

VBS 2020 BABIES–2S BASE CONFERENCE PLAN (2 HOURS)

Purpose Statement

This two-hour teaching plan is designed to train and equip teachers of infants, 1s, and 2-year-olds to use Lifeway's 2020 Concrete & Cranes™ Babies–2s materials.

Needed Resources

- *VBS 2020 Babies–2s Leader Guide*
- *VBS 2020 Babies-2s Leader Pack*
- *VBS 2020 Keepsake Book*
- *VBS 2020 Music for Babies–2s* (included in Leader Pack)
- *VBS 2020 Tablecloth*
- *VBS 2020 Logo Stickers*
- *VBS 2020 Visual Pack* (005818612)
- *VBS 2020 Caution Tape* (005821522)
- *VBS 2020 Construction Barricade* (005821536)
- *VBS 2020 Tool Apron* (005821514)
- Pack Item 13: “Tools for Matching Shadows” — Cut apart and label each tool with one word from the key verse. (Wrench: *God*; goggles: *loves*; saw: *us.*; hammer: *Psalm*; screwdriver: *107:1.*) Add one side of a Velcro® dot onto the back of each tool and place all tools in the Tool Apron.
- *VBS 2020 Tool Bag* (005821557) — Place the following items in the tool bag:
 - Music for Babies–2s CD
 - Keepsake Book
 - A book from the leader pack
 - Index card with the words: *Church Calendar of Events*
 - Index card with the words: *Small Group Information*
 - Index card with the words: *Parenting Classes*
- 3 *VBS 2020 Concrete & Cranes Backpack* (005822348) — Place the following prepared items in 3 separate backpacks:
 - Backpack 1 — Leader Pack Item 7: “Mobile Circles”
 - Backpack 2 — Leader Pack Item 14: “Accordion Tool Box Books”
 - Backpack 3 — Leader Pack Items 9–10 and 16: “Construction/God’s Beautiful World Play Mat,” “God’s World Play Mat Pieces,” playdough, small trucks, and Velcro®
- Item 1. “Handout” — Copy 1 per conferee.
- Item 2. “Fun Foundational Facts” — Copy 1 per conferee.
- Pack Item 3: “Bible Story Titles and Points” — Cut apart and tape the Bible Story Titles to the opposite side of each Juice Box Vehicle (leader pack item 8). Attach the Points to each of the Road Signs (leader pack item 15).
- Downloadable forms from lifeway.com/vbs — Print one copy of each to display.
- Pack Item 8: “Juice Box Vehicles” — Cut apart and tape 5 of the vehicles to 5 empty juice boxes.
- Pack Item 12: “Tool Shadows” — Add one of the remaining halves of the Velcro dots used above (on Pack Item 13) to each shadow. Hang the pack item on the wall.
- Pack Item 15: “Road Signs” — Cut apart and attach to cardboard tubes.
- Pack Items 17–21: “Construction Equipment” — Hang each on the focal wall in random order (Bible story pictures should face the wall).
- Velcro dots

- CD Player
- Cardstock
- Copy paper
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Tape
- Glue or glue sticks
- Paper towels
- Disposable diapers (2)
- Latex free medical gloves
- Dishpan (2)
- Spray bottle
- Wax paper

Room Setup

Arrange the Visual Pack posters on the focal wall. Enhance decorations by using *VBS 2020 Caution Tape*, *VBS Construction Barricade*, sawhorses, buckets, and other construction items. Arrange chairs in a semi-circle facing the focal area. Cover tables with tablecloths and display the curriculum alongside the other resources.

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome and Theme Overview (5 minutes)

- Play the *VBS 2020 Music for Babies–2s CD* as conferees enter.
- Distribute “Fun Foundational Facts” (Item 2) to attendees (or place on chairs prior to session). Encourage conferees to match the numbers with the statements while waiting for everyone to arrive. After a few minutes, go through the handout and give the answers.
- Welcome everyone. Remind conferees that we want kids to know that Jesus’ love provides a foundation that will last. We have the honor of laying the first layer of that foundation! As preschoolers grow up, they can remember that Jesus loves them. Our prayer is that they’ll learn to be wise builders who continue in what they’ve learned and firmly believe. And they will discover that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion!
- Pray.

2. Introduce the New Resource (5 minutes)

- Distribute the handout (item 1). Invite conferees to take notes.
- Explain that this new resource came about because LifeWay saw a need (and heard you). Many have expressed a need for foundational stories for babies, toddlers, and through age 2.
- Babies–2s will use different Bible stories than the older ages. This year will launch a 3-year cycle, introducing 5 foundational Bible stories each year (both Old and New Testament). The theme will be the same as the older ages each year, including artwork and theme activities. Only the Bible content will be different.
- Mention that as in the past, an accompanying leader pack and Keepsake Book are available to enhance teaching.

3. Learn the Bible Verse (5 minutes)

- Draw attention to the tool apron filled with the Bible verse tools.

- Ask a volunteer to place the tools onto the matching tools of pack item 13 to spell the verse: God loves us. Psalm 107:1.
- Remind conferees that the Babies–2s verse is a paraphrase of the VBS scripture to help toddlers understand it better.
- Lead the group to say the Bible verse together.

