



## **VBS 2013 Craft Rotation Base Conference**

### **Purpose Statement**

This two-hour plan is designed to prepare crafts rotation leaders to teach the crafts rotation using LifeWay's Colossal Coaster World resources.

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

#### Resources to Collect

- Variety of basic art supplies (markers, crayons, rolls of ribbon, chalk, stamp pads, beads, and so forth)
- Glass jars and baskets
- Tablecloths (You could use the VBS 2013 Tablecloths.)
- VBS 2013 Notepads
- VBS 2013 T-shirts
- VBS 2013 craft packs
- Other VBS 2013 accessories, curriculum resources

#### Step 1

- VBS 2013 Music for Kids CD

#### Step 3

- Bible (mark 2 Timothy 1:7)
- 5 pieces of large white construction paper (12x18)

#### Step 4

- 6 gift bags
- VBS 2013 Logo Stickers

#### Step 5

- VBS 2013 Logo Stickers; VBS 2013 Notepads; VBS 2013 Writing Paper; VBS 2013 Sticky Foam Shapes; VBS 2013 Self-inking Hand Stamp

#### Step 6

- VBS 2013 Decorating Made Easy

#### Step 7

- Materials for each conferee to make a Fear Face bookmark: 1 jumbo paper clip, a strand of ribbon, 2 wiggle eyes, 10 strands of yarn. Or VBS 2013 Fear Face Bookmark Craft

Pack (one for each 10 conferees)

#### Resources to Prepare

- Prepare the sign for the focal wall.
- If desired, prepare a sample of each of the crafts suggested in the Crafts Rotation Leader guide.

#### Step 3

- At the top of a piece of white construction paper, print *Dare of the Day – Day 1*. Repeat on the other pieces of paper for days 2–5. Leave space for conferees to write Bible content under the title.

#### Step 4

- Copy the gift bag signs and questions. Tape a word on a gift bag and put the corresponding question inside the bag. Decorate each bag with several logo stickers.

#### Step 5

- Cut brightly colored paper into starburst shapes. On each starburst, print the name of one of the crafts from the Crafts Rotation Leader Guide.

#### Resources to Copy

##### Step 1 & 7

- Colossal Coaster World Fun Bucks (Copy on different colored paper/see Teaching Step 1.)

##### Step 4

- Signs and questions for the gift bags

### **Focal Wall Description**

Cut a large rectangle of white craft paper. Print the words *Welcome to the Scissors & Stuff Emporium*. Make the sign colorful and welcoming. Hang the sign on the focal wall. Tape the starburst randomly on the focal wall (and the other walls).

### **Room Setup Description**

Set a table under the sign and a few other tables around the sides of the room. Cover the tables with tablecloths. Place basic art materials (markers, crayons, rolls of ribbon, and so forth) in glass jars and baskets. Arrange these jars and baskets on the tables. Arrange 2013 VBS T-shirts, accessories, and curriculum resources on the tables as merchandise. On pages from a VBS 2013 Notepad, print the names of items to create labels for the store displays.

If you choose, make a sample of each of the crafts in the crafts rotation leader guide. Display these crafts throughout the store, perhaps close to the starburst signs with their names.

Arrange chairs facing the focal wall. Place the CD player with VBS 2013 Music for Kids CD near the table at the front of the room. Set the gift bags (with Stocking the Store questions) around the room, with the logo side out.

### **Decoration Suggestions**

Use these ideas as you choose to create a fun atmosphere in the Emporium.

- Set up a small table near the door to serve as a counter. Place a toy cash register, a few accessories, and large gift bags on the counter. If available, use a few I Heart VBS tote bags on the counter.

- Create a "Scissors & Stuff Emporium" sign for the door. Add an open/closed sign to the door.
- Place the VBS 2013 Supersized Coaster Backdrop on a wall. Cut strips of brown paper and create a frame around the backdrop to create a window looking into Colossal Coaster World. If desired, you can add thin brown paper over the backdrop for windowpanes.
- Hang VBS 2013 String Flags along walls or from the ceiling. Hang VBS 2013 Whirleys from the ceiling.
- Add to the wall decor using the 2013 VBS Visual Pack, VBS 2013 Quick Scene Wall Art or VBS 2013 Decoration Punch-outs.

