

VBS 2020 SNACK ROTATION CONFERENCE PLAN (1 HOUR)

Purpose Statement

This one-hour conference overviews the more than 25 snack options available to serve during LifeWay's VBS 2020 Concrete & Cranes™. Conferees will learn how to incorporate biblical content into snack rotation, review all snack options, and construct theme-related meals.

Needed Resources

- VBS 2020 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards
- VBS 2020 Tablecloth (2 pkg)
- VBS 2020 Supersized Backdrop
- VBS 2020 Writing Paper — Write each of the following five snack names on a separate piece of writing paper (one name per paper): *Construction Cones, Truck Haulers, Dig in Rubble Dip, Boulders, and Construction Zone Crunch.*
- VBS Tool Apron
- VBS 2020 Decorating Made Easy DVD-ROM — Print a wrench, level, hammer, pliers, and tape measure from the clip art onto white, heavyweight paper and cut out. Write each of the following on a separate tool: *Intentional teaching, Utilize, Appreciation, Allergies, and Easy Cheesy.* Place each of the tools inside the tool apron.
- VBS 2020 Music for Kids CD
- VBS 2020 Cups (1 pack) — Attach one Bible-related recipe card to each cup:
 - Day 1: Foundation of Love
 - Day 2: Foundation of Forgiveness
 - Day 3: Foundation of Worth
 - Day 4: Foundation of Promise
 - Day 5: Foundation for Life
- Item 1: “Handout” — Print 1 copy per conferee (double-sided).
- Permanent marker
- Hand sanitizer
- Plain, plastic tablecloth — Write: *Where is today's story found in the Bible?, Would you rather drive a dump truck or a cement truck to school?, and Can you say Philippians 1:6?* in the middle of the tablecloth.
- Tape
- 1 piece of poster board — Write at the top: *Favorite snack that you had at VBS.*
- Ingredients needed for Teaching Step 2: round, butter crackers; spray cheese; rice cakes; large marshmallows; chocolate kisses; chocolate icing; chocolate sandwich cookies
- Paper plates
- 3 plastic knives and spoons
- Sticky notes — Write one of the following ingredients on individual sticky notes: *Bugles®*, *Cheese-its®*, *pudding*, *sprinkles*, *cement*, *meatballs*, *crescent rolls*, *hammer*, *crane*, *sugar wafers*, *ice cream cups*, *Rolo's®*, *Rice Krispies®*, *pizza sauce*, *carrots*, *cheese balls*, *apples*, *cupcakes*, *honey*, *raisins*, *cinnamon*, *mini chocolate chips*, *white icing*, *carrots*, *Cheerios®*, *garlic powder*, *Worcestershire sauce*, *marshmallows.*
- Plastic, orange cups (1 per conferee)
- Supplies and ingredients for **either** Recipe 6 (“Construction Zone Crunch”) or Recipe 8 (“Build Your Own Trail Mix”)
- Snack-size ziplock bags (1 per conferee) — Prepare either snack mix (above), scoop a small amount/individual serving into each bag, and seal the bag. Prepare enough for each conferee to receive a bag.

- CD Player

Room Setup

Arrange chairs in a semi-circle. Cover a table with a *VBS 2020 Tablecloth* and display the curriculum alongside small hand tools and other tabletop decorations. Display the prepared VBS cups with snack cards attached, one poster board, five snack names on writing paper, one prepared tablecloth and the *VBS 2020 Tool Apron*. Check out the “Decorating Food Truck Snacks” card in the *VBS 2020 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards* for more ideas to decorate the room.

Teaching Steps

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Welcome conferees to Food Truck Snacks and share that today they will review all the blueprints needed for kids to have an awesome and tasty time during snack rotation.
- Invite conferees to write their favorite snack from a previous VBS on the poster board.
- Highlight two or three and talk about them as a group.

2. Build It: Bible-related Snacks (15 minutes)

- Invite three volunteers to build a house using the food ingredients (round, butter crackers; spray cheese; rice cakes; large marshmallows; chocolate kisses; chocolate icing; and chocolate sandwich cookies), a paper plate, and the plastic spoon or knife provided. Give them 3 minutes to build. Explain to the conferees that the ingredients all come from different Bible-related snack cards.
- Allow the volunteers to showcase their work. Thank them and ask them to return to their seats.
- Overview each Bible-related snack (using the five recipe cards) and briefly summarize each day’s Bible story and main point. Emphasize the importance of talking with kids about each day’s Bible story during snack rotation. Ask conferees to think of ways to incorporate the Bible story and the Point into conversations during snack. Make sure conferees understand how each snack ties to a Bible story.
 - Day 1: Foundation of Love (“Gold Coins”)
 - Day 2: Foundation of Forgiveness (“Rocky Road Brownies”)
 - Day 3: Foundation of Worth (“Garden Dirt Cups”)
 - Day 4: Foundation of Promise (“Fruit Cross Cookies”)
 - Day 5: Foundation for Life (“House on a Rock”)
- Say: “We have 20 more snack options. Let us review them and see which ones are preschool friendly, gluten free, great for dinner, and look the yummiest!”

