

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## PRESENTS VIRTUAL VBS CLINICS CONCRETE & CRANES MUSIC LISTENING GUIDE

Let me start by saying that I LOVE technology and how it gives us so many options for communicating with one other during this time. However, my heart is also hurting because we cannot be together to learn and fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ as we prepare both physically and spiritually for vacation bible school. I hope that this tool is helpful to you and at least gives you a starting point for how to approach music in the VBS setting. This session consists of a brief overview of things to keep in mind while preparing for your music sessions during VBS and provides visual examples of this year's theme song as well as a reconstructed/ simplified motions for the ballad "Build My Life On You". You are more than welcome to use and or recreate this choreography for your own uses. Below you will find the listening guide for the video session as well as a brief overview of the daily bible stories and scriptures. I am more than happy to help you and your church with music/worship in whatever ways that I can!

### Listening Guide:

#### THREE Things To Remember As You Prepare for VBS

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - With BIBLE CONTENT – taking the time to intentionally incorporate the daily scriptures and bible stories into your session is so important! You do not have to tell the whole story, but a quick and engaging overview helps kids to hear the important details more than once. The more they hear it, the more it will stick!
  - With SCRIPTURE – there is SO MUCH scripture embedded in the VBS songs this year!! Be intentional about pointing out those references when you teach each song or when you introduce the songs during worship rally's. Having those words of truth set to music is such an amazing way to help kids truly hide the Word in their hearts!
  - In PRAYER – The power of prayer is such an amazing thing. The blessing of showing our adoration to our Lord and also presenting to Him our requests is something that we cannot forget the importance of. It is my prayer that you would begin praying fervently, TODAY, for the kids that will walk through your church doors and into your music session or worship rally. Pray that the Lord will give you wisdom and will use you and your team as his vessels and also that he will prepare the hearts and minds of the kids you will interact with.

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

- Let's be honest, the best teachers are usually the ones that get your attention right from the beginning and keep you on the edge of your seat. It can be easy to fall into the trap of simply "teaching motions" in the music sessions at VBS. I encourage you to make your session so much more than just motions and music. Here are a few examples of ways to keep your kids engaged:
  - Incorporate a short and simple game that reviews bible content or key scriptures. You could play the game at the beginning of your session or use it as a "brain break" activity halfway through.
  - Use fun hand signals/sounds to get kids attentions. For example, when kids need to go to a voice level zero, you may say the word "waterfalls!" to which the kids could respond with a waterfall hand motion and sound that would lead them to a level zero voice. I would suggest developing three or four different attention grabbers to keep them on their toes.
  - Facial expressions/Tone of Voice /Energy – changes in tone and expression can have a huge effect on kids! Student will feed off of your energy! When we are positive and appear to be having fun, kids are more likely to reciprocate that behavior.

3. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

- When it comes down to it, VBS is all about building relationships and loving others the way that it is outlined in the Gospels. Take the time to get to know each of the kids in your session by name and find something you have in common. Allow for time during your session when you and your team can talk to kids about their day and their lives outside of VBS. Intentionally letting your kids know that you love them and care for them could be the difference in a student asking questions about the Gospel or choosing to sit back and not speak up. Beyond that, the relationships we build with kids allows us to continue to minister to them and their families long after VBS is over.

**Wrap Up – A few more things to keep in mind:**

As you begin to design and prepare for VBS, remember that music is one way that we worship and modeling worship for kids is so important! It is very easy for us, myself included, to jump in and just be knee deep in motions and have an expectation that our kids should learn every motion and song by the end of the week. The reality is, music is a tool. The music we use in VBS is meant to reinforce the biblical content, while also being a fun creative outlet and an opportunity to engage in worship. IT IS OKAY if you choose to use motions that are different than what is provided in the curriculum. It is also okay to use the resources provided to simplify motions so that they are not overwhelming to your kids. As was explained in the demonstration of "Build My Life On You", we want to make sure that we are giving kids an opportunity to truly be engaging in worship and learning how to lift their hands in full surrender to the Lord.

Please know that I have been, and will be continuing to pray for each of you and for your church families as you prepare to embark on your journey towards (everyone's FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

## Daily Bible Content Overview –

### Day 1 –

Story – Jesus Chose Matthew

Scripture – Matthew 9:9-13

Word of the Day – Love

Song/ Embedded Scripture – Remain In My Love (John 15:9)

### Day 2 –

Story – Paul’s Redemption

Scripture – Acts 26:1-29

Word of the Day – Forgiveness

Song/ Embedded Scripture – Forgiveness (Romans 5:8)

### Day 3 –

Story – Jesus Prayed in the Garden

Scripture – Matthew 26:36-46

Word of the Day – Worth

Song/ Embedded Scripture – Build My Life On You

### Day 4 –

Story – Jesus’ Resurrection and Promise

Scripture – Matthew 28: 1-10; 16-20

Word of the Day – Promise

Song/ Embedded Scripture – Blueprint (John 15:13)

### Day 5 –

Story – Wise and Foolish Builders

Scripture – Matthew 7:24 – 29

Word of the Day – Life

Song/ Embedded Scripture – The Rest of My Life (2 Timothy 3:14)

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