



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**LEADER'S MANUAL**

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# EVENT OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To use the Christmas holiday season as an opportunity to share the gospel with children in a relaxed and child-appropriate setting
- ❖ To follow up with an invitation to GKidz Christmas celebration highlights on 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18 December 2016 and regular GKidz services
- ❖ To mobilise adult cells, GKidz leaders and GKidz children to run a children-focused Christmas party to win the next generation and reach out to their families

# PROGRAMME CONCEPT

The programme has three components:

THE PRE PROGRAMME makes the children feel welcome, and leads into Christmas-related icebreakers/games to melt the ice and prepare the children to bond with one another.

THE MAIN PROGRAMME comprises of two components:

- a) The telling of the Christmas story through either video or printed visual aids
- b) GKidz children will be sharing their personal testimony followed by leaders leading the altar call. The children will be paired with their guest to share Breaking the Barrier.

THE POST PROGRAMME gives the GKidz children the opportunity to arise as they continue to mingle with the guests to get better acquainted with them and to develop new and deeper friendships with a view of inviting them to GKidz's Have a Very Merry Christmas celebrations on 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18 Dec and regular GKidz services. The party will end off with a Christmas Gift Exchange.

## ENGAGEMENT OF ADULT GUESTS

If there are adults accompanying the children, the rest of the adult cell should engage these adults in conversation while the programme for the children is going on. Do find opportunity to share the gospel with them and invite them to our Christmas services.

# THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

## 14-28 November 2016

(3-4 weeks before Christmas Party)

- ❖ Adult cells who want to run a children-focused Christmas party to identify GKidz children within their tribe that would want to invite their friends to a party
- ❖ Adult cells to decide on date, time and venue for the party, and determine the adult cell members who will be involved
  - ❖ Recommended ratio of 1 adult to 5 children to run the children-focused programme
- ❖ Engage the children to write down the names of the friends they want to invite and involve them in synchronised prayer for these friends daily
- ❖ Cells and children to pray and fast for the Christmas party and guests.
- ❖ Children to invite friends as guests to their party, as well as their families
- ❖ Cells to assign different segments of the programme to the adult cell members and children (age-appropriate tasks)
- ❖ Cells to pray and fast for Christmas party and invited guests.
- ❖ GKidz children to confirm the number of guests attending

# THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

## 28 November - 4 December 2016

(1-2 weeks to Christmas Party)

- ❖ Cells to go through the preparations needed for Christmas party, including logistics for icebreakers/games, name labels, pens, decorative items, food/beverages, etc.
- ❖ The day before Christmas party, children are to contact and remind their guests to come on time and bring a \$5 gift for gift exchange.
- ❖ Cells to intensify prayer and fasting for event and invited guests, especially to bind any spiritual forces seeking to hinder guests from attending and coming to know Christ.
- ❖ Leader to go through and teach the adult cell members how to use the Breaking the Barrier booklet to share the gospel with their guests.
- ❖ Leader to guide and vet through the testimony of the testimony sharer.

# THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

## December 2016

(Cell-based Christmas Party)

- ❖ Leader to gather early to set up the venue.
- ❖ Leader and GKidz children to worship down the presence of God and intercede for the invited guests.
- ❖ Leader to assign respective tasks to do set-up.
- ❖ Leader to do a final brief and pray over all children as they undertake their roles and responsibilities.
- ❖ Leaders are to be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit throughout the programme and always maintain a sweet spirit and demonstrate Christ-likeness.
- ❖ Cell members are encouraged to obtain the contact details of the guests to follow up and invite them for GKidz Christmas celebration and regular GKidz services in the new year.

# THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

## Weekends in December 2016

In the month of December, every weekend will be a special Christmas celebration for the children at GKidz

- ❖ 3/4 Dec - Winter Wonderland
- ❖ 10/11 Dec - Christmas Feast
- ❖ 17/18 Dec - Presents, Presents, Everywhere
- ❖ 24/25 Dec - Main Christmas service with adults (sermon pack provided)

## January 2017

- ❖ GKidz children and leaders to invite Christmas guests back for regular GKidz services

# LOGISTICS REQUIRED

- Leader's Manual
- Device to play background music with (phone or laptop, with cables)
- Games logistics (depends on games selected)
- Christmas Story logistics
  - Option 1: Laptop with video downloaded, TV or projector, sound system
  - Option 2: A3 visual aid print outs
- Copies of Breaking the Barrier booklet (1 per guest)
- Copies of GKidz Christmas flyer (1 per guest)
- Copies of Visitor Response Form (1 per guest)
- Pens
- Kid-appropriate food
  - Suggestions: Seaweed chicken, fish balls, fried rice, chips, ice cream
- Goodie bags (optional, but some children may not have brought a \$5 gift for the gift exchange, so good to standby)

# PROGRAMME FORMAT

(2 hours - includes Christmas Meal & Interaction)

## PRE PROGRAMME

### ❖ LIGHT MOMENTS

- Welcome and Icebreakers 10 minutes
- Christmas-related Games 20 minutes

## MAIN PROGRAMME

### ❖ STORY-TELLING

- Christmas Story \* 20 minutes

### ❖ TESTIMONY & GOSPEL SHARING 30 minutes

- Testimony Sharing \*
- Altar Call
- 1-to-1 Breaking The Barrier Sharing

## POST PROGRAMME

- ❖ Christmas Gift Exchange \* 15 minutes
- ❖ Christmas Meal & Interaction 25 minutes

\* Indicates segments that GKidz children can lead, with adult guidance

# ON THE DAY PREPARATION

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REQUIREMENTS
60mins before	<p>Pray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† For God’s presence to fill the room</li> <li>† For every guest to be able to make it on time and for their hearts to be open</li> <li>† For the programme to run smoothly</li> <li>† For those in charge of logistics, testimony sharing, narrating, food</li> </ul> <p>Setup the venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Layout the food and decorate the venue</li> <li>† Final run through and briefing on the programme</li> <li>† Games and Icebreakers logistics (See Appendix A)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Camera</li> <li>† Background music</li> </ul>
20mins before	<p>Host(s), Games Leader(s) and Narrators to be prepared for the programme</p> <p>GKidz children and friends make their way to Christmas party.</p> <p>Ensure that all guests are taken care of and GKidz children are engaging the guests enthusiastically and that no one is left out</p>	

# PRE-PROGRAMME

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REQUIREMENTS
	<p>PRE PROGRAMME</p> <p>LIGHT MOMENTS Arrival of the guests</p> <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Give out name labels</li> <li>† Collect Christmas gifts brought by children and guests for post programme - gift exchange, place at the side</li> <li>† Leader determines when to start the party and gives instructions, e.g., "Put on nametags and get to know those who are present, while waiting for the rest to come."</li> <li>† Break the ice with the children guests by getting to know them. Some toys can also be laid out for free play while the rest of the guests arrive</li> </ul>	<p>Name Labels/ Pens</p>

# WELCOME & ICEBREAKERS

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REQUIREMENTS
30mins	<p><b>WELCOME &amp; ICEBREAKERS</b> [See Appendix A]</p> <p>† Leader starts by welcoming everyone to the party</p> <p>Suggested script: "Merry Christmas to everybody! On behalf of the friend or family member who invited you, I want to welcome each of you to this very special Christmas party. We are very pleased that you can be here to be a part of our Christmas celebrations.</p> <p>We have a wonderful programme lined up for you, especially towards the end when we want to make a special presentation to you of the true meaning of Christmas."</p> <p>† Start by introducing yourself, e.g., "Hi, my name is _____." Have everyone introduce themselves to each other.</p> <p>† Host makes a short welcome message and move to Icebreaker &amp; Christmas-related games. (Please refer to Appendix A)</p>	Game Logistics