3. Mix It Mix Up (20 minutes)

- Show conferees the VBS Writing Paper attached to the focal wall with *Construction Cones*, *Truck Haulers*, *Dig in Rubble Dip*, *Construction Zone Crunch*, and *Boulders* written on them.
- Call on five volunteers. Explain that their objective is to correctly match the ingredients written on the sticky notes to the snack titles written on the VBS Writing Paper.
- Allow a few minutes to play. Encourage the rest of the group to call out suggestions as needed.
- After the game concludes, show the actual recipe cards for the five snacks and go over the ingredients. Move any incorrect sticky notes to the correct snack title. Highlight any helpful tips for each recipe.
- Review the remaining 15 snack cards and the important icons found on them. Preschool-friendly snacks are labeled “PF.” Gluten-free snacks are labeled “GF.”

- Briefly mention the names of the snacks and point out the guide found on the back of “Handout 1” as a reference. Note that even more detail is provided on the handout, such as which snacks require an oven, microwave, or need refrigeration.
- Spend a few moments reviewing the snacks and answering any questions.

4. Mealtime Mash-up (5 minutes)

- Mention that many churches that conduct VBS at night provide meals for since many families come straight from work.
- Call attention to the prepared “Dinner Options” cards on display.
- Present each meal suggestion. Encourage conferees to suggest different pairings of meal options.
- Comment: “You may not be able to use all of the recipes provided, but you can look for ways to incorporate some recipes into your meals.”

5. Table Talk Tool Belt (10 minutes)

- Guide conferees to pass around the prepared snack bags and each take one to enjoy.
- Say: “Snacks is about more than feeding kids. Snacks is about engaging with and getting to know the kids at your VBS. It is a time for kids to talk to each other and get to know one another. It’s about looking for opportunities to build relationships with kids and continue the gospel conversation.”
- Point to the plastic tablecloth. Explain that an easy tool for their VBS tool belt is a simple tablecloth. Each day, write some new questions on the plastic tablecloth to help guide discussions and spark lively conversation between volunteers and kids.
- Remove one tool at a time from the tool apron and discuss each one:
 - **Intentional Teaching**—Use snack time to engage kids in review questions, ask questions that require more than yes or no answers. Don’t just talk; listen to each child.
 - **Utilize**—Utilize youth and other volunteers who are not already volunteering. Retired senior adults are great! Station a snack “Construction Foremen” at each table to help guide discussions and conversation. Make sure all kids are included.
 - **Appreciation**—Snack time is a great opportunity to provide a special snack or treat to VBS volunteers.
 - **Allergies**—Be aware of allergies and prepare alternate snacks for those with allergies. Designate specific tables to be used for kids with allergies to help keep areas clean, sanitized, and safe for each child. Consider using colored wristbands or special name tags to quickly identify children with allergies.
 - Briefly go over the gluten free options again and ask the group to share their ideas for other allergy-friendly snacks.
 - **Easy Cheesy**—Point out the snack card with the list of store-bought snack ideas. Ask conferees to share any other store-bought snack ideas that are not listed on the cards.

6. Closing (5 Minutes)

- Remind conferees that with the right tools and blueprints, snack rotation can be a fun time for building relationships and having gospel conversations.
- Show the “Sharing the Gospel and ABCs of Becoming a Christian” card found in the snack cards.
- Emphasize that God can use anyone, any place, at any time to help kids build a firm foundation.

- Encourage conferees to check with their VBS director to see how they can assist with follow-up and post VBS connections. Mention the following suggestions:
 - Prepare a sweet treat, such as “Construction Barrels” (Recipe Card 5) with information about your church to send home with VBS attendees.
 - Morning VBS: Enlist volunteers from various ministries to serve coffee and “Dig in Rubble Dip” (Recipe Card 10) and “Boulders” (Recipe Card 16) as kids are dropped off to connect with visitors and unchurched families.
 - Night VBS: Enlist volunteers from various ministries to serve “Nuts and Bolts Snack Mix” (Recipe Card 17) and “Construction Barrels” (Recipe Card 5) as kids are dropped off to connect with visitors and unchurched families.
- Thank conferees for attending and close in prayer.

reschool Friendly:

Gluten Free:

BIBLE RELATED SNACKS

Day 1 – Foundation of Love: _____ 1.

Day 2 – Foundation of Forgiveness: _____ 2.

Day 3 – Foundation of Worth: _____ 3.

Day 4 – Foundation of Promise: _____ 4.

Day 5 – Foundation for Life: _____ 5.



Table Talk Tool Belt:

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- 4.
- 5.

Store Bought Options:

Meal Options: