

Thank God It's Friday!



He (Jesus) said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

John 21:6 (NIV)

- ✓ Engaging The Family
- ✓ Experiencing God
- ✓ Entering Destiny

Foreword By Senior Pastor Lawrence Khong

Dear Leaders,

It's Harvest Time!

This Good Friday, let us unite as a body of Christ and bring the precious gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ into the lives of those around us - in our homes, schools, and workplace.

Our purpose behind this churchwide harvest event entitled, 'Thank God It's Friday!', is to **ENGAGE THE FAMILY, EXPERIENCE GOD** as we pray for others and **ENTER OUR DESTINY** as fishermen of lives to win the 'lost' for Christ.

In the process of doing so, we hope to build deep relationships with those whom we will reach out to, integrate across diverse backgrounds and touch hearts to bring about divine transformation of lives in Singapore – our FCBC vision.

So in this Leader's Manual, we have put together a comprehensive list of tools and resources that will enable you and your cell members to run your own special Good Friday harvest event in a step-by-step fashion.

From event planning to programme brainstorming to event preparation and outreach materials – invite cards, ice-breakers, prayers, prayer cards, decision cards, praise and worship songs, you will find all the handy guidance and tips that you need to do so with ease.

So let us get started today – planning, preparing, inviting and hosting our pre-believing loved ones and friends, in the hope of leading each of them to receive the Good News of Christ into their lives through this comfortable and non-threatening setting that we have helped create with a spirit of enthusiasm and excellence.

For this Good Friday harvest event, let us, as a mobilised church, passionately spur one another on and prepare to bring in a mighty harvest for His Kingdom. And may we experience as His word says in John 21:6b (NIV), "When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish."

In His Service,



Senior Pastor Lawrence Khong

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Programme Concepts

The BIG Idea
GOOD FRIDAY is a
major Evangelistic
Outreach Point,
where **Everyone** in
the church should
be **Committed To**
the objective of
Bringing In The
Harvest.

THE GOALS

❖ Engaging The (FCBC) Family

- ▶ To give every member of the FCBC family the opportunity to find fulfilment in being part of, and contributing to, the Great Commission.
- ▶ To enable synergy by encouraging collaborative efforts across cells/ networks and thus forge closer integration, nurturing unity in purpose and spirit across FCBC.

❖ Experiencing GOD

- ▶ To move in the power of GOD, as we pray and intercede for our pre-believing friends and loved ones.
- ▶ To encounter GOD's love for the unsaved and ignite passion for the lost in our hearts.

❖ Entering Destiny

- ▶ To give cell members the opportunity to discover and use their God-given gifts and abilities to make a difference and thus enter their destiny as salt and light to the world.
- ▶ To give cell members the chance to be that person whom God uses to reach the pre-believers in the family, neighbourhood or marketplace.

THE EVENT

❖ ‘Thank God It’s Friday!’ - Good Friday 2010

- ▶ Screen the movie ‘The Deal’ (Suzann Sing’s testimony) for pre-believing friends or loved ones over the Good Friday weekend in open cells
- ▶ Follow up with Saturday Night Service @ TCT and Easter Sunday Service with sharing by Suzann Sing and her husband, Kelvin Soh.

❖ Open Cells

- ▶ To mobilise ALL OPEN CELLS to be intimately involved in this outreach event.
- ▶ To communicate the GOSPEL of GOOD FRIDAY in a comfortable and non-threatening setting, so as to elicit a personal response to Salvation.
- ▶ To use all available resources in order that “we try to persuade men” concerning the GOOD NEWS (2 Corinthians 5:11).

THE TOOLS & RESOURCES

❖ **Ice-breakers**

- ▶ See Appendix 1

❖ **Worship Songs**

- ▶ See Appendix 2

❖ **'The Deal' DVD**

- ▶ This DVD not only carries a moving testimony but an altar call as well.
- ▶ See Appendix 3 for a synopsis of the movie.

❖ **John 3:16 Video**

- ▶ This video demonstrates how we could share God's salvation plan through the simple John 3:16 Presentation.

❖ **Testimony (Open cell to prepare)**

- ▶ A 3-5 minutes testimony of 1-2 cell members that should be vetted beforehand by the cell leader

❖ **Fun For The Kids**

- ▶ See Appendix 4

THE HEART ATTITUDES

❖ Love One Another

- ▶ Unite as ONE HEART in the outreach event.

❖ Love our Neighbour

- ▶ Passion to win the lost for Christ but to do this with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15b) .

❖ Humility and Faith

- ▶ I can because God can and wants it to be so!

Planning Schedule

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- 9 Weeks to Good Friday
- The Saturday After and Easter Sunday
- Post Good Friday

Programme Format

PLANNING SCHEDULE

30 January - 6 February, 2010 – 9 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Church to distribute the “Thank God It’s Friday” Pack comprising of the following:
 - Invitation cards, Prayer cards and Decision cards
 - Response Report Form
 - Leader’s manual
 - DVDs – John 3:16 Presentation and “The Deal” movie
- ❖ Cell leader to go through the Pack.

7 - 13 February, 2010 – 8 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Open cell to brainstorm and plan the number of outreach points, organising cell members into small groups to run the Good Friday outreach at different venues.
- ❖ Open cell to pray for names to invite for the Good Friday outreach.

14 - 20 February, 2010 – 7 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Chinese New Year Week.
- ❖ Open cell to write down the names of guests to invite and pray for them.

21 - 27 February, 2010 – 6 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Open cell to watch “The Deal” DVD together in cell meeting.
- ❖ Cell members to draft their personal testimonies and practise in open cell.
- ❖ Open cell to pray for the Good Friday outreach and the names of guests to invite.

28 February - 6 March, 2010 – 5 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Open cell to watch the John 3:16 Presentation DVD together.
- ❖ Cell members to practise the John 3:16 Presentation and testimony sharing.
- ❖ Open cell to pray for the Good Friday outreach and names of guests to invite.

