

RESOURCE SHEET



Why do we do ROTATIONS and what is their purpose?

<p>CRAFTS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Crafts teaches to the visual, reflective, logical learners and helps kids learn to use their talents for God. ◆ Crafts enhance kids' problem-solving skills. ◆ Crafts build self-esteem. Crafts help kids discover that we are all God's workmanship and masterpieces in process. ◆ Crafts allows children to internalize the story. Leaders can help kids reinforce the connection to the Bible lesson. ◆ Crafts provide a concrete representation of the lesson. Their creativity is a gift from the infinitely creative Creator.
<p>MUSIC</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Music helps kids internalize the Biblical truth. The lyrics and biblical truths taught during VBS live in the kids long after the sessions. Kids remember words set to music and it stays with them long term. ◆ Music for VBS is specifically written to reinforce each day's Bible content. This year's lyrics and the Bible stories are helping kids to learn they are created, designed, and empowered by God!" ◆ Music at VBS is not about performance, it's about connecting with the Bible content! ◆ Music allows kids to engage in important movement that helps them in learning.
<p>RECREATION</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recreation teaches to the physical and visual learners. ◆ Recreation is not just play time as it allows for more freedom of expression. ◆ Recreation allows children to re-set for improved attention. ◆ Recreation for many kids allows them to feel safe and emotionally open to listening to truth. ◆ Recreation in VBS reinforces daily Bible study content. ◆ Recreation allows adults to play with the kids and this interaction is beneficial to kids.
<p>MISSIONS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Missions challenge kids to think outside of themselves and their community. Through the practical experiences and stories of real-life missionaries, kids are challenged to become missionaries themselves and see every place they go – including school and the park – as their mission field. ◆ Missions gives children a glimpse into the far-reaching impact the church has on their community and the world. ◆ Missions challenges kids not just to be the recipients of ministry but to also be providers of ministry. ◆ Missions shows kids they do not have to wait to be adults to make a difference. They can do it where they are and with the resources they have.
<p>SNACKS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Snacks is a favorite time for kids so this can be a great time to engage them in reviewing the Bible content and playing fun games while they enjoy snacks. ◆ Creative Snacks can become an excellent complement for our VBS Bible lessons. ◆ Snacks can become part of the learning when they are tied to the Bible stories and presented in a fun and deliciously edible way. This will help kids carry the lessons with them for years to come. ◆ Snacks can be a place to get kids involved as they create simple snacks that serve as a visual illustration of an important biblical truth.

How can we add THE SPARK to our VBS Rotations?

S is for Share

- ◆ Share the biblical truths and build relationships with the children while you lead your rotation. Read the Scripture for each day and pray that God will speak to you through His Word. Remember we teach from the overflow of what God is doing in our own lives.
- ◆ Share the gospel. Be prepared to share your testimony (when appropriate and in a way that kids can understand) and the gospel.
- ◆ Share simple and short rules for your classroom to keep the flow smooth.
- ◆ Sharing with kids should be short! Within seconds kids decide if what you've got to say is worthy of their attention. Don't miss that window, get their attention fast and in the most impactful way you can.
- ◆ Share VBS music as much as possible to reinforce what kids are learning.

P is for Pray

- ◆ Prayer should always come FIRST in everything that you are doing and undertaking.
- ◆ Pray as you recruit others to serve with you.
- ◆ Pray as you plan and prepare.
- ◆ Pray with kids during your rotation. Pray for every aspect of your rotation and that kids in your groups will be ready to hear the gospel.

A is for Art — Developing relationships is an art. A child learns through relationships with others.

- ◆ Through relationships, you can communicate concepts, ideas, and truths to children.
- ◆ Through relationships, conversation, and interaction, children learn more information and make more sense of their world.
- ◆ Through relationships, be positive, encouraging, affirming and congratulating kids. Encouragement from teachers builds confidence and a desire to learn more in the child.
- ◆ Through relationships with other children help a child increase his knowledge and build on his own ideas.
- ◆ Through relationships, stay focused on the kids. Leaders need to be on the lookout for opportunities to talk with kids, learn about what they are involved in, what they like to do, or what they like to read. Then use that information to build bridges. In considering our most important message, let's remember that the gospel is best communicated through relationship.
- ◆ Through relationships, be discreet and gentle when correcting behavior.
- ◆ Through relationships, conversation, and interaction, children learn more and make more sense of their world.
- ◆ Through relationships, build friendships with kids in a relaxed and fun way
- ◆ "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." (Attributed to Theodore Roosevelt) It works the same with children.

R is for Retell

- ◆ Retell the Bible story and Bible truths. It might be a conversation about what they learned in Bible study.
- ◆ Reinforce the Point of the Day. Retelling the Bible story and Bible truths are essential to helping reinforce The Point of the day for kids.
- ◆ Retell facts. Retelling facts is also a great way to review each day. You might consider, reviewing the previous day's material.
- ◆ Retell parts of the day during the Rotations as they will immediately engage the kids conversation. Remember, kids learn through repetition.

K is for Know

- ◆ Know that you are a CRUCIAL PART OF THE TEAM! You are one of the links that hold the whole experience together and you are needed, wanted and respected for the gifts you bring to that role.
- ◆ Know the daily Bible Stories and scripture passages. Remember the purpose kids have come to your station and plan to involve them right away. Engage quickly and deliberately. Be ready the moment a child enters the room.
- ◆ Know a gospel presentation and be ready to share it if God presents the opportunity. Everyone who will be helping in any way during VBS should become familiar with a gospel presentation and be comfortable talking with a child about salvation.
- ◆ Know the Plan – Confirm details for your rotation (ages, times, etc.), select the particulars, and plan on how to gather supplies.
- ◆ Know your kid's family. Be intentional about building relationships. Look for ways to stay connected with the kids you taught.
- ◆ Know that the Holy Spirit is in charge. Everything we do should be painted by love; a genuine love for them and our desire for them to know the genuine love of Jesus who gave himself so that they might have a right relationship with the Father and spend an eternity with Him in heaven. There is no greater love.



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