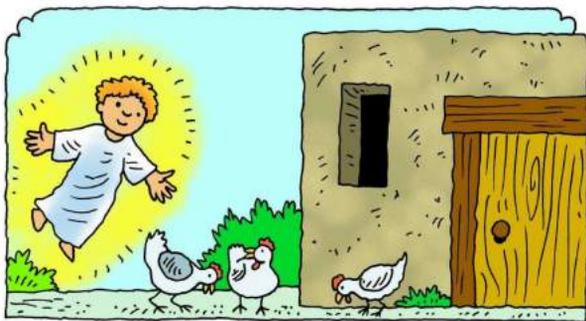
# CHRISTMAS STORY

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
5mins	<p>Transition to Main Programme:            [Leaders to say: "We just had a lot of fun together in this Christmas party, but do any of you know the reason for why we celebrate Christmas? It's not just about gifts or yummy food or family, the reason why we celebrate is because of the greatest gift of all - Jesus!</p> <p>Jesus is God's Son and at Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus was born on earth, for a very important reason. But first let me share with you what happened that first Christmas night."]</p> <p><b>Note: Choose one option for how to share the Christmas story</b></p>	
<b>OPTION 1: WATCH A VIDEO (15mins)</b>		
	<p><b>Preparation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Download the Nativity Story video onto your laptop (<a href="https://vimeo.com/83109095">https://vimeo.com/83109095</a>)</li> <li>• Either connect the laptop to a TV or projector, or play the video on your laptop if the group of children is not very big. Consider using external speakers to amplify the volume.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laptop</li> <li>• TV/projector</li> <li>• External speakers</li> </ul>

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
5mins	<p><b>Instructions for Video Playback</b></p> <p>Play the video until the end, including the song.</p> <p><b>Summarise the Christmas story</b> - "This happened over 2,000 years ago. An angel told Mary that she would have a baby that would be very important. He was so important that angels appeared to announce His birth, shepherds and wise men from a far away country came to meet and worship Him. Why was this baby so important? Well, that's because He is God's Son, Jesus and He came to be the Saviour of the whole world. He grew up to save many people and healed the sick."</p>	
<p><b>OPTION 2: SHARE THE CHRISTMAS STORY USING PRINTED VISUAL AIDS (20mins)</b></p>		
	<p><b>Preparation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print out the Christmas story visual aids in colour on A3 paper - the picture on one side and the text to read out on the back</li> <li>• Ensure that the pieces of paper are in the correct order</li> </ul>	Printed visual aids

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
5 mins	<p><b>Instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather the children to sit facing the narrator(s) and the pictures</li> <li>• Read the text for each picture in sequential order</li> <li>• You can take turns among two adults to read the story</li> <li>• If you have upper primary children from GKidz in your group, you can consider getting them to read the story.</li> </ul>	

### Picture 1



Long ago, about 2,000 years ago, an angel was sent by God to a young woman who lived in the town of Nazareth. The girl's name was Mary and she was engaged to marry a man named Joseph.

### Picture 2



The angel told her that she would have a baby and it would be from the Holy Spirit and she would name Him Jesus. He would be known as Emmanuel, which means "God with us". He would save His people.

Picture 3



At this time, the Roman Emperor wanted everyone to go back to the town their families originally came from and so Mary and Joseph travelled a long way from Nazareth to Bethlehem, back to Joseph's hometown. Joseph and Mary travelled very slowly because Mary's baby was about to be born soon.

Picture 4



When they arrived in Bethlehem, they knocked on every door in the town, looking for a place to stay but everywhere was full of people. They went from inn to inn until they reached the last inn. The owner welcomed them but only the stable, where animals would sleep, had space for them.

Picture 5



At last, they had a place to stay but it was dirty, smelly and unhygienic. It was not suitable for a baby to be born in. Mary gave birth to Jesus right there in the stable.

Baby Jesus was wrapped in strips of cloth and placed in the manger, a trough that is used to feed animals.