7 - 13 March, 2010 – 4 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Open cell to pray for the Good Friday outreach, the names of guests to invite and send out the invitations.
- ❖ Cell leader to go through the segment ‘What to Say? What to Do?’ (see pg 27 to 33), especially the portion on ‘Closing the Session - Response and Prayer’
- ❖ Cell leader to collate information on outreach points for Network Pastors:
 - Venue and Time
 - Cell members running the programme

14 - 20 March, 2010 – 3 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ G12 Conference week
- ❖ Open cell to pray and fast for the Good Friday outreach and invited guests.
- ❖ Cell members to report on invitation results and the number of children attending (if any), to decide if a separate programme should be held for the kids.
- ❖ Cell leader to go through the preparation needed for the outreach and pair up cell members to practise personal testimony sharing and the John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ Cell leader to also go through the children’s booklet ‘Breaking The Barrier’ (see Appendix 4, pg 52) to prepare cell members to share the gospel with pre-believing children (if any).

21 - 27 March, 2010 – 2 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Open cell to pray and fast for the Good Friday outreach and invited guests.
- ❖ Cell members to confirm the number of guests attending for the purpose of food preparation.
- ❖ Cell leader to rally and stress the importance of the Good Friday outreach to cell members.
- ❖ Cell leader to select cell members to share testimony for various outreach points.
- ❖ Open cell to rehearse programme, personal testimony sharing and the John 3:16 Presentation for the Good Friday Outreach and the portion on ‘Closing The Session - Response and Prayer’ (see pg 31 to pg 32)

28 March - 1 April, 2010 – 1 week before Good Friday

- ❖ Open cell to intensify prayer and fasting for the Good Friday outreach and invited guests, especially to bind any spiritual forces that seek to thwart or stop guests from coming or coming to know Christ.
- ❖ Final preparation and rehearsal for the Good Friday outreach:
 - Play the DVD to ensure the disc, DVD player and TV are working.
- ❖ Remind the guests:
 - A day before the Good Friday outreach, contact the guests to remind them to come on time as there will be a programme.
- ❖ Arrange room setting:
 - Make adequate arrangements to ensure room setting is comfortable.
 - Place TV where everyone can watch comfortably.

2 April, 2010 – Thank God It's Friday!

- ❖ Cell members to gather earlier to prepare the venue and food (if it is not catered).
- ❖ Cell members to worship down the presence of God and intercede for the invited guests.
- ❖ Carry out the programme for the Good Friday outreach, using the steps and suggestions in "**What to Say? What to Do?**" (pg 27 – 33), to open and close the party, minister and impart a blessing.
 - "Yes" to salvation. If any of the guests responds positively, take down his / her particulars in the Decision card.
 - "No" to salvation. If the guest's reply is negative, probe to understand his / her concerns and offer to pray a blessing. Also indicate response in the Decision card.
- ❖ Invite all guests to the Saturday Night Service @ TCT and the Easter Sunday Service regardless of their salvation responses.
- ❖ Be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit throughout the programme and always maintain a sweet spirit and demonstrate Christlikeness.

3 - 4 April, 2010 – The Saturday After and Easter Sunday

- ❖ Bring invited guests to the Saturday Night Service @ TCT and the Easter Sunday Service.
- ❖ Suzann Sing and her husband, Kelvin Soh, will make appearances at the Saturday Night Service @ TCT, English Service @ The MAX Pavilion and the Chinese Service @ TC.
- ❖ Cell leader to submit the first 2 copies of the Response Report Form (with statistics for salvation and re-dedication) at the respective celebration venues.
- ❖ Cell leader to retain the third copy of the Response Report Form and all Decision cards of invited guests for review of future Good Friday / outreach activities.

5 - 10 April, 2010 – Post Good Friday

- ❖ Cell leader to conduct de-brief and evaluation of open cell's Good Friday outreach effort.
- ❖ Close de-brief and evaluation by giving thanks and praise to our God!

Cell members to continue to follow up with invited guests, especially those who have not responded to the salvation call or the invitation to go to church.

PROGRAMME FORMAT

The programme agenda has three important components:

- ❖ **THE PRE-PROGRAMME** consists of ice-breakers and singing of some worship songs which act as warm up and time filler for the guests to arrive. They also serve to get cell members and guests to mingle and have fun to prepare them for the main programme that follows.
- ❖ **THE MAIN PROGRAMME** is when “The Deal” DVD – featuring the powerful testimony of Suzann Sing’s conversion to Christianity and the power of the Cross to set people free from addictions, hopelessness and empty worldly pursuits. This is followed by the cell leader harnessing response from the guests for the altar call made in the movie. Following that, cell members are to share with the guests in pairs the John 3:16 Presentation and their personal testimonies.
- ❖ **THE ENDING PROGRAMME** is when food is served. Continue to mingle with guests over food and get to know them better. Invite them to the Saturday Night Service @ TCT and the Easter Sunday Service and cell meetings.

After the programme, cell leader is to collate data for reporting. Fill up the Response Report Form with the number of guests who came, the number of guests who received Salvation and the number of guests who re-dedicated their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Drop the first 2 copies of the Response Report Form at the respective celebration venues during the coming weekend services

FORMAT FOR DINNER PARTY

STAGE 1

Prepare the Place (60mins)

“Food, Decorations, Prayers & Worship!”

STAGE 2

Recommended Start Time – 5.30pm

Welcome, Warm-up & Worship (30mins)

“Breaking the Ice, Joining the Chorus”

***STAGE 3**

Time At The Movies (40mins)

“The Deal”

STAGE 4

Counting the Fishes (5mins)

“Knowing the Response”

STAGE 5

The Gospel Close-Up (15mins)

John 3:16 Presentation and Personal Testimony

STAGE 6

Response & Prayers (10mins)

“Sowing the Seeds, Moving in Faith”

***STAGE 7**

It's Makan Time! (60mins)

“Fellowship Over Dinner!”

* Start and end kids' programme at this point (see Appendix 4, “Fun For The Kids”)

You may want to shift the slots around if planning a lunch or high tea party.