4. Lay the Foundation (20 minutes)

- Point out the five pieces of construction equipment on the wall (pack items 17–21) as well as the prepared “Road Signs” and the “Juice Box Vehicles.”
- Ask for 5 volunteers and assign each a number from 1–5, indicating which day they will be responsible for. (For smaller conferences, ask 2 volunteers to work together on all 5 days.)
- Explain that each person will gather a piece of equipment, a vehicle, and a road sign that contain the Bible story picture, Bible story title, and the point for her assigned day.
- Remind the group that if help is needed, this information can be found in the leader guide.
- Review the information for each day once all volunteers have completed their task.

5. Gather the Right Tools and Review the Blueprint (15 minutes)

- Draw attention to the following resources:
 - Babies–2s Leader Guide
 - Babies–2s Leader Pack (including Music for Babies–2s CD)
 - Keepsake Book
- Show the leader guide and point out the following sections:
 - Get Started
 - Overview
 - Schedule—Remind teachers that the Babies–2s room schedule starts earlier and ends later than the rest of VBS, because usually these are teachers’ children. Mention that the schedule for a baby room is based on the child’s need.
 - Teacher Tips
 - Days 1–5 Teaching Plans
 - Babies and young ones Bible story points
 - Older ones and twos Bible story
 - Bible Story Plus
 - Recreation
 - Music

6. It’s All in the Details (20 minutes)

- Leader Pack
 - Show the displayed Babies–2s Leader Pack. Allow a few minutes for the groups to take out and look through the pack items.
 - Point out that some items have two sides. Some items are meant to photocopy for each child.
 - Lead the groups to pull out the four books from the pack and review.
 - Hand out the 3 prepared backpacks—one to each group. Ask the groups to remove the contents of their backpack and together think of as many ways as possible to use those pack items in their teaching. After a few minutes, ask each group to share their ideas.
 - Group 1 — Leader Pack Item 7: “Mobile Circles”
 - Group 2 — Leader Pack Item 14: “Accordion Tool Box Books”

- Group 3 — Leader Pack Items 9–10 and 16: “Construction/God’s Beautiful World Play Mat,” “God’s World Play Mat Pieces,” playdough, small trucks, and Velcro®

7. Safety Counts (20 minutes)

- Show and discuss the following items that can be found on the VBS website (lifeway.com/vbs).
 - Attendance Chart
 - Allergy Alert
 - Planning Chart
 - Child Information Sheet
 - Parent Update
 - Hygiene Posters
 - Changing Diapers
 - Washing Hands
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - Hygiene Tips
 - Sharing the Gospel with Parents
 - Demonstrate cleaning and disinfecting tips from the Hygiene Tips page.
 - Demonstrate method of changing diapers.

6. Continue Building on the Foundation (15 minutes)

- Lead two people from each group to pull an item from the filled Tool Bag.
- Instruct each group to discuss their items and talk about how each can be used to connect with VBS families as well as the surrounding community.
- After a few minutes, invite the groups to share their ideas with the room.

7. Conclude (10 minutes)

- Ask for any questions from the group.
- Distribute index cards to all conferees. Suggest that each person write her name, church name, and VBS date on her card, then trade cards with someone else in the group. Encourage the partners to commit to pray for each other over the coming months.
- Close in prayer.



Building a Foundation for Babies-2s

Bible Verse

Laying the Foundation

- **Day 1 Bible Story** _____
Day 1 Point _____
- **Day 2 Bible Story** _____
Day 2 Point _____
- **Day 3 Bible Story** _____
Day 3 Point _____
- **Day 4 Bible Story** _____
Day 4 Point _____
- **Day 5 Bible Story** _____
Day 5 Point _____

Safety Counts!



Foundational Fun Facts About Babies and Toddlers

A toddler's high chair has around _____ times more germs on it than his potty chair.	400
The typical 1-year-old knows about _____ words. By 18 months, they learn one new word every two waking hours!	20
A newborn wets a diaper about every _____ minutes and then roughly every hour at 6 months.	176
An average baby will go through approximately _____ diapers a year.	2700
Every ____ seconds, somewhere in the world, a baby is born.	2 minutes 5 seconds
By the time of birth, a baby's brain is made up of more than _____ million nerve cells.	10
The average toddler takes _____ steps a minute!	10
The largest number of children born to one woman is recorded as _____.	69
By the end of age two, the average baby has been changed _____ times.	7300
A new baby usually deprives each of its parents around _____ hours of sleep in the first year.	60
The average time taken by a woman to change a baby is _____; the average man takes _____.	1 minute 36 seconds
A newborn baby focuses best at objects that are _____ inches from its nose.	70
Children laugh on average _____ times a day, adults only _____.	300
	3
	1500



Foundational Fun Facts About Babies and Toddlers

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A toddler's high chair has around 1500 times more germs on it than his potty chair.

The typical 1-year-old only knows about 70 words. But by 18 months, they learn one new word every two waking hours!

A newborn wets a diaper about every 20 minutes and then roughly every hour at 6 months.

An average baby will go through approximately 2,700 diapers a year.

Every 3 seconds, somewhere in the world, a baby is born.

By the time of birth, a baby's brain is made up of more than 10 million nerve cells. It's downhill from here!

The average toddler takes 176 steps a minute!

The largest number of children born to one woman is recorded as 69.

By the end of age two, the average baby has been changed 7,300 times.

A new baby usually deprives each of its parents around 400 hours of sleep in the first year.

The average time taken by a woman to change a baby is 2 minutes and 5 seconds - the average man takes only 1 minute and 36 seconds.

A newborn baby focuses best at objects that are 10 inches from its nose,

Children laugh on average 300 times a day, adults only 60.