

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY!



They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)

- **Engaging
The Family**
- **Experiencing GOD**
- **Entering Into
Our Destiny**

Foreword by our Senior Pastors

Dear Leaders,

It's harvest time again!

The theme of our church wide harvest event, *Thank God It's Friday!*, is to ENGAGE THE FAMILY, EXPERIENCE GOD and ENTER INTO OUR DESTINY of winning the 'lost' for Christ.

Our focus for this harvest event is to experience *The Year of His Empowerment* in our cells. As we *engage the family*, we trust that many will rise up to lead the TGIF harvest event. As we *experience God*, we anticipate that numerous homes hosting this harvest event will be touch points for the unique manifestation of the Holy Spirit in power and glory. As we *enter into our destiny*, we hope to build deep relationships with the myriad of lives we touch to change the spiritual destiny of our nation.

We believe God will show up at your TGIF party. We want your guests at your TGIF parties to walk with us in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ as He made His way from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross. We desire that your friends will experience the deep love that precipitated this; and we long for them to reach out and accept the hand of God extended towards them from the cross. We believe all our TGIF party venues will be turned upside down, as the Holy Spirit makes His presence in your midst!

In this Leader's Manual, we have put together a comprehensive list of tools and resources to enable you and your cell members to run your own special Good Friday harvest event.

Let us get started today – let us prepare our hearts; let us start praying for and inviting our pre-believing loved ones so that they may encounter the God of love and respond to Him.

For this Good Friday, let us as one, passionately spur one another on to bring in a mighty harvest for His Kingdom!

We believe 22 April will be a Day of His Empowerment in your cells!

In His Service,

Senior Pastors Lawrence and Nina Khong

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PROGRAMME CONCEPTS

The BIG Idea

GOOD FRIDAY is a major evangelistic outreach point, where **everyone** in the church **commits to bringing in the harvest.**

- Goals
- The Event
- Tools & Resources
- Our Heart Attitudes

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 through collaborative efforts across cells/teams to forge closer integration and nurture 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 Into Our Destiny**

- To give cell members the opportunity to discover and use their God-given gifts and abilities to make a difference to the lives of others and thus fulfil their destiny as salt and light to the world.
- To give cell members the chance to be used by God to reach the pre-believers in the family, the neighbourhood and the marketplace.

THE EVENT

'Thank God It's Friday!' - Good Friday, 2011

This Good Friday, we aim to:

- ▶ Exemplify the lives of the believers from the early churches who fellowshiped, remembered and praised God in their homes while enjoying favour with their friends. God will gladly add new souls into His kingdom and entrust them into the care of His people. (Acts 2:46-47)
- ▶ Reveal the sacrificial love of Christ, epitomised in His death on the Cross – for the Holy Spirit to speak to all our guests and convict them of the need to personally receive God's salvation.
- ▶ Use all available resources in order that “we try to persuade men” concerning the GOOD NEWS (2 Corinthians 5:11).
- ▶ Use this event to invite our friends to our Celebration Services over the Easter weekend.
- ▶ Mobilise *all open cells* to be personally involved in this outreach event. Together, we will operate outreach points all over the nation.
- ▶ Communicate the GOSPEL of GOOD FRIDAY in a comfortable and non-threatening setting to evoke a personal response for salvation.
- ▶ See the Holy Spirit revealing God's love to those who are seeking the Lord and His healing touch.
- ▶ Witness God manifesting His mighty power to deliver, heal and save many in our midst.

TOOLS & RESOURCES

TGIF PACK

1st Distribution:

- ❖ **TGIF Manual**
- ❖ **The Jesus Film (DVD Video)**
 - ▶ This DVD contains multi-language selection to depict the story in the viewer's native language.
 - ▶ See *Attachment 3* for a synopsis of the film.
- ❖ **John 3:16 Presentation (DVD Video)**
 - ▶ This video shows us how to share God's salvation plan through the John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ **Eternity Illustration Pack**
- ❖ **Invitation Cards**
- ❖ **Prayer Cards**
- ❖ **Information Booklet on TC/TCT Celebration Services**

2nd Distribution:

- ❖ **Holy Communion Cups**
- ❖ **Response Cards**
- ❖ **Report Form**

OUR HEART ATTITUDES

❖ **Love One Another**

- ▶ Unite in *one heart* for the outreach event.

❖ **Love our Neighbour**

- ▶ Develop passion to win the lost for Christ with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15b).

❖ **Faith**

- ▶ To believe by faith that God *will* be present to demonstrate His great love and power!

PLANNING SCHEDULE

Planning Schedule

Programme Format

PLANNING SCHEDULE

9 March – 12 March, 2011 (7 weeks to Good Friday)

- ❖ Church to distribute the 'Thank God It's Friday' Pack comprising:
 - Invitation cards and Prayer cards
 - Leader's Manual
 - DVDs – John 3:16 Presentation and *Jesus* film
 - TC & TCT Celebration Services Info-booklet
- ❖ Cell leader to go through the TGIF Pack. Additional Manuals can be downloaded from FCBC's website:
<http://www.fcbc.org.sg/fcbc/index.php/en/g12/g12-resources.html>
- ❖ Information Counter at TC & TCT to make available 'Breaking the Barrier' sticker booklet for sharing the John 3:16 Presentation with children.

13 – 19 March, 2011 (6 weeks to Good Friday)

- ❖ Open cell to brainstorm and plan the number of outreach points, and to organise cell members into small groups to run the Good Friday outreach at different venues.
- ❖ Open cell leaders to assign roles to people to run the different segments.
- ❖ Open cell to write down names to invite to the Good Friday outreach and pray for them.
- ❖ Cell members to draft their personal testimonies for sharing the following week.
- ❖ Open cell to participate in the 40 Days of Prayer at TC 4th floor chapel at 6 – 9 am, 7.30 – 9.30pm and 9:30 – 11:30pm.

20 – 26 March, 2011 (5 weeks to Good Friday)

- ❖ Cell leader to go through the segment "What to Say? What to Do?" (see pg 27 to 46), especially the portion on 'Closing the Session – Response and Prayer'.
- ❖ Assign roles to different members and get them to be familiar with the various suggested openers and sharing.
- ❖ Cell leader to collate information on outreach points for Team Pastors:
 - Venue and Time
 - Cell members running the programme
- ❖ Cell members to pair up and practise sharing their testimonies in the open cell.
- ❖ Open cell to pray for the Good Friday outreach and the names of guests to invite.
- ❖ Open cell to participate in the 40 Days of Prayer at TC 4th floor chapel at 6 – 9 am, 7.30 – 9.30pm and 9:30 – 11:30pm.

27 March – 2 April, 2011 (4 weeks to Good Friday)

- ❖ Open cell to pray for the Good Friday outreach, the names of guests to invite and to send out the invitations.
- ❖ Open cell to pray and fast for the Good Friday outreach and invited guests.
- ❖ Open cell to watch the John 3:16 Presentation DVD together.
- ❖ Cell members to practise the John 3:16 Presentation and testimony sharing.
- ❖ If children guests are expected, cell leader can obtain additional copies of the children's booklet 'Breaking The Barrier' from the Information Counter during the celebration services and go through the children's coordinator guide. (see *Attachment 4*)
- ❖ Open cell to participate in the 40 Days of Prayer at TC 4th floor chapel at 6 – 9 am, 7.30 – 9.30pm and 9:30 – 11:30pm.

