



CLUB VBS 2013 PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Purpose Statement

The purpose of this one-hour conference is to equip church VBS preschool leaders to lead a successful Club VBS. During this session leaders will be introduced to the 2013 LifeWay Club VBS Jungle Jaunt™ materials.

Resources to Collect, Prepare and Copy

Resources to Collect

- Lifeway Club VBS Jungle Jaunt preschool curriculum and materials
- Any materials provided by team leader
- Club VBS Jungle Jaunt nametags and stickers
- Bible
- 5 tear sheets
- Pens or pencils
- Markers (variety of colors)
- Easels to display teaching materials
- Jungle theme table covers (solid or print)
- Tape for hanging visuals (check venue policy)
- Fishing line for hanging decorations
- Theme-related die cut shapes (purchase at teacher supply store)
- 5 brown gift bags with handles
- Theme related door and room decorations
- Optional: Supplies for Day 1 Exploration Sites: Learning Activities
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Resources to Prepare

- Focal wall display
- Exploration Site display
- Make a small sign for each of the Exploration Sites (Suggestion: cut 3 – 4 inch letters; glue letters to jungle theme cardstock)
- Laminate items 1 – 5 from Leader Pack

- Print “RAFT IN 1”, “RAFT IN 2”, “RAFT IN 3”, “RAFT IN 4”, and “RAFT IN 5” on 5 brown gift bags
- Print the following instructions on green cardstock; make 5 copies and laminate one for each “RAFT IN” bag (Step 4)

Instructions:

“CREATE A THEME POSTER INTRODUCING THE FOLLOWING:
Bible Story, Bible Verse, Life Application

Gather all **Items** from the Leader Pack needed for teaching this lesson”

- Print the following 8 Exploration Sites Bible Learning Activities on a theme related die cut: (Step 5)
 - *Block Site*
 - *Homeliving Site*
 - *Nature Site*
 - *Puzzle Site*
 - *Jungle Site*
 - *Art Site*
 - *Recreation Rapids*
 - *Snack Shack*
- Optional: Prepare Exploration Sites: Bible Learning Activities of your choice (Step 5)
- Print one (1) each of the following instruction statements on colorful cardstock or a themed die cut; to be placed on tear sheets(Step 6)
 1. Using the Administrative Guide (Babies – 2) and Leader Guide (3 – K), locate Security and Safety for preschoolers. When called upon give a brief overview of the information. Bring attention to Allergy Alert Sign and Child ID Card
 2. Using the leader guide pages 6 – 7, list helpful tips that would be beneficial to new preschool leaders. When called upon give a brief overview of your findings.
 3. Give an example of how each of the eight learning approaches is used to teach preschoolers. (Found on page 4 in the *3s – K Leader Guide*.)
 4. Using the leader guide, leader pack and learner cards – share tips and ideas on how you would plan, prepare and organize your materials for Days 1 - 5 of Jungle Jaunt. Be specific with your ideas.

Resources to Copy

- Things to Know Handout 1(one for each conferee)
- Download and copy books, teaching pictures and teaching resources for Babies – 2s (see pg. 91 Administrative Guide) (Step 4) at www.lifeway.com/clubvbs.

Focal Wall Description

Suggestion: Create a jungle atmosphere using large artificial palm trees made from carpet rolls or purchased; hang lengths of tightly twisted brown craft paper for jungle rope or vine; drape mosquito netting; hang extra-large butterflies from ceiling; use parrots, toucans and macaws for added color; hang 6 – 8 ft greenery vines; set colorful bunches of tropical foliage on the floor. If room size allows, create a small hut using corrugated bamboo paper wrapped around an up-turned card table and cover a large umbrella with artificial grass for the roof; lay a woven mat for

flooring, add bamboo tiki torches to each side of hut or place in jungle setting. Use small wooden crates for additional display of materials.

Room Setup Description

- Place chairs in a large semi-circle facing focal wall.
- Place pen or pencil in each chair.
- Place Handout 1 in each chair.
- Set up tables for display of materials and activities.
- Cover tables with jungle theme print or green cloth.
- Hang the Jungle Jaunt Banner from *3s-K Leader Pack* (Item 15).
- Decorate room and doorway.
- Place Leader Pack items 1 – 5 among the jungle setting.
- Place “Raft In” bags on floor in front of focal wall (Step 4).
- Place the eight Exploration Site Learning Activity die cuts under eight chairs (Step 5).
- Place four tear sheets around the room, create a jungle look by bordering with bamboo look paper – add directions to tear sheets (Step 6).
- *Optional:* Place a jungle theme item in each chair for conferee (ex: pencil, pad, eraser, animal crackers, gummy worms, etc.).

Decorating Suggestions

Decorating ideas for preschool can be found on page 8 of the *3s–Kindergarten Leader Guide* and page 53 of the *Administrative Guide*. Additional resources for purchasing theme-related items to enhance the room include party stores, party decoration websites, discount and teacher supply stores. Remember to avoid items such as: pins, tacks and staples when decorating in the preschool area. Hang decorations well out of reach of the preschoolers. Decorations can be hung from the ceiling and they also serve as a fun visual for the preschoolers.