Picture 6



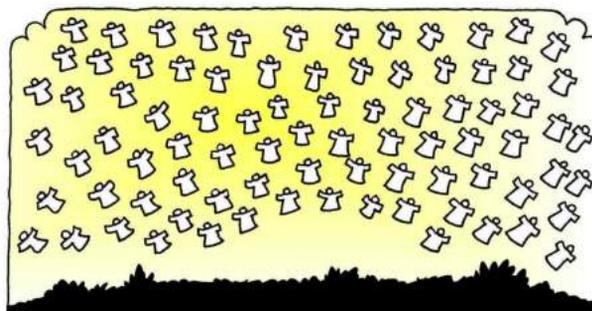
Meanwhile, there was a group of shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in the fields nearby.

Picture 7



Suddenly, an angel appeared in front of them and they were taken aback by it! The brightness of the Lord's glory flashed upon them but the angel said, "Don't be afraid, I have good news for you which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown, a Saviour is born for you, He is Christ the Lord. You will know who He is because He will be dressed in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

Picture 8



Suddenly, many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said, "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those He is pleased with on earth!"

Picture 9



After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about". They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph. They saw the baby lying in the manger.

The shepherds told everyone about the baby and people were amazed at the story that the Son of God was actually born in a stable.

## Picture 10



When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem, three wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They had followed a star in the sky and wanted to find Jesus to worship Him.

The star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them till it stopped at the place where Jesus was.

## Picture 11



When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, they knelt down and worshipped Him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and gave it to Him.

## Picture 12



This happened over 2,000 years ago. An angel told Mary that she would have a baby that would be very important. He was so important that angels appeared to announce His birth, shepherds and wise men from a far away country came to meet and worship Him. Why was this baby so important? Well, that's because He is God's Son, Jesus and He came to be the Saviour of the whole world. He grew up to save many people and healed the sick.

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# TESTIMONY

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
	<p><i>Transition to testimony</i>            "Jesus wasn't someone who only saved people many many years ago. He continues to save and help us today. Let us invite _____ to share a short testimony about how Jesus has been real in their life."</p>	
5mins	<p>TESTIMONY            Share what Christmas means to you and how you came to know and follow Jesus (5mins)</p> <p>Please see Appendix B</p>	

# ALTAR CALL & TRANSITION TO BREAKING THE BARRIER SHARING

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
5mins	<p><b>ALTAR CALL</b></p> <p>[Leader to say: I would like to make this Christmas even more special by leading you to invite Jesus into your life as your Saviour, Lord and Light. I would like everyone to bow our heads and close our eyes right now and I want to give you the opportunity to receive this gift of Light from God by inviting Jesus Christ into your hearts. If this is what you would like to do, then I invite you to repeat this prayer after me.</p> <p>“Lord Jesus, thank You that You love me and came 2,000 years ago to give Yourself to me. I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness for all my sins. Please forgive my sins. Right now, I invite You to come into my life to be my Saviour, Lord and King. Come into my life right now and help me to be the kind of person You want me to be. I will worship You and You only. Let me experience Your Love and Light daily from now on. In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen.”]</p>	<p>(At this point, get everyone to close their eyes and bow their heads and encourage them to follow the prayer with you.)</p>

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
20 mins	<p><b>BREAKING THE BARRIER</b>            Break into smaller groups to share the gospel using the Breaking the Barrier booklets. [see Appendix C for guide]</p> <p>[Leader to Say]            As we end this programme, I would like for us to pair up with one another so that we may share a little more with you and also pray God’s blessings upon you and your family.</p> <p><b>CLOSING THE SESSION</b>            † If the guest says “Yes” to Salvation, confirm the decision using Scriptures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Let the guest read the Scripture and answer your question.</li> <li>• Congratulate the guest for the decision made. Still within small groups, all GKidz children are to ask the guests if there is a need he/she can pray over. Pray a prayer of blessing for each of the guests, and as the Lord leads, release the Holy Spirit’s fullness before moving onto the last phase of the programme.</li> </ul>	(Get ready Response Cards, Breaking the Barrier booklets & Pens)