Prayer Guide

Precious Souls Persistent Faith Persevering Prayers

“And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”
Ephesians 6:18a (NIV)

- Challenge to Pray
- Prayer Schedule
- Prayer Prompts

CHALLENGE TO PRAY

ENVISION THIS:

**You let
God's heart for the lost
become
your heart for the lost**

JOHN DAWSON



History is full of exciting results

As

**God has worked through
concerted, united, sustained prayer**

J. EDWIN ORR



There have been revivals without much preaching;

but

**there has never been
a mighty revival
without
mighty prayer**

R.A. TORREY



Challenge To:

**Pray! Pray! Pray!
Pray for souls,
more souls,
even more souls.**

PRAAYER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	PRAYER FOCUS
7 – 13 Feb 8 weeks before Good Friday	<p>Concerted Prayer (1/2 Hour)</p> <p>I. PREPARATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ASSURE ourselves of GOD'S PRESENCE b) AVAIL ourselves of GOD'S POWER c) ACKNOWLEDGE ourselves as GOD'S PERSONNEL d) ALIGN ourselves with GOD'S PLAN 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) CHANGING the climate b) CLAIMING territories c) CANOPY of prayer for protection
14 – 20 Feb 7 weeks before Good Friday	<p>CELL Slot – WORKs (15 mins)</p> <p>II. PLANNING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) WELCOME TEAM b) WORSHIP LEADER c) WITNESSING TEAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TESTIMONY - JOHN 3:16 PRESENTATION (ALL CELL MEMBERS) d) WORK TEAM (LOGISTICS) e) 'WALLOPING' TEAM (FOOD) 4. PARTICIPANTS (GUESTS)
21 – 27 Feb 6 weeks before Good Friday	<p>CELL Slot – WORKs (15 mins)</p> <p>II. PLANNING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. PARTICIPANTS (GUESTS) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BLESSING b) BREAKING STRONGHOLDS c) BREAKTHROUGH d) BORN AGAIN (SALVATION)

MARCH	PRAYER FOCUS
28 Feb – 6 Mar 5 weeks before Good Friday	Concerted Prayer (1/2 hour) I. PREPARATION: 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE II. PLANNING: 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL 4. PARTICIPANTS (GUESTS)
7 – 13 Mar 4 weeks before Good Friday	CELL Slot – WORKs (15 mins) II. PLANNING: 3. PERSONNEL a) WELCOME TEAM b) WORSHIP LEADER c) WITNESSING TEAM - TESTIMONY - JOHN 3:16 PRESENTATION (ALL CELL MEMBERS) d) WORK TEAM (LOGISTICS) e) 'WALLOPING' TEAM (FOOD) 4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS)
14 – 20 Mar 3 weeks before Good Friday	CELL Slot – WORKs (15 mins) II. PLANNING: 4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS) a) BLESSING b) BREAKING STRONGHOLDS c) BREAKTHROUGH d) BORN AGAIN (SALVATION)
21 – 27 Mar 2 weeks before Good Friday	Concerted Prayer (1/2 hour) I. PREPARATION: 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE II. PLANNING: 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL 4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS) III. PROCLAMATION IV. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING
28 Mar – 1 Apr 1 week before Good Friday	Concerted Prayer (1/2 hour) I. PREPARATION: 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE II. PLANNING: 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL 4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS) III. PROCLAMATION IV. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

PRAYER PROMPTERS

I. PREPARATION:

1. PRAYER FOCUS: Cell Leaders and Cell Members

A. ASSURE OURSELVES OF GOD'S PRESENCE

For Lord, You are my God who goes with me to fight for me against my enemies, to save me [Deuteronomy 20:4].

B. AVAIL OURSELVES OF GOD'S POWER

Father, it is You who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. You make my feet like the feet of the deer, and set me on my high places. You teach my hand to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze [Psalm 18:32-34].

No man shall be able to stand before me all the days of my life. God, as You are with Moses, You will be with me. You will not leave me nor forsake me [Joshua 1:5].

C. ACKNOWLEDGE OURSELVES AS GOD'S PERSONNEL

Lord, I am CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVE. Please use me to speak to men and women; and urging them as though Christ Himself were here pleading with them, 'Be reconciled with God!' [2 Corinthians 5:20]

D. ALIGN OURSELVES WITH GOD'S PLAN

Father, forgive me for my indifference, coldness of heart and lack of responsibility in sharing the gospel. Lord, ignite my heart with Your passion for the lost.

For Lord, it is Your desire that none should perish, but everyone to come to repentance [2 Peter 3:9]. You also want me to diffuse the fragrance of Your knowledge in every place [2 Corinthians 2:14]. That I SHALL BE A BLESSING!

2. PRAYER FOCUS: Spiritual Climate of Singapore

Father, we humble ourselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways. Please forgive our sins and heal our land [2 Chronicles 7:14].

Lord, by Your power we claim the territories stolen through the recent events. Issue Your eviction notice and plant Your stake!

Jehovah God, expose darkness by Your bright light! Reveal Jesus.

- Let Your Word prevail this day to change mindsets that oppose You, silence tongues that accuse You and soften hearts that resist You.
- Expose and bring to swift judgment every insidious web of darkness opposing Your harvest.
- Free Singapore from witchcraft and ancient strongholds.

WORSHIP INTERCESSION WITH:

- **SHINE JESUS SHINE**
- **GREAT AWAKENING**
- **SPIRIT TOUCH YOUR CHURCH**
- **IT IS NOW**
- **JESUS CHRIST IS THE LORD OF ALL**

II. PLANNING:

1. PRAYER FOCUS: Program

Father, empower every cell leader to organize the program wisely; according to the dynamics of the open cell in conjunction with the invited guests. Every open cell will be able to embrace and meet the needs of the guests personally and individually.

2. PRAYER FOCUS: Place (s) / Location

- Prayerfully decide the homes to visit and the homes for celebration – praying on-site is highly recommended (before the event takes place).
- To invite the mighty presence of God to anoint the place into holy ground (primarily to set an altar to raise up worship).

3. PRAYER FOCUS: Personnel

A. WELCOME TEAM:

Pray for:

- creativity and flexibility for more 'ice-breakers' toward knowing one another.
- charisma, communication, confidence to captivate the attention of our audience.
- special ability to present the gospel (non-threatening) even through 'ice-breakers' [Ephesians 4:7, TLB].

B. WORSHIP LEADER:

Pray that:

- worship leader will soak in the presence of God till all lyrics of the worship songs he / she is preparing for the event reveal the true meaning of Good Friday, that is 'the Son of God became a man to enable man to become sons of God' [C . S. Lewis].
- With this revelation and a deep conviction in his / her heart, bring down the presence of God during 'Thank God It's Friday!' and turn every ground to holy ground.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself to minister to the audience.