Audio Visual Needs

- TV/DVD
- CD Player or iPod
- Laptop (optional)
- Extension Cord

Teaching Steps

Step 1 Arrival (5 minutes)

- Play Jungle Sounds (track 9, Leader Pack) as conferees enter room.
- Welcome each conferee at the door and instruct them to move to the table and make a nametag with materials provided.
- Tell conferees there is an expedition form (Things to Know – handout 1) in their chairs that needs to be completed prior to traveling deep into the Amazon Rainforest.

- Invite conferees to move around the room to familiarize themselves with the ways of the jungle, complete their expedition travel forms (Things to Know – handout 1) and be seated.

Step 2 Welcome (5 minutes)

Say: “River Guides, it is time to begin our expedition of adventure and discovery through the Amazon Rainforest. We will encounter cool caves, ride rough rapids, become entangled in jungle vines, see exotic birds and find rest in jungle villages. But most importantly, the River Runners (preschoolers) will discover how much God loves them; how much God cares for them; that God loves them so much that He sent his Son, Jesus; and that God want them to love others. What a wonderful opportunity and great responsibility we have before us.”

- Share that in 2011, over 79,000 decisions to accept Christ as Savior were reported as a result of VBS. More than 2,200 people committed their lives to church related vocations during VBS and over 39,000 people enrolled in Sunday School as a result of VBS.
- Ask: “How will your Jungle Jaunt expedition end?”
- *Optional:* Ask conferees if anyone has a brief testimony from 2012 VBS they would like to share, or as a conference leader you may want to share a personal testimony about VBS.
- Read Psalm 145:1-2
- Pray for the conferees, your time together and the lives they will touch as a result of VBS.

Step 3 Music (5 minutes)

Say: “I see we are coming to a village, I hear music – and there seems to be some excitement going on . . . let’s join in.”

- Have everyone stand.
- Play the instructional portion of the theme song found on the Worship Rally DVD.
- Follow up with conferees participating in the performance portion of Worship Rally DVD.
- Have fun with the music and encourage the conferees to do the same – some conferees aren’t as comfortable with leading music as others might be – just make it fun!

Step 4 Exploring the Jungle – “Raft In” Bible Story (15 minutes)

Say: “As we continue our adventure through the rainforest let’s turn our rafts in another direction and see what our preschoolers will discover each day in VBS.”

- Put conferees into 5 groups.
- Pass out 5 “RAFT IN” bags with instructions, tear sheets, and markers. Each group will need a 3s – *K Leader Guide* and 3s – *K Leader Pack*.
- Ask conferees to follow instructions located in the bags.
- Play track 7 (from Leader Pack CD), softly as conferees work.
- As conferees begin their activities, move among groups and answer any questions or clarify instructions.

- After five minutes ask conferees to share result of their activities.
- Show resources downloaded and copied from www.lifeway.com/clubvbs.
- Bring attention to the location of Babies – 2s material found in Administrative Guide starting on page 89.
- Remind conferees babies dictate the schedule, and meeting their basic needs is a priority offered by a loving and caring teacher.

Step 5 Discovering the Exploration Sites (10 minutes)

- Have conferees look under their chairs for the 8 sites used in EXPLORATION SITES: *Blocks site, Homeliving Site, Nature Site, Puzzle Site, Jungle Site, Art Site, Recreation Rapids, Snack Shack*. Have conferees locate these sites in their leader guides.
- *Optional:* (based on time, budget and space). Have conferees locate the Bible Learning Activities you have prepared from Day 1. When possible, conferees like to see or experience the activities.
- Bring attention to supply list for Bible Learning Activities on page 9 of the Leader Guide.
- Point out the margin tips and suggestions in Leader Guide and Administrative Guide
- Give explanation of how to use the Instruction Sheet found in Leader Pack and how it relates to item numbers in the pack and in the Leader Guide.
- Make any additional comments necessary for conferees to get the most from this activity by knowing and understanding material and how it is used – draw attention to the table where the Leader Pack, Leader Guide and Learner Cards are displayed.

Step 6 Rafting with River Runners/Preschoolers (20 minutes)

Say: “As we continue with our jaunt, keep in mind that in order for us to be the best teachers we can be and to meet the needs of the children we teach, there are certain things we need to know or maybe need to revisit occasionally. This information might be old information to you, but not necessarily to those in your conference. You will have eight minutes to complete your assignment.”

- Have conferees move to one of the tear sheets.
- Play track 5 from Leader Pack CD as conferees work.
- After eight minutes allow conferees to share their activity results (three minutes each).
- Make helpful comments as needed.

Step 6 Expedition Comes to a Close

Say: “You should feel more comfortable with the Jungle Jaunt materials now that you have had a hands-on experience. Preschoolers also have a better learning experience when they have hands-on learning. As Jungle Jaunt training comes to a close, I want to thank you for allowing God to use you in Club VBS to reach children, families and communities with the message of Jesus

Christ. Let's say the Jungle Jaunt Motto together: PRAISE HIM! TRUST HIM!
FOLLOW HIM! THE ONE TRUE GOD!"

- Have conferees stand and form a circle with their feet touching the person to the left and to the right of them (no hand holding).
- Close in prayer.
- Play the Jungle Jaunt Music CD as the conferees leave.
- Take time to speak with each conferee as they leave and encourage them.

After the Session

- Be available to answer questions.
- Remain in your room for others to stop in and view Jungle Jaunt materials.
- Return room to original set up.