

### **VBS 2025 SNACK ROTATION**

#### **Needed Resources**

- VBS 2025 Snack Rotation Recipe Cards (005850082)
- VBS 2025 Tablecloths (005850169)
- 2–3 prepared snack options per conferee

# Room Setup

Place the VBS 2025 Tablecloths over two tables to display snack ingredients, and prepared snacks.

# **Teaching Steps**

#### 1. Welcome

- Welcome conferees to Honeycomb Snacks. Say: "Today we will zoom in on all things Snacks!"
- Remind conferees that snacks are fun and vital to the VBS experience! It is never "just snack time." This is another opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in a super fun way!
- Tell conferees that you are going to give them two choices and that they will indicate their choices by moving to one side of the room or the other.
  - Example: "Move to the right side if you prefer savory snacks and move to the left if you prefer sweet snacks."
- Use the following choices (extend with your own ideas):
  - Savory or Sweet
  - O-shaped cereal or Fish-shaped crackers
  - Fruit or Candy
  - Water or Juice
  - o Ice Cream or Cake
- Say: "We are going to cover all the details to make snack a hit at your VBS. We are even going to get to sample a few of the snacks!"
- Explain that getting kids involved with hands on snacks is highly recommended. The Snack Cards include Preschool and Kids snacks. Preschool friendly snacks are notated with a yellow dew drop and Gluten Free snacks have a grey dew drop.

#### 2. Snack Types

- Review the front of the Day 1 snack card to remind conferees of the Bible story and Big Truth. Ask them to share ideas of what a snack could be that would tie into this lesson and point.
- Reveal the snack for Day 1 and explain the connection.
- Go through each day's snack like this to convey the connection between the snack and the Bible content.
- Explain that in addition to the 5 snacks for the Bible content, there are 20 themed snacks in the Snack Cards. This gives you a ton of variety and options based on budget, resources, and facilities.
- Distribute the snacks you prepared and allow conferees to eat while you continue leading.

### 3. Snack Safety

- Say: "One of the most important duties of being a snack team member is to know which children have allergies and to what they are allergic. Here are some suggestions for helping find out that information:
  - Include a place to collect allergies on the registration form.
  - Provide a menu to parents in advance so other arrangements can be made.
  - Provide an alternative snack option or ask parents to provide an allergyfriendly snack for their child.
  - Ask kids if they have allergies. Those who do will likely be taught what they can and cannot have.
  - Throughout the recipe cards, some snacks are labeled as "Gluten Free."
    These are marked with a grey dew drop. Remember, all the ingredients used to make the snack MUST be gluten free. Always double check the label to be certain before serving.

#### 4. Meal Options

- Mention that many churches choose to provide meals as a part of their VBS.
- Show conferees the "Dinner Options" card.
- Read through the meal options on the card and allow conferees to comment their preferences or suggestions for meals. This is a great launching point to creating meal ideas that tie into Magnified! VBS.

### 5. Using Snacks for Christ

- Explain that both Snack and Recreation are great opportunities to build relationships with kids and to intentionally reinforce the Bible truths each day. Offer the following suggestions:
  - Encourage leaders to sit with the kids and engage them during snack. Be prepared the share the gospel in conversation with them.
  - Suggest leaders play a review game with the kids while they eat snack to quiz them on the Bible story and memory verse.

# 6. Snack Tips for Success (5 minutes)

- Say: "Now let's cover some helpful hints and tricks to maximize Honeycomb Snacks in your VBS." Offer the following tips:
  - Pray for the children that will attend. If you can get a roster, pray for them by name.
  - Be prepared.
    - Plan well in advance so you can ask for donations or price shop and look for sales.
    - Prep as much as possible in advance.
    - Know your space, schedule, budget, and ages.
    - Know if you are serving leaders as well as children.
    - Have plenty of help and know how you are resetting between groups.
    - Have clear instructions for kids. Be prepared for mistakes and accidents.

### 7. Closing (5 minutes)

Ask conferees to join you in a praying for their VBS, rotations, families, and leaders.
 Encourage them to pray for people by name and consider what God would have them do now to get started. Close the prayer by praying for the conferees.