C. WITNESSING TEAM:

- **Testimony:**

Pray:

- for anointing upon the testimony that comes through the video.
- that every spoken word will bring glory to Your Name.
- for courage, confidence and clarity to deliver.

- **John 3:16 Presentation:**

Pray:

- that presentation will be crystal clear and effective.
- to use the Word of God to speak for Himself [Hebrews 4:12].
- that truth will set the people free [John 8:32].

- **Cell members:**

Pray:

- for confidence to take on this assignment.
- for discernment to minister to the felt needs of your assigned guest.
- and (fast) fervently for your assigned guest(s); record every WORD OF WISDOM and / or WORD OF KNOWLEDGE you receive from the Lord [1 Corinthians 12:7-10].
- to release the Word to him / her personally and appropriately. Timing is crucial! It must bring result [Isaiah 55:11].
- for each person by name, contending for their salvation.

D. WORK TEAM (LOGISTICS)

Pray for

- collaboration and competence.
- stay focus on task.
- sharpness to size up situation and make decision.

E. 'WALLOPING' TEAM (FOOD)

Pray for

- team to have wisdom to select food suitable for the occasion.

4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS)

A. PRAYER FOCUS: Blessings for every invited guest by name

Pray:

- for God to manifest Himself through answered prayers – supernatural intervention; miraculous happenings; healings; signs and wonders.
- acknowledgement of God and God alone is the Miracle-Worker.
- God to build a hedge of protection around them.

- **Oikos (Community Relationship: Friends, Neighbors, Families, Foreigners)**

Pray:

- Ask God to open door, open heart and open heaven so that we will have favor with the community; thus enabling us to bless them with the Harvest.
- that we will walk our talk – ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ and secure every heart without Christ to ‘Thank God It’s Friday!’.

- **Oikos (Foreigner Friends)**

Pray:

- that the Peace of God be upon them; and the Lord will provide all their needs, especially job security.
- that they will be free from fears and are able to enjoy the resources of this land.
- for God’s protection over them against all kinds of oppression, exploitation, ill-treatments and abusers.
- for their safety and decent dwellings.
- that our act of kindness will lead them to accept our invitation to ‘Thank God It’s Friday!’.

B. PRAYER FOCUS: Breaking strongholds in every guest by name

Pray:

- By faith, identify and tear down strongholds [2 Corinthians 10:3-6] hindering them from hearing the gospel clearly and turning to Christ.
- for spiritual awakening; urgency and strong receptivity to the Word of God [Hebrews 3:7-8; Psalm 95:7-8].
- that their hearts will be opened to our testimonies, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, etc.
- that they will call on the Lord and be saved [Acts 2:17,21].

III. PROCLAMATION

We declare:

**THE SON OF GOD BECAME A MAN
TO ENABLE MAN
TO BECOME SONS OF GOD!
We have BOUNTIFUL HARVEST!**
[Leviticus 26:9].

IV. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Father, for

- all You've done,
 - Your supernatural intervention and manifestation.
- all You're going to do,
 - we give You thanks.
- Thank You for Your Presence in every open cell to minister,
 - breaking down strongholds.
 - binding the brokenhearted.
 - breathing lives into pre-believers.

We lift our praise to You,

- Praise be unto the Sovereign, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Almighty God.
 - not only You know all things, You always have our best interests at heart.

Thank You for Your Word in Leviticus 26:9 that 'You will look on us with favor and make us fruitful and increase our numbers, and You will keep Your covenant with us'.

We give thanks, we give praise, for by faith we believe we have bountiful harvest for 'Thank God It's Friday!' 2010 and we rest in Your abundant grace. AMEN!

What to Say? What to Do?

- **Preliminary Instructions**
- **The Party Begins....**
- **John 3:16 Diagram**

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Bring your Bible and a pen.
- ❖ If it is possible, two cell members should pair up as a team.
- ❖ Know the names of the guests coming and be ready to greet them by name.
- ❖ Know your John 3:16 Presentation and be ready to present it to assigned guests.
- ❖ Refrain from unnecessary physical contact except the laying on of hands during prayer and ministry.
- ❖ Have a person in charge of Decision cards and let the cell members know where these cards will be placed.

THE PARTY BEGINS....

Arrival of Guests (15mins)

- ❖ It is likely that your guests may not arrive at the same time.
- ❖ Allow 15 minutes of waiting time. Serve drinks and light snacks while waiting.
- ❖ Start with simple ice-breakers if the waiting time is longer than 15 minutes.
- ❖ Cell members must make special effort to mix around with the guests.

Welcome & Warm-up – Breaking the Ice (15mins)

- ❖ The leader may start the party with this opening address:

"We want to welcome each of you to this very special Good Friday party. We are glad you can join us and hope that you will have a relaxing and enjoyable time with us. Let's begin with some games."
- ❖ Play the ice-breakers you have chosen (see Appendix 1 for some suggestions). The purpose of the ice-breakers is to warm up and help your guests to relax. So have fun!

Worship – Joining the Chorus (15mins)

- ❖ Gather the people after the games.
- ❖ Get ready to move into the next part of the programme to worship.
- ❖ You may continue to say this:

"I hope you have enjoyed yourselves. It's Good Friday today. So let's sing some songs to celebrate this special day."
- ❖ Give out song sheets to everyone. You should have selected no more than three songs (see Appendix 2 for some suggestions).

Time at the Movies – “The Deal” (40mins)

- ❖ Get everyone to be seated comfortably facing the TV.
- ❖ The leader may give a brief introduction about why the movie is shown:

"Please be seated comfortably. We are going to watch this movie, "The Deal". Good Friday is a very special day for many of us here because it's the day our Lord sacrificed for us on the Cross but resurrected three days later. And we would like to share what GOD's love really means to some of us here. Sit back, relax and enjoy this very touching movie."
- ❖ Make adequate arrangements to avoid unnecessary disturbance during the movie, so as not to distract the guests.

The Altar Call

Note to cell leader: You are not making the altar call. The altar call is made during the movie. What you will be doing next is to help to do the altar call follow-up.