3 – 9 April, 2011 (3 weeks to Good Friday)

- ❖ 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 prepare cell members to share the Gospel with pre-believing children (if any).
- ❖ Cell leader to go through the preparation needed for the outreach and pair up cell members to practise sharing their personal testimonies and the John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ Open cell to participate in the 40 Days of Prayer at TC 4th floor chapel at 6 – 9 am, 7.30 – 9.30pm and 9:30 – 11:30pm.

10 – 16 April, 2011 (2 weeks to 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 their testimonies.
- ❖ Open cell to rehearse main programme, personal testimony sharing, John 3:16 Presentation and salvation invitation.
- ❖ Open cell to participate in the 40 Days of Prayer at TC 4th floor chapel at 6 – 9 am, 7.30 – 9.30pm and 9:30 – 11:30pm.

17 – 21 April, 2011 (1 week to 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 attending the event and coming to know Christ.
- ❖ Open cell to play the video to ensure the disc, computer/DVD player and television are working.
- ❖ Cell members to contact and remind the guests a day before the Good Friday outreach, to come on time as there will be a programme.
- ❖ Open cell to arrange room setting to ensure room is comfortable and to place a television where everyone can watch comfortably.
- ❖ Open cell to participate in the 40 Days of Prayer at TC 4th floor chapel at 6 – 9 am, 7.30 – 9.30pm and 9:30 – 11:30pm.

22 April, 2011 (Thank God It's Friday)

- ❖ Cell members to gather early 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.
- ❖ Open cell to carry out the programme for the Good Friday outreach, using the steps and suggestions in "What to Say? What to Do?" (pg 27), to open and close the party, minister and impart a blessing.
If a guest responds
 - "Yes" to salvation. Take down his/ her particulars in the Response card.
 - "No" to salvation. Probe to understand his/ her concerns and offer to pray a blessing. Also indicate response in the Response card.Invite every guest to the Celebration Services to celebrate Easter.
- ❖ Cell members to be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit throughout the programme and always maintain a sweet spirit and demonstrate Christ-likeness.
- ❖ After the programme, the cell leader is to collate data for reporting. Cell leader is required to send a text message to his/her Team Pastor immediately after the event to report on attendance and decisions based on rows 1-4 of the Report Form.

23 – 24 April, 2011 (Easter Services)

- ❖ Cell members to bring invited guests to TC/TCT for the Easter Celebration Services.
- ❖ Cell leader to submit the Report Form (fully filled up, front and back) at TC/TCT during service times.

25 – 30 April, 2011 (Post Good Friday)

- ❖ Cell leader to conduct evaluation of open cell's Good Friday outreach effort.
- ❖ Cell leader to conclude by giving thanks and praise to our God!
- ❖ Cell members to continue to follow up with all the invited guests.

PROGRAMME FORMAT

The programme has three important components:

Time for Relating consists of ice-breakers and serves as warm up and time filler before the guests arrive. Food may be served at this juncture or after the main programme. The *time for relating* also serves to get cell members and guests to mingle and have fun to prepare them for the main programme that follows.

Time of Remembrance begins with worship in songs. This is followed by a sharing on why Christians celebrate Good Friday. Transit to watch the *Jesus* Film.

Time to Respond is when the cell leader issues an invitation to the guests to respond to Jesus' sacrificial love for them. Following that, cell members are to pair up and share with the guests the John 3:16 Presentation, their personal testimonies, and pray for each guest. Conclude by inviting all guests to our Easter Celebration Services at TC/TCT.

If food is served at this point, continue to mingle with guests over the food and get to know them better.

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)

- A Call to Pray
- Prayer Schedule
- Prayer Prompters

A CALL 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.**

PRAYER SCHEDULE

DATES	PRAYER FOCUS
<p>13 – 19 Mar</p> <p>6 weeks before Good Friday</p>	<p>Concerted Prayer (1/2 Hour)</p> <p>I. PREPARATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SELF <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ASSURE ourselves of GOD'S PRESENCE b) AVAIL ourselves to 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
<p>20 – 26 Mar</p> <p>5 weeks before Good Friday</p>	<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) FOOD AND BEVERAGE TEAM 4. PARTICIPANTS (GUESTS) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BLESSING b) BREAKING STRONGHOLDS c) BREAKTHROUGH d) BORN AGAIN (SALVATION)
<p>27 Mar – 2 Apr</p> <p>4 weeks before Good Friday</p>	<p>Concerted Prayer (1/2 hour)</p> <p>I. PREPARATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE <p>II. PLANNING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL 4. PARTICIPANTS (GUESTS)

APRIL	PRAYER FOCUS
<p>3 – 9 Apr</p> <p>3 weeks before Good Friday</p>	<p>Cell Slot – Works (15 mins)</p> <p>II. PLANNING:</p> <p>3. PERSONNEL</p> <ul 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) FOOD AND BEVERAGE TEAM <p>4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BLESSING b) BREAKING STRONGHOLDS c) BREAKTHROUGH d) BORN AGAIN (SALVATION)
<p>10 Apr – 16 Apr</p> <p>2 weeks before Good Friday</p>	<p>Concerted Prayer (1/2 hour)</p> <p>I. PREPARATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE <p>II. PLANNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL 4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS) <p>III. PROCLAMATION</p> <p>IV. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING</p>
<p>18 Apr – 22 Apr</p> <p>1 week before Good Friday</p>	<p>Concerted Prayer (1/2 hour)</p> <p>I. PREPARATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SELF (Cell leaders & Cell members) 2. SPIRITUAL CLIMATE <p>II. PLANNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PROGRAM 2. PLACE 3. PERSONNEL 4. PARTICIPANTS (INVITED GUESTS) <p>III. PROCLAMATION</p> <p>IV. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING</p>

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 that everyone should come to repentance [2 Peter 3:9]. You also want me to diffuse the fragrance of Your knowledge everywhere [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 we have ceded to the Devil. We issue Your eviction notice and plant Your stake in our nation! Jehovah God, expose darkness by Your bright light! Reveal Jesus.

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

INTEGRATE IN WORSHIP WITH THESE SONGS:

- 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. Grant that every open cell will be able to embrace and meet the needs of the guests personally and individually.

2. PRAYER FOCUS: Place(s)

- Prayerfully decide the venue(s) to host the TGIF! Party; praying on-site before the event is highly recommended.
- Invite the mighty presence of God to anoint the place to become holy ground.

3. PRAYER FOCUS: Personnel

A. WELCOME TEAM:

Pray for:

- creativity and flexibility for more 'ice-breakers' to facilitate getting to know one another.
- charisma, communication and confidence to captivate the attention of our guests.
- special ability to present the Gospel in a non-threatening way. [Ephesians 4:7, TLB].

B. WORSHIP LEADER:

Pray that:

- the worship leader will soak in the presence of God and lead the people into understanding the true meaning of Good Friday – that 'the Son of God became a man to enable man to become sons of God' [C . S. Lewis].
- the worship leader will be the catalyst to bring down the presence of God and turn the place into holy ground.
- the worship leader will allow the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself to minister to the guests.

C. WITNESSING TEAM:

• Testimony:

Pray for:

- anointing upon the members sharing their testimonies.
- every spoken word to bring glory to His Name.
- courage, confidence and clarity in delivery.

• John 3:16 Presentation:

Pray that:

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

- **Cell members:**

Pray for:

- confidence to take on this assignment.
- discernment to minister to the felt needs of guests.
- *words of wisdom* and/or *word of knowledge* [1 Corinthians 12:7-10].
- the appropriate release of the word of knowledge to him/her personally. (Timing is crucial! It must bring result.) [Isaiah 55:11].
- each person by name – for salvation.