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REMARKS
	<p>You may say this:  “Lord, I thank You for the salvation of (Guest’s name). I pray that You will fill him/her with the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and that he/she will experience Your Love and Light 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.”</p> <p>† Proceed to get contact details of the guest.</p> <p>† Invite the guest to join GKidz and to come for the Christmas services.</p> <p>† 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 and Light in your life? If this is what you want, please repeat this prayer after me and mean the words in your heart.”</p>	

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REQUIREMENTS
	<p>You may want to pray the "Seeker's Prayer": "Dear Jesus, I do not know You but my friend tells me that You are real. I would like to know You more and I 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 and Light. Thank you for hearing me and I pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen."</p> <p>† 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 and Light with (Guest's name). I ask that You will continue to keep him/her in good health and in joyful spirit, and that one day, (Guest's name) will come into the wonderful experience of knowing and walking with You. Seal this truth in his/her mind. Thank You in the Name of Jesus, Amen."</p> <p>† Invite the guests to join your cell activities and to come for the Christmas services</p> <p>† Thank them for coming and wish them Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.</p>	

# POST-PROGRAMME & GIFT EXCHANGE

TIME	THINGS TO DO	REQUIREMENTS
15 mins	<p>POST PROGRAMME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Christmas Gift Exchange               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Gather the children to sit in a circle with their gift.</li> <li>◆ Leader to narrate the story in Appendix D</li> <li>◆ The children are to pass the gift in their hand right whenever they hear the word "RIGHT", and pass it left (clockwise direction) when they hear the word "LEFT"</li> <li>◆ When the story ends, the gift in their hand will be theirs to keep</li> </ul> </li> <li>† Christmas Meal &amp; Interaction</li> </ul>	

# APPENDIX A

## WELCOME & ICEBREAKERS

### OVERVIEW

The idea of this session is to warm up the guests and wait for latecomers to arrive. When most of the guests have arrived, move into the icebreakers/games

You are free to choose any or all of the following icebreakers. Do not exceed 40 minutes so that it will not eat into the time for the rest of the programme, unless you have good reasons for doing so. Remember that you are to build relationships through fun and games. Stop the game once the people have warmed up sufficiently so that they can have more time to fellowship during the meal.

Try to pre-assign each cell member to pair off with an invited guest. Encourage members to make special effort to relate to them.

# SUGGESTED ICEBREAKERS & CHRISTMAS GAMES

## ICEBREAKER #1: Candy unWrap

Time limit: 5 minutes

Materials needed: A pack of candy with wrapper (e.g. White Rabbit candy) (at least one per child)

Instructions:

- 1) Split the children into two groups or more, depending on the group size
- 2) Each child to be given a candy each
- 3) Children in each group will take turns to unwrap the candy using their non-master hand
- 4) The first group to unwrap **all** candies wins

**Note:** This would be a good game to warm up the crowd while waiting for the other children to come

## ICEBREAKER #2: Christmas Tree Mixup

Time limit: 5 minutes

Materials needed: sticker labels with words written on them (one per child)

Instructions:

- 1) Have the players sit in a circle with the host in the centre. Ensure the centre empty space is wide enough for players to move around.
- 2) The host labels the players with one of the following (making sure there is a minimum of two of each)  
Star, Bauble, Tinsel, Angel, Snowflake
- 3) The host now calls out one object. For example - Snowflake. All the children with the label "Snowflake" must now jump up and change places with other children with the same label. The game continues in this way with the host calling out different objects and the children exchanging places with children with the same label.
- 4) If "Christmas Tree" is called out, all of the children must jump up and exchange places with other objects.

Note: This game is fast and energetic and usually very well received by older and younger children alike. It breaks the ice by mixing the children up and sitting them next to new people.