(In order not to break the momentum, do minimize movements; get only one cell member to assist to switch off TV and DVD gadget, if necessary)

- ❖ The movie ends with an altar call. Cell leader will now take over to confirm the response. Cell leader may say something like this:
- ❖ “*I trust that you have enjoyed the movie and have been touched by it. Can I ask all of us now to close our eyes for a while?*
- ❖ *I know some of us have been touched by the movie and have also followed along in the prayer with Kelvin Soh just now. Can I ask those of us who have prayed along to quietly slip up your hands, so that I can recognise you and pray for you. With no one looking around, at the count of 3, please raise your hand and then you can put it down. Let me count now ... 1....2... 3... please raise your hands if you have said the prayer to receive Jesus.*
- ❖ Thank you, I see your hands. Now you can put your hands down.
- ❖ Cell leader prays: “*Father, you see these hands that have been raised. Thank you for your grace. Today, Lord, receive them into your kingdom as they acknowledge you to be their personal Lord and Savior. They are now a child of God. Bless them as they grow in you. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen!*” (Clap)
- ❖ (At this stage, one cell member stands by to switch on the lights) “*Let's break into smaller groups of 3 or 4 so that we get a chance to know each other better and for some of us to share what Good Friday means to us.*”

Closing The Session – Response and Prayers (10mins)

- ❖ If the guest says '**Yes' to Salvation**, confirm the decision by using scriptures. Open your Bible to John 1:12. Ask the guest:

"When you receive Jesus Christ into your life, what have you become?"

Answer: A child of God.

Let the guest read the scripture and answer your question.

- ❖ Cell member to ask the guest if there is a need he / she can help pray over. Pray a prayer of blessing for the guest, and as the Lord leads, release the Holy Spirit's fullness and spiritual gifts, before moving on to the last phase of the programme.

You may say this:

"Lord, I thank You for the salvation of (NAME). I pray that you will fill my brother / sister here with the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and that he / she will experience Your love on a daily basis. I ask for the full blessings of the Cross to be upon him / her. Lead him / her in Your ways. Surround him / her with Your protection. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

- ❖ Proceed to fill up his / her details in the Decision card.
- ❖ Invite the guest to join your cell meetings and to attend the Saturday Night Service @ TCT and the Easter Sunday Service.

If the guest is not ready to receive Christ but is **Open to Know More About God**, you may want to say the following:

"I understand that you are not ready at this point to make this decision to invite Jesus into your life. But like what I have shared, God is real and hears our prayers. May I pray for you that God will reveal Himself to you and help you to experience His love in your life? If this is what you want, please repeat this prayer after me and mean the words in your heart."

- ❖ You may want to pray the "Seeker's Prayer" now:

"Dear Jesus, I do not know You but my friend tells me that You are real. I would like to know You more and pray that You will reveal Yourself to me in the way You have shown Yourself to other Christians. Please help me to know Your love. Thank you for hearing me and I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

- ❖ If the guest says '**No' to Salvation**', probe to understand his / her concerns and offer to pray a blessing over him / her. You may say this:

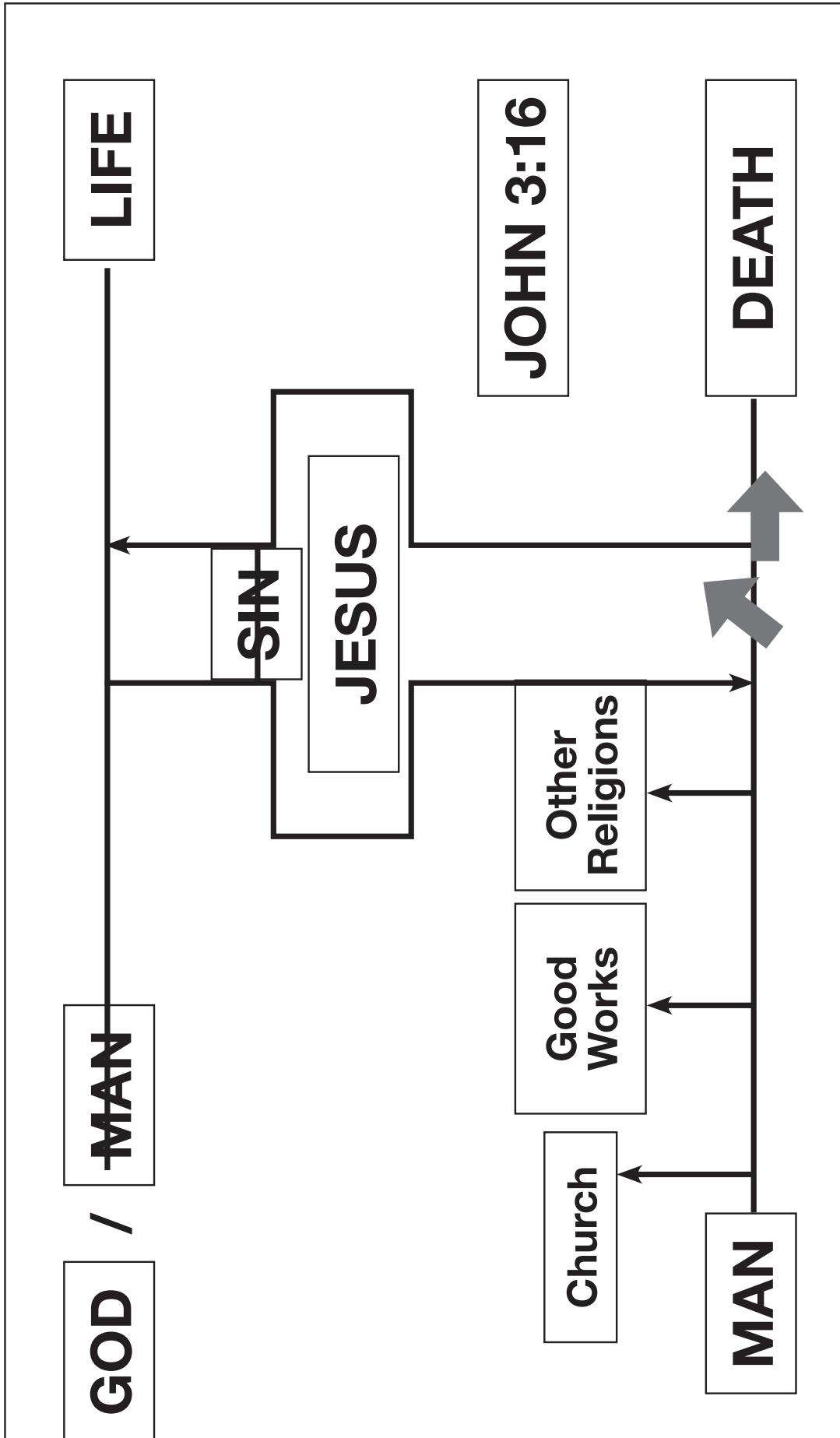
"Lord, I thank You for this chance to share Your love with (NAME). I ask that You will continue to keep him / her in good health and joyful spirit, and that one day, (NAME) will come into the wonderful experience of knowing and walking with You. Seal the truth in his / her mind. Thank you in the name of Jesus. Amen."