D. WORK TEAM (LOGISTICS)

Pray for

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

E. FOOD & BEVERAGE TEAM

Pray for

- wisdom to select food suitable for the occasion.

4. PRAYER FOCUS: Participants (Invited Guests)

A. BLESS EVERY GUEST BY NAME

Pray for:

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

- **Oikos (Community Relationships: Friends, Neighbours and Families)**

Pray for:

- God to open doors, open hearts and open heavens so that we will have favour with the community and enable us to bless them.
- us to walk our talk – 'Love your neighbour as yourself' in order to bring every pre-believer to Jesus.

- **Oikos (Foreigner Friends)**

Pray for:

- the Peace of God to be upon them;
- the Lord to provide for all their needs, especially job security.
- freedom from fears to enjoy the resources of this land.
- God's protection against all kinds of oppression, exploitation, ill-treatment and abuses.
- their safety and decent dwellings.

B. BREAKING STRONGHOLDS IN EVERY GUEST BY NAME

Pray that:

- every stronghold hindering them from hearing the Gospel clearly and turning to Christ will be torn down [2 Corinthians 10:3-6].
- there will be spiritual awakening, urgency and strong receptivity to the Word of God [Hebrews 3:7-8; Psalm 95:7-8].
- their hearts will be opened to the testimonies, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, etc.
- 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 will have a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST!**
[Leviticus 26:9].

IV. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Father,

- for all You've done, Your supernatural intervention and manifestation.
- for all You're going to do.

We give You thanks for Your Presence in every cell to:

- break down strongholds.
- bind the wounds of the broken-hearted.
- breathe life into pre-believers.

We lift our praise to You,

- Praise be unto the Sovereign, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Almighty God.
 - You always have our best interests at heart.

Thank You for Your Word in Leviticus 26:9 '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 will have a bountiful harvest for 'Thank God It's Friday!' 2011 and we rest in Your abundant grace. AMEN!

WHAT TO SAY? WHAT TO DO?

- **TGIF! Party Programme**
- **Preliminary Instructions**
- **The Party Begins....**

TGIF! PARTY PROGRAMME

(2 hours)

1. #Warm Welcome (20 mins)
2. Worship Programme – What Good Friday is all about (35 mins)
3. *Watch *Jesus* Film (28 mins)
4. Wonderful Testimonies (7 mins)
5. Witnessing – The Gospel Close-Up (20 mins)
6. Where are you heading to & Prayers (10 mins)
7. #Wrap Up

You should decide when it is appropriate to have the meal time for your TGIF! Party – lunch, high tea or dinner party.

* Start the kids' programme at this point (see *Attachment 4*, "Fun For The Kids")

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Bring your Bible and a pen.
- ❖ Know the names of the guests coming and be ready to greet them by name. You may want to prepare name tags for everyone.
- ❖ If it is possible, two cell members should pair up as a team.
- ❖ Know your John 3:16 Presentation and be ready to present it to guests.
- ❖ Refrain from unnecessary physical contact except the laying on of hands during prayer and ministry.
- ❖ Have a person in charge of Response cards and TC/TCT Information Booklet. Inform the other cell members where these items are placed.

THE PARTY BEGINS....

Arrival of Guests

- ❖ It is likely that your guests may not arrive at the same time.
- ❖ Allow up to at most 15 minutes of waiting time. Serve the guests a welcome drink while waiting.
- ❖ Cell members must make special effort to mingle with the guests and make them feel welcomed at the party.

Warm Welcome (20 mins)

- ❖ 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. (see *Attachment 1*). The purpose of the ice-breakers is to get the group to warm up to one another and help your guests to relax. So have fun!

Worship Programme – What Good Friday Is All About (35 mins)

We have invited our guests to experience the Passion Week, leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Passion Week is a re-enactment of the varied emotions Jesus and the disciples experienced during that period of history. Creating the ambience for that experience is very important. Every strategically arranged piece of equipment or prop will give a visual impact that can enhance the atmosphere of awe and worship. Take some time to create the appropriate ambience.

Preparation:

- ❖ Cue the *Jesus* film to the scene at the Garden of Gethsemane, ready to play at the press of a button.
- ❖ Arrange the chairs in a circle, facing the television and the leader and MCs. On each seat, place the worship song sheet (*Attachment 2*) and some items to be used during worship such as banners, flags, clappers or home-made shakers.
- ❖ Prepare the Lord's Supper elements and place it on a table near to where the MCs and cell leaders will be talking.
- ❖ Place 'John 3:16 presentation' packs, some pencils or pens, Response Cards and TC/TCT Information booklets all around the room, under the chairs, so that they are accessible to cell members when you need them.
- ❖ The programme is child-friendly and the children can join in the whole programme till the John 3:16 presentation. A children's coordinator can then usher the children to a separate room for the 'Fun For The Kids' programme. It will be essential in the early part of the programme to introduce the child guests to the cell members' children so that they will happily follow them out.
- ❖ The 3 MCs must be cell members who can read well and are comfortable to portray facial expressions. Choose those who are good and dramatic readers. This will help to add life to the spoken words. They must have rehearsed the scripts thoroughly, helping each other to add facial and vocal expressions. The cell leader or worship leader can be MC 1. For MC 2, a man is preferred because he will be reading the dialogue of Jesus.

Act 1: The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem (8 mins)

From Mark 11:1 - 10 (NIV)

Focus

A celebration of praise

Environment

Create a joyous and lively mood.
The leader must take the lead and exude a celebrative mood

MC 1: (In a welcoming tone)

Please be seated comfortably.

TGIF means different things to different people. For some, it's when we seek a time of fun to relax, to hang loose and to be set free from the stress of work at the end of the week. TGIF gives many a temporary relief from pain and pressures of life. Today is a very special TGIF, because we 'Thank God It is Good Friday'!

MC 2: (Narrating)

Good Friday is a very special time for us. It is a time when we gather together to observe Jesus' death. It is also the time for us to renew our love and commitment to Jesus. As this is such a meaningful time for us, we'd like to thank all of you for joining us at this celebration.

Earlier we have played that game that allowed us to form a cross; we will now walk through the last days of Jesus' life. Join us as we trace the footprints of Jesus. It will be a time of worship with singing; listening to the reading of Scriptures, watching the crucifixion of Jesus and sharing of our testimonies. I hope this will be a meaningful and touching experience for all of us as we participate in this worshipful experience together.

MC 1: (With Excitement)

In the week leading to Good Friday, Jesus made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The people had heard of all the miracles He had performed and had lined the streets to welcome Him. They were expecting the Messiah (which means the Anointed One) – the One whom they believed the Scriptures had promised would deliver them from the authority of the Roman Empire. There were exuberant shouts of joy and adoration.

All 3 MCs: (With excitement, waving flags and clappers to lead into an exuberant worship)

"Hosanna! Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

MC 1: (Leading the people into worship)

1. Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to you
We turn to you
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for you
We long for you

(Chorus)

When we see you
We find strength to face the day
In your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have your way among us
We welcome you here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to you
We turn to you
In your kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make all things new

2. King of Majesty

You know that, I love you
You know that
I want to know you so much more
More than I have before

These words are, from my heart
These words are, not made up
I will live for you, I am devoted to you

(Pre-Chorus)

King of Majesty
I have one desire
Just to be with you my Lord
Just to be with you my Lord

(Chorus)

Jesus you are the Saviour of my soul
And forever and ever I'll give
My praises to you
(Repeat)

{End with a clap offering}

Act 2: The Greatest Commandment & the Lord's Supper (20 mins)

From Mark 12:28 - 31 (NIV)

<p style="text-align: center;">Focus Love</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Environment Focus the group towards a time of worship. Encourage the group to enjoy God's presence and allow the Holy Spirit to move freely among the people.</p>
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MC 1: (Starting with a prayer)

Father,

Thank You for Your love. Thank You for loving us so much that You gave us Your only Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross for our sins. Teach us the meaning of love. Teach us to love You with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength. And as we love You, may this love be experienced among us as a cell group. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen!