### **Audio Visual Needs**

- CD player and VBS 2013 Music for Kids CD

### **Teaching Steps**

1. Play the music CD. Give each conferee a Colossal Coaster Fun Buck as they arrive. Encourage conferees to browse the store.
2. Welcome (5 minutes)  
Introduce yourself. Say: "This conference will help you lead the crafts rotation at your Colossal Coaster World VBS. As you came in, you received a Colossal Coaster World Fun Buck. Find a person with a Fun Buck the same color. Tell each other your favorite thing to do at a theme park. When you have both shared, raise your hand to show you need a new partner. Find someone else and share." After a few minutes, call the group back together.
3. Preparing for the Store Opening (25 minutes)  
Say: "The Scissors & Stuff Emporium is full of fun and memories. But the emporium is more than just making or collecting souvenirs. The crafts help support kids as they learn to face their fears and trust God's promise to give them courage. Our focus this week is 2 Timothy 1:7."

Open the Bible and read the verse. Talk about why kids (and adults) should learn this verse and apply it to their lives. Note that this verse is the Bible verse for each day.

Say: "Colossal Coaster World is a fun-filled theme park that challenges kids to face their fears and trust God." Say the VBS motto "Facing Fear! Trusting God!" Lead the conferees to repeat it after you. Note that the Bible studies for the week focus on the life of Paul. Paul had many things happen to him throughout his life, things that were dangerous and life threatening. But Paul boldly continued to trust God and live a life of courage.

Divide the group into 5 smaller groups. (You can ask them to divide by color of fun bucks or group them in other ways.) Give each group a Dare of the Day sign. Ask groups to review the Bible content for that day in the leader guide. They can use the sign and any art materials to create a summary of the Bible content.

Ask groups to report briefly on what the focus of the content is for their day: Mention the Bible story and tell the life application. After each group reports, repeat the motto.

4. Stocking the Store (20 minutes)

Say: "The crafts in the leader guide are designed to support the learning experiences in VBS. This leader guide has 15 daily crafts designed for children who've completed grades 1-6 grade. In addition there are suggestions for a 3-day craft and a weeklong craft. Other ideas for preteens are in the Preteen Bible Study Leader Guide. Ideas for preschoolers and kindergartners can be found in 3s-Kindergarten Rotation Pack. And there are even more ideas added by VBS leaders on the VBS Facebook page or Blog online. How do you decide what to do?"

Choose six volunteers to find a gift bag. Ask each volunteer to read the word on the outside of the bag and the question inside the bag. After each question, discuss with the group the question and how that impacts choice of crafts to do.

5. Reviewing the Inventory (40 minutes)

Walk around the room and point to each starburst sign. Briefly describe that craft. If you made a sample of each craft, show it. Note the crafts that include craft packs. Call on a conferee to locate and read the "Behind the Scenes Secrets" and "Colossal Tips" for the Faux Spin Art Autograph Book (p. 24).

Note that each craft contains secrets and tips for teachers. Reiterate that each day includes Bible connection points and prayer suggestions for leaders to bring the craft time back to Bible focus.

Call attention to the Colossal Coaster Coin Bank as the three-day craft and the Photo Carousel as the weeklong craft. Tell teachers to use the daily Bible content with the steps for these crafts.

Group the conferees into pairs or threes. Give each pair/group one of these items: VBS 2013 Logo Stickers; VBS 2013 Notepads; VBS 2013 Writing Paper; VBS 2013 Sticky Foam Shapes; VBS 2013 Self-inking Hand Stamp. Ask them to brainstorm ways to use these materials in the Emporium. After a few minutes, call for the groups to report.

6. Setting Up Shop (10 minutes)

Talk about decorations. Review some of the things you did and talk about other options for easy and more elaborate decoration. Show VBS 2013 Decorating Made Easy and talk about decorating resources available online at the VBS website.

7. Staffing (20 minutes)

Give each conferee the materials to make the Fear Face bookmarks. As they work, encourage the group to discuss fears associated with teaching crafts in VBS. Talk about ways to address those concerns.

Ask teachers to write the verse on the back of their fun bucks. Pray and ask God to give strength and courage to each of these teachers as they help boys and girls learn in VBS.

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# 1. Purpose

# 2. Numbers

# 3. Preparation

# 4. Supplies

# 5. Valuable

# 6. Time

1. How does the  
craft lead you to  
help kids  
understand the  
Bible content?

2. How many  
kids will be  
making the craft?

**3. How much  
time will this craft  
take to prepare?**

**4. Are supplies  
readily available  
and affordable?**

**5. Will the activity  
be fun to do? Will  
the child want to  
take it home?**

**6. Can the craft  
be completed in  
the allotted time  
with the available  
teachers?**