Here (Application) as much as is possible.



**VBS Schedule Flags**

**Carousel Food Cart  
(Refreshments)  
10 minutes**

**Main Gate  
(Getting  
Acquainted)  
20 minutes**

**Souvenir Shop  
(Creating Interest)  
10 minutes**

**Colossal Coaster  
(Bible Study)  
50 minutes**

**You Are Here  
(Application)  
25 minutes**

**Tram Stop  
(Closure)  
5 minutes**

# **Confident Parenting Workshop (4 one-hour sessions)**

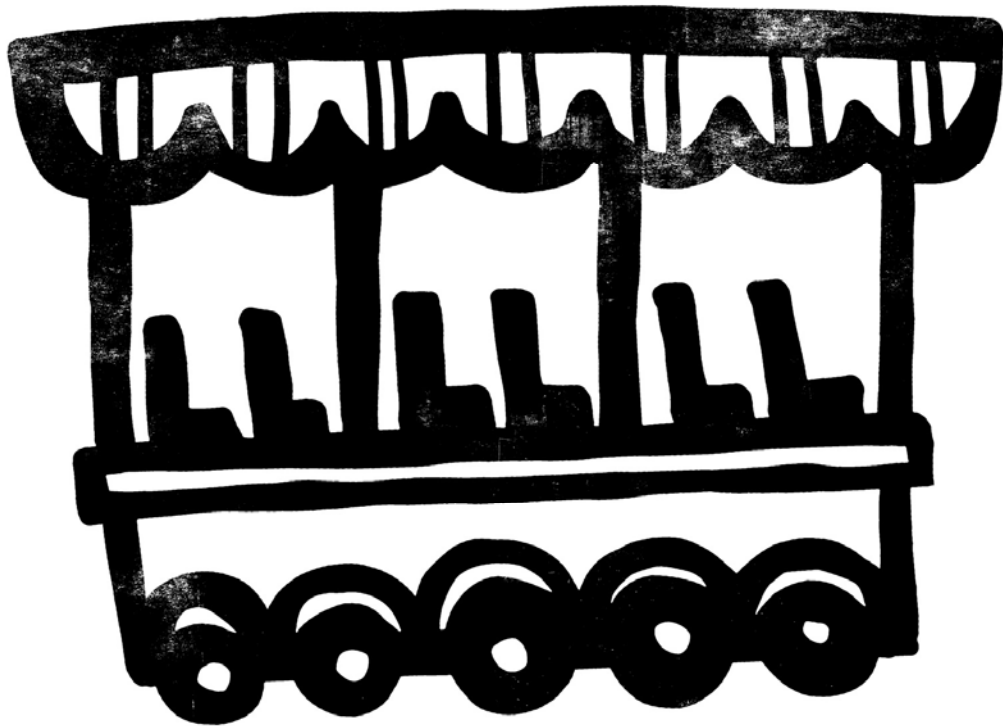
# **Crafts**

# Recreation

# Worship

# **Worship Rally (with other age groups)**

# Tram Schedule



Tram Clip Art