MC 2: (Announcing calmly)

'The Greatest Commandment and the Last Supper'

MC 1: (In an inviting tone)

Friends, let us listen to the words of Jesus as He gave the greatest commandment during the last days of His earthly life.

MC 3: (Narrating)

One of the teachers of the law came and asked Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

MC 2: (Firmly, with confidence)

"The most important one is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

MC 1: (In an inviting tone)

Let us lift our voices to worship God ... Join me as we sing a love song to Jesus. Let us declare that ... Jesus is our beautiful Saviour.

3. Beautiful Saviour	
Jesus, Beautiful Saviour God of all Majesty Risen king	(Chorus) How wonderful How beautiful Name above every name
Lamb of God Holy and righteous Blessed redeemer Bright morning star	Exalted high How wonderful How beautiful Jesus your name Name above every name Jesus
All the heavens Shout your praise All creation bow to worship You	I will sing forever Jesus I love you, Jesus I love you

Keep playing the music softly in the background throughout this whole section.

MC 1: (In reverence) - To stand or kneel in front of the table, facing the people.

In the upper room, Jesus prepared both Himself and his disciples for His death. The bread (take the bread in the hand and show the group) **represented His body that was soon to be sacrificed, and the cup** (take a cup from the tray and show the people) **represented His blood that was soon to be shed. And so He instituted the Lord's Supper. We read in Scriptures that it was Judas who betrayed Jesus on the night before His death. As we prepare our hearts for the Lord's Supper, let us not be like Judas, who for the sake of money and power, lost his love for his Master.**

Let us now listen to the Word of the Lord from 1 Cor 11:23-32

MC 2: (Narrating)

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and

drinks of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

MC 1:

Friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are now serving the Lord's Supper. It is a sacred moment. If there is any unconfessed sin in our hearts, let's come before the Lord in repentance or we will drink judgement onto ourselves. Let us examine our hearts in silence.

(Pause and allow 1 min of silence)

Take the unbroken piece of bread or cracker and thank God silently for it. Then take a cup and do likewise.

If you are not a Christian, please let the "bread" and "cup" pass you by. You need not take the elements – but do observe this sacred moment with us.

***** Very Important Note *****

Do not rush through the Lord's Supper. Be in a reverent attitude and do not worry how the visitors would feel. If everyone observes a worshipful and reverent attitude, they will also give God the reverence.

Start singing 'Only By Grace' as you pass the elements around.

4. Only By Grace		
Only by grace	Into Your presence	Lord if You mark our
Can we enter	You call us	transgression
Only by grace	You call us to come	Who would stand
Can we stand	Into Your presence You	Thanks to Your grace
Not by our	draw us	We are cleansed
Human endeavour	And now by	By the blood of the Lamb
But by the blood	Your grace we come	(repeat)
Of the Lamb	And now by	
	Your grace we come	

Pause for a brief period of silence before saying ...

MC 1:

Let us partake of the bread and the cup together.

Pause for another brief moment before inviting everyone to be seated.

Act 3: Gethsemane & the Crucifixion (7 mins)

From Mark 14:32 – 36 (NIV)

Focus

The agony of Jesus

Environment

Should not be overwhelmingly sorrowful. However it should display a sense of gratitude for Jesus.

MC 3: (Announcing)

After supper, Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

MC 2: (Narrating)

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," He said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

MC 1: (Inviting)

Friends, let us not forget Gethsemane where Jesus agonized over the Cross. Let us not forget His agony lest we forget His love for us. Let us ask the Lord to lead us to Calvary.

5. Lead Me To Calvary

King of my life
I crown Thee now
Thine shall the glory be
Lest I forget
Thy Thorn-crowned brow
Lead me to Calvary

(Chorus)
Lest I forget Gethsemane
Lest I forget Thy agony
Lest I forget Thy love for me
Lead me to Calvary

Show me the tomb
Where Thou was laid
Tenderly mourned
And wept
Angels in robes
Of light arrayed
Guarded Thee
Whilst Thou slept

Let me like Mary
Through the gloom
Come with a gift to Thee
Show to me now
The empty tomb
Lead me to Calvary

May I be willing Lord to bear
Daily my cross for Thee
Even Thy Cup of grief to share
Thou hast borne all for me

Watch The Jesus Film (28 mins)

The programme will continue with watching the *Jesus* film to portray the trial, suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. At this point, the children will follow the children's coordinator for the children's programme till the end.

MC1: (Introduction to The *Jesus* Film)

Right now, we are going to watch a segment from the Jesus film. Through this film, we will see what happened after Jesus was betrayed and arrested. I believe that you will have a deeper visual picture and understanding of the sacrificial love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the injustice and suffering He went through on Good Friday.

The Jesus Film

You will be using the *Jesus* film to depict what happened after Jesus was arrested at Gethsemane, His crucifixion and resurrection. Start from the portion where Jesus is praying at the Garden of Gethsemane. Prepare beforehand and pause the film to this scene, which is approximately 1h 23 mins from the beginning of the film. Play till the scene when Jesus breathed his last breath on the Cross. The total viewing time is about 26 minutes.

START screening the video

*from.....Jesus walking to the sleeping disciples and saying
"Why are you sleeping?"*

STOP the video

at.....Jesus says "It is finished" and breathed his last on the Cross.

- ❖ Make adequate arrangements to minimize unnecessary movements or disturbance during the film, so as not to distract the guests.
- ❖ Switch off the television immediately after watching the film.

Wonderful Testimonies (7 mins)

- ❖ When we tell our own story of coming to accept Jesus Christ, it isn't the length of the story or our storytelling ability that matters most. It is our honesty about our experience with Jesus and how His love reaches out to us that will sow seeds into the hearts of the hearers. God will honour your obedience and desire to glorify Him. It will have impact as it is the truth, and the truth always has power. You can conclude the sharing on a positive note like "I have experienced Jesus, and you can too."
- ❖ The leader can use the following portion to share:

"Isn't it incredible that Jesus is willing to go through all that because He loves us so much? He loves me and He loves you.

Many people feel that the Cross seems to be against them. They look at the Cross and they think "The Cross is against my beliefs", or "I have done awful things in the past", or "I drank beer or smoke cigarettes; and so God hates me."

Nothing is further from the truth. God wants to tell us that the Cross is the sign absolutely, clearly, indelibly imprinted with these words: 'I love you.' This is what the Cross says. 'I care; I came down and became flesh.' Jesus sacrificed Himself on the Cross with his hands and feet nailed, with His side pierced, saying: "I am with you, I love you and I care."

Now I would like to invite one of our cell members, (NAME) to share with us his/her personal account of what the Cross means to him/her ."

Witnessing – The Gospel Close-Up (20 mins)

- ❖ Remember you are just an extension of God's hands reaching out to the people. Be very sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Let the Lord speak through you. Reject performance anxiety and always have it foremost that this is a time of ministry. The Lord will give Words for healing and for special ministry as it is His utmost desire to *touch* and save lives.