- ❖ Invite the guest to come for the Saturday Night Service @ TCT and the Easter Sunday Service.

It's Makan Time! – Start the Food Fellowship

- ❖ Proceed to start on the food.
- ❖ Remember to mingle with the guests and get to know them better.
- ❖ Hand out the goodie bags prepared for the children before the guests depart. Then say your Good-Byes!

JOHN 3:16 PRESENTATION



(Adapted from "Knocking On Doors, Opening Hearts" by Dr. Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr)

Breaking the Ice



- **Knowing Me, Knowing U**
- **What's Your Name?**
- **Let's Get It Right**
- **Taboo**
- **Heart Attack**

ICE-BREAKERS

Why Ice-Breakers

- ❖ Ice-breakers are activities that help people take the focus off themselves, so that they will feel at ease with one another.
- ❖ They may require each person to say something on a topic; or small groups of 2 or 3 may be required to accomplish a task in a limited time.
- ❖ As the name “Ice-Breakers” suggests, they only break the initial silence and shyness of everyone present.
- ❖ They are extremely valuable to warm up the guests and help people to take that first step to know each other.
- ❖ Select an ice-breaker (from the list below or from any other source).

Suggested Ice-Breakers

- ❖ Knowing Me, Knowing U
- ❖ What's Your Name?
- ❖ Let's Get It Right
- ❖ Taboo
- ❖ Heart Attack

More Ice-Breakers – Recommended Websites

- ❖ FCBC G12 resources: http://www.fcbc.org.sg/resource_details.asp?catid=2
- ❖ <http://www.icebreakers.ws/medium-group>
- ❖ <http://wilderdom.com/games/Icebreakers.html>

Knowing Me, Knowing U

(An ice-breaker to help remember names)

What To Do?

- ❖ Get everyone to form a circle.
- ❖ A person starts by announcing his name and performing an action, e.g., pulling his ear.
- ❖ The person on his / her right will then repeat his / her name and the action, then says his / her own name and adds another action.
- ❖ The game goes on with each one having to repeat the previous names and accompanying actions in the right order.

What's Your Name?

(An ice-breaker to help remember names)

What To Do?

- ❖ Tell everyone to sit in a circle. If name tags are used to identify each other at the party, get everyone to turn their tags face down.
- ❖ Each person will introduce himself / herself by name and tell the group one unique thing about himself / herself. An example: "My name is John and I have a pet tortoise." (It is best if the game leader goes first. Then the group can see how it is played.)
- ❖ Tell the group that the next person is to repeat the previous person's name and the unique thing he / she told the group. That person in turn also tells the group his / her name and one unique thing about himself / herself.
- ❖ Everyone who remains have to follow the same procedure but recalls all the names and things shared from the first person to the previous person.

Let's Get It Right

(A good ice-breaker to transit the group towards viewing the movie)

Materials & Preparation

- ❖ Materials – slips of paper with movie titles, a container, score sheet, a stopwatch.

What To Do?

- ❖ Prepare beforehand a list of all the current movies. Select both English and Chinese movies. Write down each title on a slip of paper.
- ❖ Fold up all the slips and place them in a container.
- ❖ Divide the people into teams of 5 to 6 persons. Ask the team members to select a name for their team.
- ❖ Explain that they are going to play charades based on the category of “movie titles”.
- ❖ Each team will send a person forward for each turn. That person will draw out one slip of paper from the container.
- ❖ He / She has to act the movie title out either word for word, or something that stands out about the movie. Verbal communication is not allowed.
- ❖ Give each team 30 seconds to guess. If the team fails to get the correct answer, the other teams are allowed to try with their answers, but each team can only make one guess.
- ❖ Work out your own scoring system for the game.

Taboo

Materials & Preparation

- ❖ Materials – slips of paper with 5 to 8 taboo words each, score sheet, a stopwatch.

What To Do?

- ❖ Divide the people equally into 2 or 3 groups (depending on total size).
- ❖ Each team will be given a unique set of about 5 to 8 taboo words.
- ❖ Each team to nominate a representative to help the rest of the team members to guess the taboo words. He / She can use description or words associated with the taboo word itself, or anything that sounds like it.

For example, if the taboo word is “Angel”, then the person can say words like “wings”, “Gabriel”, “Michael”, “cherub”, “fly”, etc. He / She cannot use words like “angelic” which sounds the same as “Angel”, or the point would be lost.

- ❖ If the team decides to change the representative, the person replaced is not allowed to help out in the guessing anymore.
- ❖ Once a team completes guessing the 5 to 8 words, the next team takes over.
- ❖ The winning team is the one that scores the most correct answers in the shortest time.
- ❖ Sample of taboo words associated with Good Friday – “Angel”, “Blood”, “Body”, “Cross”, “Calvary”, “Crucifix”, “Easter”, “Empty”, “Forgiveness”, “Good Friday”, “Grace”, “Jesus”, “Love”, “Stone”, “Roll”, “Reconciliation”, “Resurrection”, “Roman soldiers”, “Tomb”, “Whip”.
- ❖ Other taboo words – The cell leader has the freedom to adapt the game to suit the crowd and choose different sets of words. If he / she thinks the guests can handle the sample words above, then they can be used to spring into a conversation explaining Good Friday and Easter.

Heart Attack

What To Do?

- ❖ Get everyone to sit down comfortably.
- ❖ Ask for a volunteer and have him / her step outside the room. Tell the volunteer to guess the killer in this game. Allow him / her to enter the room when you have chosen a killer.
- ❖ Choose someone in the room to be a killer. The killer (without being seen by the volunteer) will silently wink at those present. Those who see the killer winking at them will suddenly clutch at their chests and pretend to have a heart attack.
- ❖ Play for about 1 minute, or until 2 other persons remain.
Ask the volunteer to guess the killer.
- ❖ Change roles and get other people to become the volunteer and killer. Repeat the game.