# CHRISTMAS RELATED GAMES

## CHRISTMAS GAME #1: Blindfold Christmas Drawing

Time limit: 15 minutes

Materials needed: Blindfolds, markers and A3 papers

Instructions:

- 1) Split the children into two groups or more, depending on the group size
- 2) Each group to send a representative to be blindfolded
- 3) The remaining children will call out instructions (*which could be amended according to the age group of the children*) while the representative attempts to draw a Christmas scene onto the A3 paper
- 4) Award a small prize to the group that has the drawing that is closest to the original



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Example of picture.

<http://doodlecats.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/colouringpage-1.jpg>

# CHRISTMAS GAME #2: Musical Chairs

Time limit: 5 minutes

Materials needed: Chairs/paper plates, Christmas songs

Preparation:

- Arrange the chairs/paper plates in a circle
- Ensure the number of chairs/paper plates is **one fewer** than the number of children
- Some duct tape may need to be added to the base of the plate to make it less slippery

Instructions:

- 1) Have the children gather in a circle **within** the chairs/paper plates
- 2) Play a Christmas song and everyone is to dance to it
- 3) Children will have to find and sit on an empty chair/paper plate once the song stops playing.
- 4) The child who did not manage to find a seat will share one thing they like about Christmas.
- 5) Remove a chair/paper plate after each round.
- 6) The last child standing will be the winner of the game.

# CHRISTMAS GAME #3A: Christmas Bingo

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Materials needed: Bingo Christmas cards (Bingo cards for each child & one calling card)

Preparation:

Download and print the Bingo Christmas cards from this URL (<http://www.thegirlcreative.com/printable-christmas-bingo-game/>)

Instructions:

- 1) Each child/group (depending on the group size) will receive a Bingo card.
- 2) The host will call out a picture from the calling card and children will have to find the picture on their Bingo card
- 3) The first child/group to get all 5 pictures in a row and shout "Christmas Bingo" will be the winner. The pictures can be in a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line.

# CHRISTMAS GAME #3B: Silver Bell Memory

(suitable for children 5-9 years old)

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Materials needed: Hershey's Kisses chocolates, marker, round sticker (about the diameter of the Hershey's Kiss chocolate)

Preparation:

- 1) Write letters or draw Christmas related objects (e.g., snowflakes, etc) on round stickers.
- 2) Place the round stickers on the bottom of each Hershey's Kiss chocolate

Instructions:

- 1) Lay out the Hershey's Kisses chocolates with the round stickers in a grid on the floor (e.g., for a 5x5 grid, 25 chocolates would be needed)
- 2) Each child gets to turn two chocolates over during each turn. They will need to remember the pictures below the chocolate to try and find a matching pair.
- 3) If the two chocolates do not have matching pictures, the chocolates should be returned to their original position, and the child's turn ends.
- 4) If the two chocolates have matching pictures, the child gets to keep the Hershey's Kisses chocolates.

# APPENDIX B

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY GUIDELINES

What Christmas means to you and how Jesus came into your life  
(5 minutes)

Align your personal testimony with the concept of this IBHFC:  
Let the questions below guide you in the writing of your testimony.

1) How your life was like before you become a Christian

- † What awakened a need for God within you

2) How you became a Christian

- † Who introduced Jesus to you

- † What you heard about who God is and what He did to show you that He loves you

- † How it was presented to you

- † What caused you to make a decision to believe in God

- † What you did to invite Jesus into your life

3) How life was after you became a Christian

- † What your life was like immediately after you gave your life to Jesus

- † How long you have been a Christian

- † How God helped you to solve the problem or struggles that you had before you became a Christian