MC 1: (leading the people to raise up worship in response to the testimony)

Thank you, (NAME). Wow, isn't God awesome! You know, Jesus not died but He also rose again and His resurrection has a direct impact in our live – in mine and in yours. Thank God It's Good Friday. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know, I know who holds the future, and life is worth living just because He lives. (Lead into a time of worship)

6. How Great Is Our God		7. Thank You For The Cross
The splendour of a King clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice	Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning and the end	Thank You for the cross The mighty cross That God Himself should die For such as us And everyday we're changed
He wraps himself in Light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice	The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb	Into Your image More and more Yes by the cross We've truly been transformed
(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see How great, how great Is our God	You're the Name above all names You are Worthy of our praise My heart will sing How great is our God	And we're so amazed And we give You praise That You would save us At such a cost We're so amazed And we give You praise For the power of the cross For the power of the cross

Worship in the presence of the Lord.

Be in a spirit of prayer and worship, and when the Lord leads, go on to summarize the meaning of Good Friday and give the challenge...

(Music continues to play softly in the background. Leader comes in to share and gives the invitation.)

Good Friday is a very special time for us who believe in the Lord Jesus. The centre of the Christian faith is not singing songs although Christians love to sing songs to God. The centre of the Christian faith is not even the church although we do go to church. The centre of the Christian faith is not the Bible although we take great delight in reading the Bible. The centre of the Christian faith is the Cross of Jesus Christ.

The Cross of Jesus Christ is the focal point of our lives. The cross during Jesus' time on earth is the most cruel instrument of execution. It is the most brutal form of putting a man to death the world has ever devised. Yet, the cross became the centre of the Christian faith. Why?

The reason is simply this. The Cross is the place where the love of God and the justice of God meet. God in his justice, has condemned all who have sinned to die; "For all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God... The wages of sin is death." Many have asked, "How can a loving God send anyone to hell?" The answer is: Our loving God is also a perfectly just God. Sin has to be paid for.

However in His love, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us as an atonement of our sins. The Bible in Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In justice, God has to punish man for his sin. In love, God suffered that punishment on our behalf in the person of Jesus Christ. This is why God's love and justice meet on the Cross.

Justice caused Jesus to suffer and die – as payment for sin. Love enabled Jesus to do it on our behalf. The Bible says in 2 Cor 5:21, "God made Him (Christ) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

A story was told about a young man who committed a criminal breach of trust. He was charged in a court of law. The judge wore his judicial wig, sat behind the bench and listened carefully to the case presented. It was clear to all that this man was guilty. He was convicted. The old judge weighed the case carefully and saw the crime to be a deliberate and malicious act. In justice, he imposed the maximum fine on this young man. When the fine was announced, the young man was devastated. There was no way he could pay the fine. As the young man looked with horror upon the judge, the judge got up from behind the bench and took off his judicial wig. It was only then that the young man recognized the judge to be his own father, from whose home he had run away many years ago. The father understood his son's problem. As he stepped down from the bench, he walked towards the court clerk and pledged to pay in full the amount of the fine.

Herein, justice and love stood hand in hand. If the judge had been partial and let his son go, he would have compromised justice. Yet, in paying for his son's crime he displayed his fatherly love. This is what took place at the Cross. The justice of God condemned man to die. The love of God put His Son on the cross on our behalf.

The invitation on this very special occasion is this: If anyone has not opened his heart to Jesus, you may do it now. The Bible says, "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

Right now, if you receive Jesus Christ into your heart by faith, Jesus will come into your life and be your Saviour. He will forgive your sin and give you a living and everlasting relationship with God. Why not make this Good Friday special by doing just that. Let us pray.

Then give the invitation...

(Music continues to play softly in the background to the strains of 'So You Would Come' and with your eyes closed, pray for the .)

Lord Jesus, I thank you for your love for us. Thank you for dying for our sins. Thank you for loving us even when we reject you and sin against you. Thank you that when we receive your love and accept you by faith into our lives, our sins are forgiven and we become your children and have eternal life. Lord, bring us to the Cross right now so that we can understand and feel your love. Come walk among us right now so that we can know your presence. Bring us to the Cross right now.

(Now with eyes open, continue without pausing)

I want every eye to be closed and every head bowed. I want to give you a very special gift this Good Friday. This gift is a special time with the Lord Jesus who will speak to you in a personal way. The Lord Jesus is now right here speaking to your heart. He wants to take you to the Cross to see the sacrificial love that he has poured out upon you. Keep your eyes closed but open the eyes of your heart and take a good look at the Cross. Allow the love of the Lord Jesus to flow into your heart. Allow His love to draw you to him. He loves you. He loves you and wants you to know His love.

If you are not a Christian, would you open your heart to Him now? The Bible says, "As many as receive Him, to them give the authority to be the children of God, even to those who believe in Him." Will you believe in Him as your personal Saviour? You may not understand everything about the Bible, but you know today that God loves you and died for you. That's all you need to know to be saved, to be a Christian. Never mind about what you do not know. Act on what you know today. You may say, "I don't have enough faith." The

Bible tells us that faith as small as a mustard seed is all it takes for us to be saved. Never mind about the faith that you do not have. Exercise the faith that the Lord has given you right now.

(Linger a minute as the music plays. Release the presence and the love of God among the people.)

If you want to give your life to Jesus, I want to lead you in a word of prayer. It is something very personal between you and God. I am going to say it and I want you to repeat it after me. I trust that you will mean every word in your heart. You are saying it to God, not to man. I invite the Christians to join in this prayer together. Now follow me if you want to give your life to Jesus for the first time.

"Dear Lord Jesus, (pause a second after each phrase) thank you for your love. Thank you for dying for my sin. Lord, I am sorry that I have sinned against you. I am sorry that I have lived my life without you. Please forgive me. As of this day, I put my faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that He died for me. I believe that He rose again from the dead for my sin. Dear Jesus, come into my life and forgive my sins. Give me eternal life. Thank you for the forgiveness of sin. Thank you for making me a child of God. Help me to live for you for the rest of my life. Amen."

(Continue without pause. Inform members of the group in advance to open their eyes and look for raised hands.)

Now let's keep our eyes closed and heads bowed. I believe many of you here have made this decision for the first time. I would like right now to pray a blessing for you and have others talk with you later. If you have prayed that prayer with me for the first time just now, I want you to raise your hand where you are so that I can pray a blessing for you right now. When you raise your hand, you are saying for the first time that you want to be a Christian. We will just wait for a minute for your response. Is there someone here who has prayed that prayer?

Will you raise your hand up right now and put it down again... God bless you, I see that hand...You may put down your hand.

Lord, thank you for speaking to us today. Now release a blessing on every one of us today. In Jesus' name, Amen,"

(After this, begin to speak to the whole group.)

I am so glad that you can be with us for this special occasion. Before we end, we would like break you up into groups of two. In this group of twos, we would like to do two things. First we would like to take just a few minutes to explain to you what it means to be a Christian. We want you to leave this place at least knowing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a nutshell so that if you

have not accepted Him, you would know what you are rejecting. The second thing we want to do is to pray a blessing upon you, your work, your family and your life.

Praise the Lord! Amen.

- ❖ At this point, cell members should be ready with pen and paper to share the John 3:16 Presentation. You can also prepare nice gift boxes/packages which include – paper and pen for John 3:16 presentation, Response cards and TC/TCT Information booklet (to invite the guests for Easter services). The cell member can then present these to the guests when they begin their sharing.
- ❖ Once the cell leader gives the cue to approach the guests, the members should go to their guests, share their personal testimony, followed by the John 3:16 Presentation, all within ten minutes. Make sure that no guest is left out.