Appendix 2

Join in the Chorus



- **6 Song sets have been suggested for your choice**

SUGGESTED SONG SETS

1.

Lord I Lift Your Name On High G
My Life Is In You Lord G
Through It All G
You Laid Aside Your Majesty G

4.

Awesome In This Place E
For All You've Done E
I Will Run To You F
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus F

2.

I Will Enter His Gates E
My Redeemer Lives E
As We Gather E
Amazing Grace E

5.

Lord I Lift Your Name On High G
Jesus Christ Is Lord G
Be Exalted G
I Give You My Heart G

3.

Great And Mighty C
Majestic C
No Other Name C
So You Would Come C

6.

Let Everything That Has Breath C
Kingdom Come C
When I Look Into Your Holiness C
What The Lord Has Done In Me C

Appendix 3

Time at the Movies



- ‘The Deal’

MOVIE – THE DEAL

Movie Synopsis:

All Suzann wanted was a glamorous life.

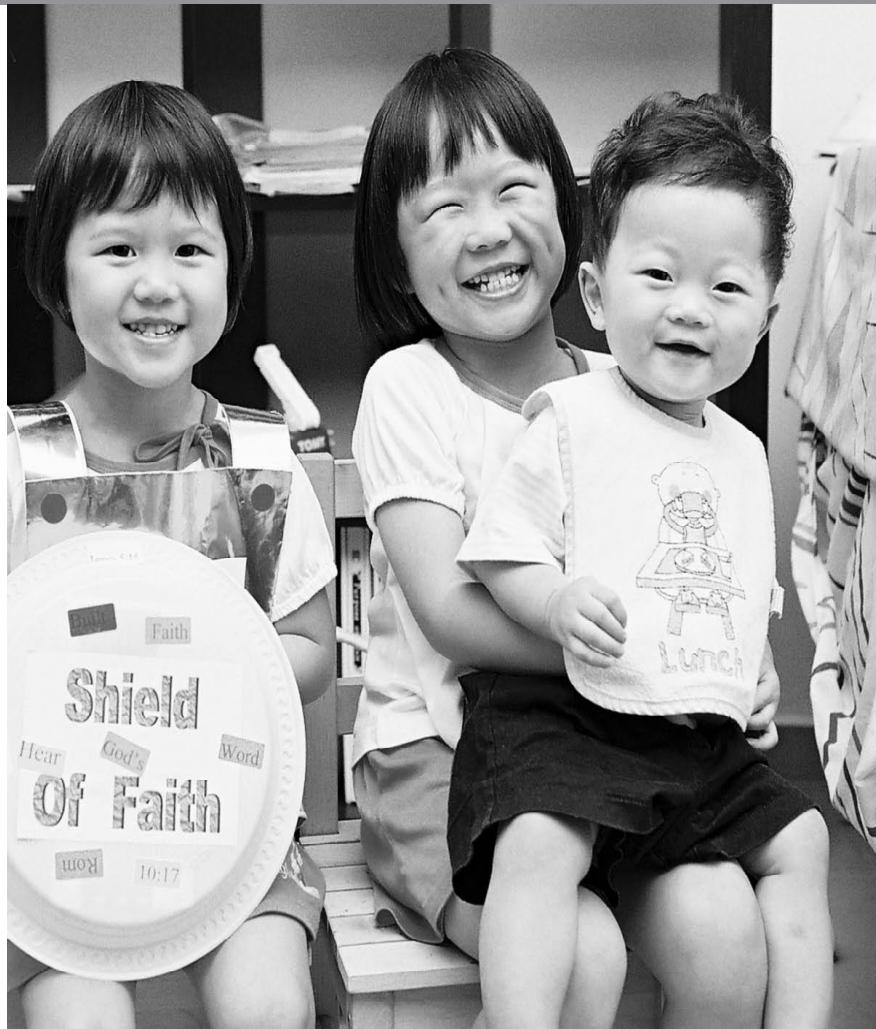
Glamour turned into quicksand when she was introduced to the tempting, dizzying world of gambling.

Hooked by the thrill of a win, she learned to consult fortune tellers for luck, and unknowingly became a victim of witchcraft. How would she escape a world that is as desirable as it is destructive?

Through this movie, watch how God transformed Suzann's life, as she experienced the grace that changed her to become a godly woman.

Appendix 4

Fun for the Kids



Suggested Programme

- **Important Notes**
- **Children < 6 Years**
- **Children > 6 Years**
- **Suggested Activities**
- **Suggested Ice-Breakers**
- **How to Lead a Child to Christ**

SUGGESTED TGIF PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

Your guests may bring their children to the party. Check on the number and the ages of the children coming when confirming the guests' attendance.

Important Notes

Cell leader, together with the other cell members, as well as the hosts of the home where the party is held, may need to look into the following:

- ❖ A separate room for the children. Put away all breakable glassware or porcelain from the room, and move the furniture if needed to create adequate space. Check all the equipment (DVD, DVD player, TV) that will be used to screen the video.
- ❖ Appoint a cell member or if any, one of their older teenage kids, to be the children's coordinator who will prepare an ice breaker, some games, art & craft, or even select a video for the children to view.
- ❖ Prepare some toys for the children to play.
 - ▶ The best toys include things like a kaleidoscope, simple drawing materials, simple jigsaws and blocks.
 - ▶ Avoid toys that require great movement like toy cars and balloons.
 - ▶ Children are often more interested in safe ordinary objects than they are in toys. They can be delighted with large buttons, a mirror or a comb.

If you cut up plastic drinking straws, they can thread them on a string.

- ❖ Prepare goodie bags for the children to take home. These could include sweets and chocolate Easter eggs, as well as some stationery or small presents sourced from Christian bookstores.
- ❖ Welcome – When the invited guests and their children arrive at the party, the cell members' children can also join in the welcome and help them feel at home. Prepare sticker labels for each of the kids.
- ❖ Ice Breaker – Choose an ice breaker which the children can enjoy and participate in the fun as well.
- ❖ The Programme Begins – When it is time to start 'The Deal' movie, call the children together and lead them into the separate room.
- ❖ The Programme Ends – The children's coordinator is to keep the children occupied till the completion of the John 3:16 Presentation to the adults. Lead them out to join the adults when the eating begins.