Where are you heading to? Response & Prayers (10 mins)

- ❖ Share with the guest the John 3:16 Presentation and your personal testimony on what the Cross or Good Friday means to you.
- ❖ If the person has raised his/her hands earlier, skip the next section of the invitation and sinner's prayer and go to the following section on 'Yes' to Salvation to assure him/her of her salvation. If he/she has not raised his/her hands to accept Jesus Christ earlier, give him/her another opportunity to. The cell member should ask the guest if he/she would like to accept Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Saviour.
- ❖ Pray with the guest (The Invitation Prayer):
"Dear (NAME), I have shared with you what the Cross and Good Friday means to me. God is real and He loves me so much that He came and revealed Himself to me. He loves you just as much too. Do you realise that Jesus Christ died for your sins too? I would like to give you an opportunity to invite Jesus Christ into your life. If this is what you would like to do, please repeat this prayer after me."
- ❖ Pray with the guest (The Sinner's Prayer):
"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I have done things in the past that are displeasing to You. I need You in my life to help me. I believe You love me and died on the Cross for all my sins. I want to leave behind all the things I have done wrong, so please forgive me of all my sins. I invite You to come into my life today and be my Lord and Saviour. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Help me to know You more and let me experience Your love daily from here on. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

- ❖ If the guest says '**Yes**' to **Salvation**, confirm the decision by using Scripture. Open your Bible to John 1:12. Ask the guest:
"When you receive Jesus Christ into your life, what have you become?"
Let the guest read the scripture and answer your question. {Answer: "A Child of God."}
- ❖ Cell member to ask the guest if there is a need he/she can help pray over. Pray a 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:

"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."

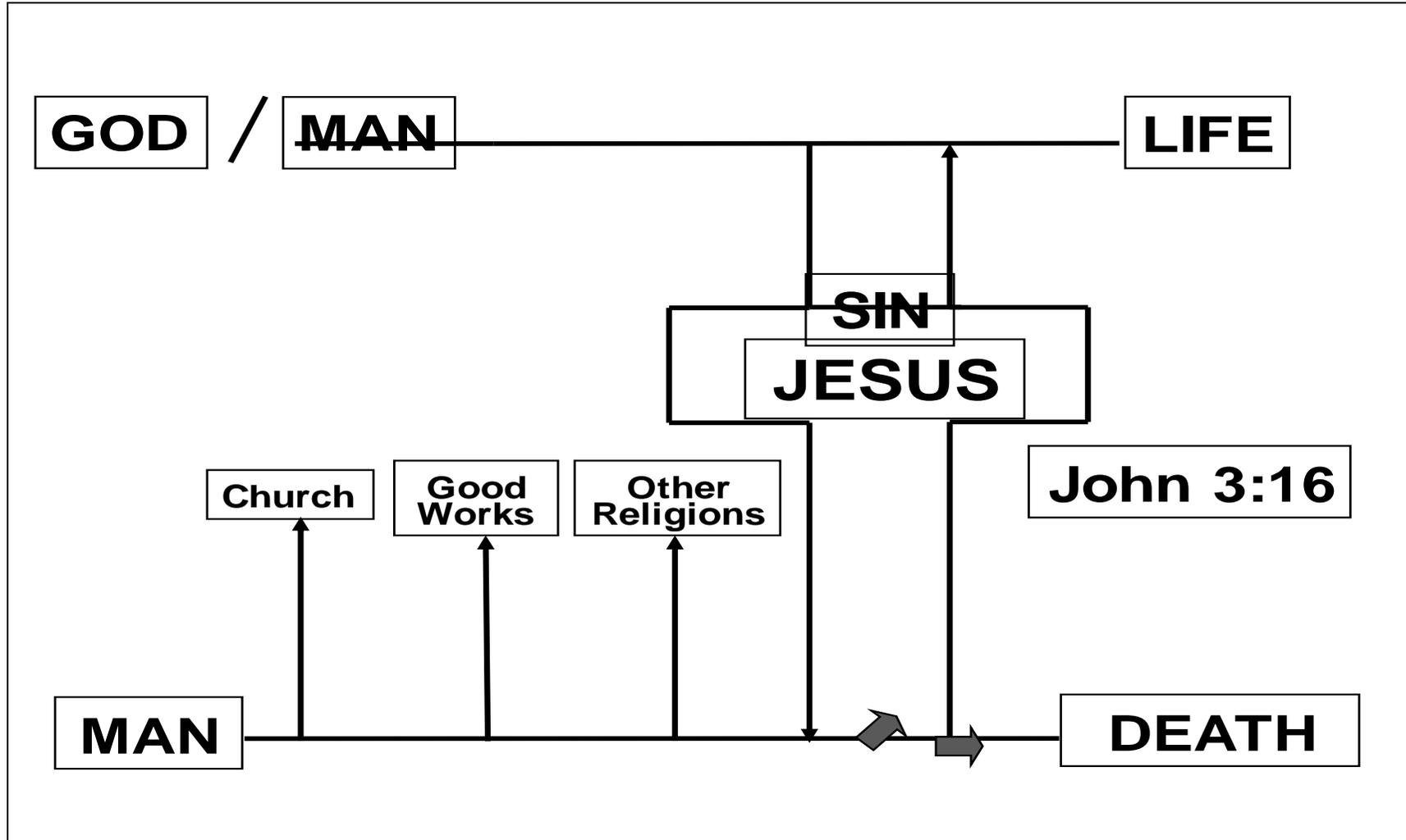
- ❖ Proceed to assist the new convert to fill up his/her details in the Response card.
- ❖ Invite the guest to join your cell meetings and to attend the Easter Services (Information Booklet on TC/TCT service timings can be given).
- ❖ If the guest is not ready to receive Christ but is **Open to Know More About God**, you may want to say:
"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 guide him/her 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 in joyful spirit, and that one day, (NAME) will have the wonderful experience of knowing and walking with You. Seal the truth in his/her mind. Thank you in the name of Jesus. Amen."

- ❖ Members should ask if their guests have needs that they can help pray over. Impart a blessing on the guests, regardless of their decisions.
- ❖ Proceed to assist the guests to fill up their details and feedback in the response cards and collect back the cards.
- ❖ Invite the guests to come for the Easter Services. (Information Booklet on TC/TCT service timings can be given).

Wrap up – Start the Food Fellowship!

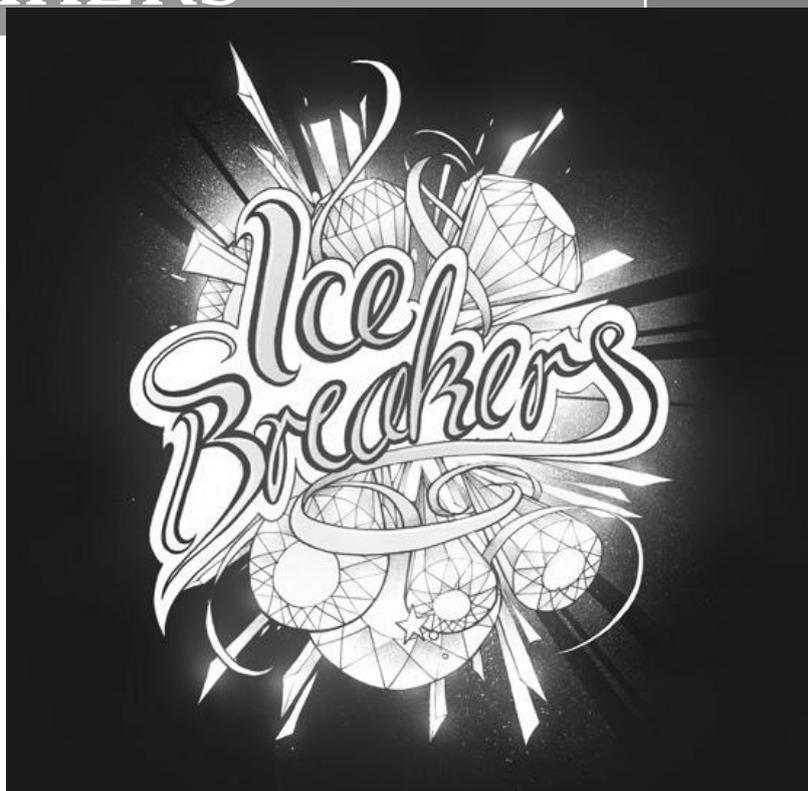
- ❖ If you plan fellowship over food at the end of the programme, proceed to the food. The children will join in here after completing their programme.
- ❖ Remember to mingle with the guests and get to know them better.

JOHN 3:16 PRESENTATION



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

ICE-BREAKERS



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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.
- As the name "Ice-Breakers" suggests, they help to 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 either Activity 1 or 2 to help your guest to share and mingle. (from the list below or from any other source) that will be most appropriate for your guests. Children can participate as well.
- Activity 3 (Eternity Illustration) must be done to transit the group to the main programme.

More Ice-Breakers – Recommended Websites

- <http://www.icebreakers.ws/medium-group>
- <http://wilderdom.com/games/Icebreakers.html>

Activity 1: Knowing Me & Knowing You

Aim: To allow the guests to introduce themselves and get to know one another better by their sharing.

Materials: Folded paper with questions prepared (see below questions)

How:

- a. Print out the questions on individual slips of paper and fold it for the guests/members to pick and choose. (The questions can be repeated and you should prepare extras.)
- b. Each person will take turns to pick a slip of paper.
- c. He/she will introduce his/her name and then read the question, followed by the answer.
- c. Limit the time of sharing to half a minute for each person.

Questions:

- What is the kindest thing a stranger has ever said to you?
- If you didn't have to worry about money, what would you want to do?
- If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?
- Who or what makes you laugh the most and why?
- If you could have any job in the world what would it be?
- Would you prefer to have many friends or just 3 very close friends? Why?
- Would you rather be smart or athletic or good-looking? Why?

- Will you do anything differently if you do not have to worry about what people think?
- If you have no fear, what would you like to do?
- What quality do you like most about yourself?
- What person living today would you want to meet and why?
- What event in the past or future would you like to witness in person? Why?
- What book, movie or restaurant have you seen/ read/ visited recently you would recommend? Why?
- If you could learn any skill, what would it be? Why?
- Who are your role models?
- Would you rather be a great musician, an athletic, a politician or a scientist? Why?
- What got you into the most trouble when you were young?
- If you could buy a car right now, what would you buy?
- If someone gave you \$10,000, what would you spend it on?
- Who's your favourite cartoon character, and why?
- If you could relive one moment of your life, what would you choose?
- When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- What was one thing you wanted when you were a child but never got?
- What was the hardest thing you've ever done?

OR

Activity 2. True or False

Aim: To allow the guests to introduce themselves and keep everyone guessing and counting the number of right guesses.

Materials: A token gift for the top 3 winners.

How:

- a. Have each person introduce his/her name and then make two statements about himself/herself.
- b. One should be true and the other false.
- c. Everybody else will decide which statement is false and which is the truth. Have them raise their hands if they feel Statement 1 is true.
- d. They will give themselves one point whenever they guess correctly and add up their scores.
- e. At the end of the guessing, whoever has the highest score will be given a gift for being able to differentiate right from wrong (or true from false).

Activity 3: Eternity Illustration Pack

Aim: This paper folding illustration will plant a mental picture of how God revealed to the originator that he needed the Cross to receive eternal life and without the Cross he would face eternal death. This activity will gear them towards the main programme. (All the members must practise beforehand and be familiar with this activity to help the leader guide the rest of the guests.)

Materials: Sample Eternity Illustration Pack – from the movie 'The Source of Love' & blank pieces of paper (coloured or plain white) for every person.

How to Share:

1. You can start by reading the background to this activity by sharing the true story about the origin of the illustration as printed on the tract.
2. Hand out a piece of paper to each person.
3. Proceed to fold one step at a time and make sure that everyone is able to follow (cell members are to practise beforehand and to assist their guests).
4. Upon tearing/cutting the paper, guide them to form the words 'Hell' and also illustrating that the pieces of paper can also form the Chinese word – '死亡' without using the remaining piece which is the Cross. (You should only guide the guests and let them feel awed when they see and recognize the words that they have formed.)
5. Explain that without the Cross – we will ultimately face death which will lead to eternal separation from God and eternity in hell.
6. Next re-shuffle the pieces to form the word 'Light' and '生命'. Explain that now with the Cross, we will have the light of the world – Jesus Christ and receive eternal life. Whoever follows this Light will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life to give them eternal life and to guide their lives. (John 8:12).
7. They can keep the Cross for the sharing that follows.

WORSHIP SONGS



A Good Friday Worship Song Sheet

1. Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you
We turn to you
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for you
We long for you

(Chorus)

When we see you
We find strength to face the day
In your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have your way among us
We welcome you here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to you
We turn to you
In your kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make all things new

2. King of Majesty

You know that, I love you
You know that
I want to know you so much more
More than I have before

These words are, from my heart
These words are, not made up
I will live for you, I am devoted to you

(Pre-Chorus)

King of Majesty
I have one desire
Just to be with you my Lord
Just to be with you my Lord

(Chorus)

Jesus you are the Saviour of my soul
And forever and ever I'll give
My praises to you
(Repeat)

3. Beautiful Saviour

Jesus, Beautiful Saviour
God of all Majesty
Risen king

Lamb of God
Holy and righteous
Blessed redeemer
Bright morning star

All the heavens
Shout your praise
All creation bow to worship You

(Chorus)

How wonderful
How beautiful
Name above every name
Exalted high
How wonderful
How beautiful
Jesus your name
Name above every name Jesus

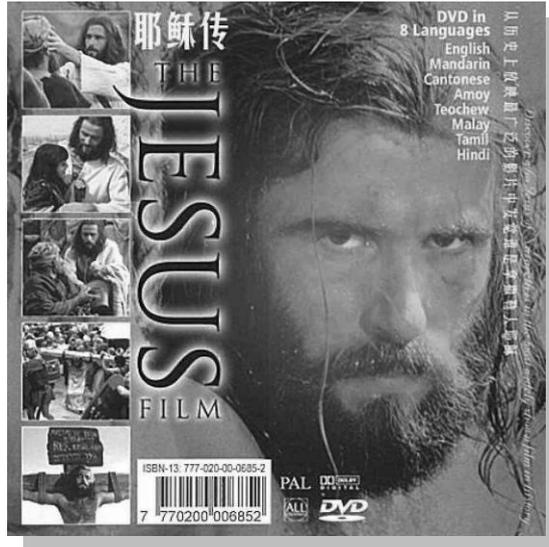
I will sing forever
Jesus I love you, Jesus I love you

<p>Only by grace Can we enter Only by grace Can we stand Not by our Human endeavour But by the blood Of the Lamb</p>	<p>4. Only By Grace</p>	<p>And now by Your grace we come Lord if You mark our transgression Who would stand Thanks to Your grace We are cleansed By the blood of the Lamb (repeat)</p>
<p>Into Your presence You call us You call us to come Into Your presence You draw us And now by Your grace we come</p>		