Children Below 6-Years-Old

- ❖ It may not be easy to separate pre-nursery children from their parents to whom they have become deeply attached.
- ❖ These children cannot sit still for too long and would need some physical activities to keep them focused. Bring out some toys for them to play.
- ❖ If they join the rest of the children in the separate room, being more restless, they would need the children's helper to control them.
- ❖ Bring them to the room and do 1 or more of the following:
 - ▶ Watch a children's cartoon, e.g. VeggieTales.
 - ▶ Draw / colour an Easter egg on paper.
- ❖ Bless them at the end of the session with a prayer and goodie bags.

Children 6-Years-or-Older

- ❖ Children of these ages would normally like to sit through the adult programme.
- ❖ Use ice-breakers that would involve children.
- ❖ Children's helpers can be with the children while the adults are going through the John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ Share the Gospel. At this moment, pair up the children to share the gospel through the booklet, "Breaking The Barrier".
- ❖ Invite the children to GKidz Celebration on Saturday Night Service @ TCT or the Easter Sunday Service.

For GOD loves children and wants them in His Kingdom too!

"But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' " (Luke 18:16 NIV)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

(Source: "Feed My Lambs" by Lorna Jenkins)

Storytelling

- ❖ Children love to hear stories, not just Bible stories, but stories from life or from other books.
- ❖ You can encourage the children to talk about the story and to work out what it means. Do not tell them the meaning. They like to discover it themselves.
- ❖ However, you can help them with the clues.

Playing Games

- ❖ Playing games, whether indoors or outdoors, is a good activity.
- ❖ Games allow good interaction and the children have to relate to each other as they play together.
- ❖ They will need to make allowances for younger children.

Watching A Video

- ❖ Some of the recommended children's Christian videos are:
 - ▶ VeggieTales (based on Christian values and includes some Bible stories)
 - ▶ JJ the Aeroplane (Christian values; talks about GOD)
 - ▶ Max Lucado (has a children's series on Bees stories)
- ❖ These videos are available at all major Christian bookstores such as:
 - ▶ Crest Christian Book Corner (Far East Plaza),
 - ▶ Mount Hermon Christian Books & Gifts (www.mounthermon.com.sg),
 - ▶ SKS Books Warehouse (www.sksbooks.com), and
 - ▶ Tecman Bookstore (www.tecman.com.sg).

SUGGESTED ICE-BREAKERS

(Fun Involving The Children)

(Source: "Feed My Lambs" by Lorna Jenkins)

Tick Tock

- ❖ The leader passes a coloured block to Person A on his / her left and says: "This is a tick." The person answers: "A what?" The leader replies: "A tick."
- ❖ Person A does the same thing to Person B on his / her left. Let this continue a few times till the pattern gets established.
- ❖ Then the leader starts a different block going in the opposite direction, this time saying: "This is a tock." The person answers: "A what?" The leader replies: "A tock."
- ❖ Confusion is sure to set in as the game continues. You can add more blocks if possible.

Live Spelling

- ❖ Give each person cards which show one letter of the alphabet. It does not matter how many cards each person has, but everyone should have some.
- ❖ When the leader calls out a word, the people have to put down the letters in the right order as quickly as possible.
- ❖ You could do this in teams if you wish.

Word Association

- ❖ The leader suggests a word and the person on his / her left has to add a word which is associated with what he / she has selected. For example,
Blue – Sky – Pilot – Plane – Passengers –
- ❖ Keep going round the circle for some minutes. Young kids may need help.

Back-to-Back

- ❖ Form two teams. Ask a person from each team to step out and stand back to back. Do not warn them. Then ask each person the following questions:
 - ▶ What is the eye colour of your partner?
 - ▶ Is your partner wearing a T-shirt?
 - ▶ Is your partner wearing a ring?
- ❖ You could add any other questions.

People-to-People

- ❖ The group forms a circle, except the leader who stands in the centre, snaps his / her fingers and chants “people-to-people”; each is to find a partner.
- ❖ Whenever he / she wishes, he / she changes the chant to: “hand-to-hand”, “elbow-to-elbow”, “feet-to-feet”, “toes-to-toes”, “cheek-to-cheek”, etc.
- ❖ As the chant changes, the partners follow the instruction.
- ❖ At the call of “people-to-people”, everyone has to change partners. You can make it more challenging by calling two body parts, like “hand-to-foot.”

Balloon Person

- ❖ What's required – one round balloon and one felt pen.
- ❖ Choose a person to blow up the balloon and tie it. He / she passes it to the next person who takes the felt pen to start drawing a face.
- ❖ Ask the next person to draw one ear, one eye and he / she passes it on.
- ❖ Keep adding features as each person takes the balloon. You could include wrinkles or features, or teeth or anything else your imagination suggests.
- ❖ When everyone else has had a turn, the last person should give the balloon person a name. The leader then solemnly welcomes the balloon person.

HOW TO LEAD A CHILD TO CHRIST

“Breaking The Barrier”

This is a Presentation of the John 3:16 for children. This explains God's plan of Salvation through a story, with the use of stickers which a child can place on a diagram in the centre page of the booklet. When the diagram is completed, the way of Salvation is very clear.

The booklet is attractive and easy to read. It is so simple to use, that children can do the Presentation with other children.

- ❖ The booklet begins with the idea of God's love for us and His desire that we should be with Him forever.
- ❖ Our sin creates a barrier between us and God. Sin means living without God and choosing to be bad. Sin always leads to death.
- ❖ People try many different ways to break the barrier and get back to God. They try to be good. They may worship other gods. They may try being kind. They may even go to church. We cannot break the sin barrier by ourselves.
- ❖ God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us. (At this point, one half of the Cross shows His descent into the world.) People hated Him so much they killed Him on the Cross. (Complete the cross shape.) Jesus came alive and broke the sin barrier.
- ❖ Now we can come to the Cross of Jesus. If we accept His death for us and ask Him to forgive our sin, we can go back to God by breaking the sin barrier through the Cross. The only other way leads to death.
- ❖ The children are then encouraged to ask God to forgive their sins and to come back to God. They are asked to read John 3:16 putting their names in the appropriate spaces.