<p>King of my life I crown Thee now Thine shall the glory be Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow Lead me to Calvary (Chorus) Lest I forget Gethsemane Lest I forget Thy agony Lest I forget Thy love for me Lead me to Calvary</p>	<p>5. Lead Me To Calvary</p>	<p>Let me like Mary through the gloom Come with a gift to Thee Show to me now The empty tomb Lead me to Calvary May I be willing Lord to bear Daily my cross for Thee Even Thy Cup of grief to share Thou hast borne all for me</p>
<p>Show me the tomb where Thou was laid Tenderly mourned And wept Angels in robes Of light arrayed Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept</p>		

<p>6. How Great Is Our God</p>	<p>7. Thank You For The Cross</p>
<p>The splendour of a King clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps himself in Light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice (Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see How great, how great Is our God</p>	<p>Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning and the end The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb You're the Name above all names You are Worthy of our praise My heart will sing How great is our God</p>
	<p>Thank You for the cross The mighty cross That God Himself should die For such as us And everyday we're changed Into Your image More and more Yes by the cross We've truly been transformed (Chorus) And we're so amazed And we give You praise That You would save us At such a cost We're so amazed And we give You praise For the power of the cross For the power of the cross</p>

THE *JESUS* FILM



The Jesus Film

- ❖ Film Synopsis:
The story of Jesus of Nazareth – the Son of God; based on the Gospel of Luke. It chronicles the life of Jesus from the miraculous birth through Mary, a virgin; to the calling of his disciples, His public miracles and ministry, ending with His death by crucifixion at the hands of the Romans and His resurrection three days later.
- ❖ You do not need to show the whole video but you only start from the portion where Jesus is praying at the Garden of Gethsemane. Prepare beforehand and pause the film at this scene, which is approximately 1h 23 mins from the beginning of the film. Play till the scene until Jesus breathed His last breath. The total viewing time is about 26 minutes.

FUN FOR THE KIDS



FUN FOR THE KIDS

A. Preparation

B. Kids' Programme

- Children < 4 Years Old
- Children 5-9 Years Old
- Children 10 Years Old and Above

C. How to Lead a Child to Christ

FUN FOR THE KIDS

A. Preparation

- Your guests may bring their children to the party. Check on the number and ages of the children coming when confirming the guests' attendance.
- The 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 preparing a separate room for the children. Put away all breakable articles from the room, and move the furniture if needed to create adequate space. Check all the equipment (DVD, DVD player, television) that will be used to screen any video that you have prepared.
- Appoint a cell member to be the children's coordinator. He/she will prepare some games, art & craft, or even select a video for the children to view. You may want to ask some of the older teenagers or kids to assist the children's coordinator in carrying out the programme and do the John 3:16 presentation.
- 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.
- The children's coordinator should work with the adult's programme coordinator to ensure a smooth flow of programme for the adults and children.
 - a. Warm Welcome & Worship – When the invited guests and their children arrive at the party, the cell members' children can also join in to welcome and help them feel at home. Prepare sticker labels for each of the kids. Let the children stay with the parents for the ice breakers and the worship session.
 - b. Worship Time – Let the children sing along with the adults.
 - c. The Jesus Film – When it is time to watch this film, lead the children into the separate room for the Kids' Programme. The children's coordinator is to keep the children occupied till the John 3:16 presentation of the adults is completed.

- e. Wrap Up – If the Food segment is scheduled at the end, lead the children out to join the adults when the eating begins. If there is no refreshments, lead the children back to their parents. You can also give them a goodie bag each to bring home if you have prepared these for them.

B. Kids' Programme

I. Children Below 4 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 or give them some colouring materials to engage them.
- If they join the rest of the children in the separate room, being more restless, they would need extra children's helper to look after them.
- Bring them to the room and do one or more of the following:
 - Watch a children's cartoon, e.g. Veggie Tales.
 - Draw/colour an Easter egg on paper. (See end of this *Attachment*)
 - Bless them at the end of the session with a prayer and goodie bags.

II. Children from 4 to 9 Years Old

Select what is suitable for your group of children from the following activities:

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. Search the web for Easter stories; there are abundant resources.

A recommended resource for Easter stories can be found at:

- <http://www.dltk-bible.com/guides/easter-index.htm>

Watching a Video

- An Easter Carol VeggieTales DVD "Faith, Hope & The Resurrection"
- The Beginners' Bible: The Story Of Easter (VCD)
- Some of the recommended children's Christian videos (non Easter-related) are:
 - VeggieTales (based on Christian values and includes some Bible stories)
 - JJ the Aeroplane (Christian values; talks about GOD)
 - Max Lucado (Children's Series)
- These videos are available at all major Christian bookstores such as:
 - Crest Christian Book Corner (Far East Plaza),
 - SKS Books Warehouse (www.sksbooks.com), or

- Tecman Bookstore (www.tecman.com.sg).

Colouring Activities

See samples of Easter eggs colouring sheets at the end of this *Attachment*. You will have to prepare colour pencils.

Playing Games

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

- **Getting to Know You**

At any time you can use one or more of these questions as a getting-to-know-you exercise. Ask each person in the group to state:

1. Their name
2. Their favourite food
3. Their favourite cartoon programme
4. An animal that they like
5. The thing they hate most

- **Word-forming**

Organise the group into pairs. Let each pair write down as many words as they can think of, from the letters GOOD FRIDAY. No proper names or slang words are allowed. Suggested time limit: 5 minutes

- **Memory Game**

The hammer and nails have special meaning to us on Good Friday. Lay the various coloured paper on the floor and tell the children that the colours represent different things -

Red= The blood Jesus poured out to save us

Black=The sins we commit

White= The grace Jesus gave

Purple=The hour of Jesus' sorrow

Green= The hope of our tomorrow (Jesus' death gave us new life)

Yellow= The miracles He performed

Have the children form 2 teams. The game master will call out a specific colour and the children from both teams will attempt to step on the colour that is called.

The team that steps on the colour first will earn one point. Everyone in the team should have a try. Play a few rounds and reward the winning team!

Sharing the Gospel

- **Use “Breaking the Barrier” - John 3:16 Presentation**

Give every child a “Breaking the Barrier” sticker booklet. The children’s coordinator can share with the group about the Gospel following what is written on Pg 2, 3, & 6-8 of the booklet. As he/she shares the story, he/she will give instructions at appropriate moments to have the children paste the stickers on the booklet.

It will be very helpful if there are helpers to assist the children to paste the stickers as the children’s coordinator leads in doing the presentation. Lead the children to say the sinner’s prayer printed at the back of the booklet if they want to ask Jesus to forgive their sins.

After you finish doing the presentation, invite the children to The GKidz Easter Celebration at TC and TCT.

III. Children from 10 Years Old and above

- Children of these ages would normally like to sit through the adult programme. Otherwise, let them join in the programme for the 5-9 year olds.
- When the adults are going through the John 3:16 presentation, members should be assigned to share the gospel through the booklet “Breaking the Barrier” booklet with the children.
- Invite the children to GKidz Easter Celebration at TC & TCT.

C. HOW TO LEAD A CHILD TO CHRIST

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)

“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.

1. The booklet begins with the idea of God’s love for us and His desire that we should be with Him forever.
2. Our sin creates a barrier between us and God. Sin means living without God and choosing to be bad. Sin always leads to death.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

Additional copies of "Breaking the Barrier" can be obtained from the Information Counter at TC and TCT during the weekend services.