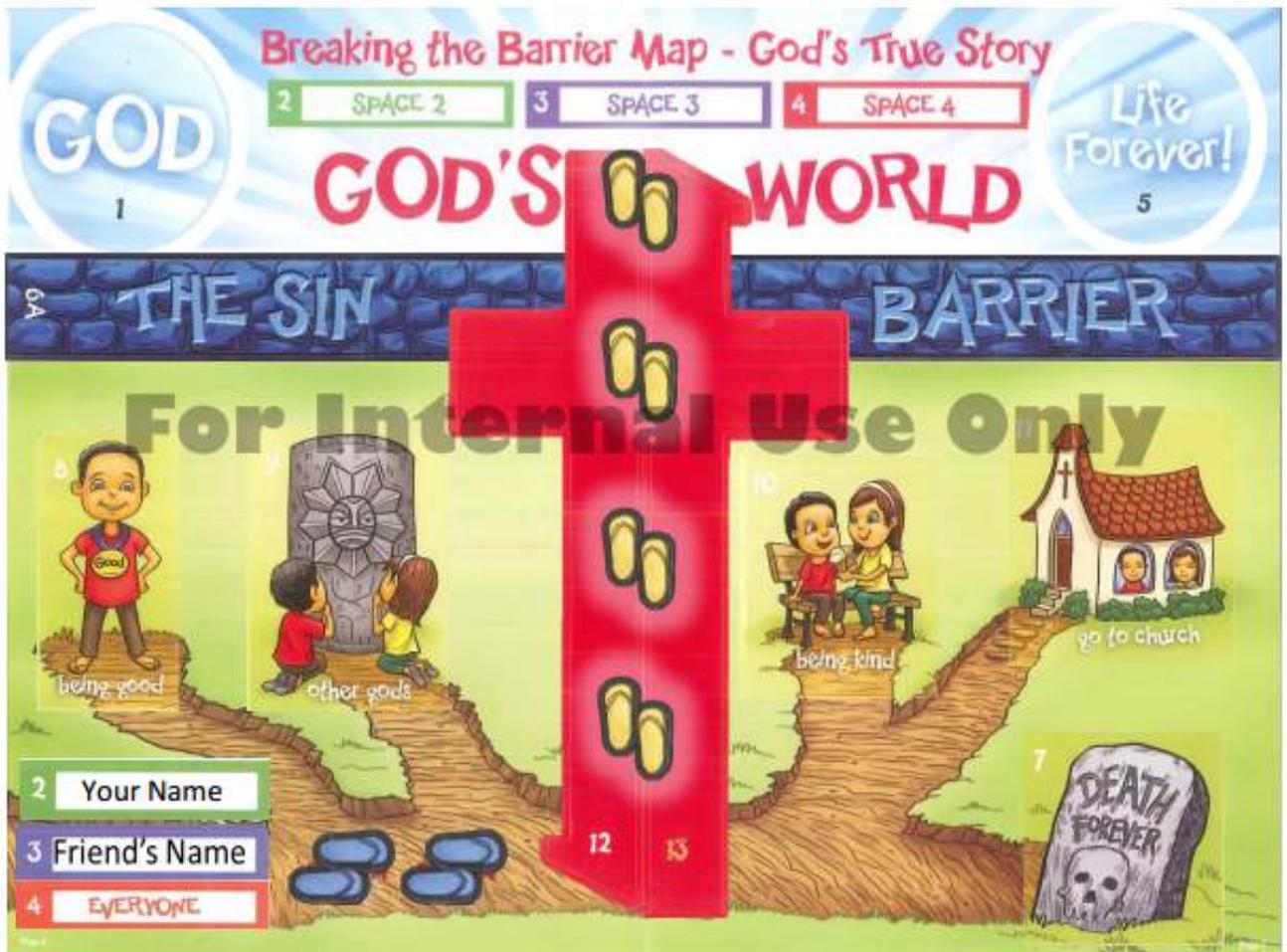
- † Write down three things you are thankful to God for since you became a Christian

# APPENDIX C

## BREAKING THE BARRIER ILLUSTRATIONS

Breaking the Barrier is a sticker booklet tool that GKidz uses to share the gospel with children in an interactive, understandable way. The booklet follows the sequence of the John 3:16 diagram, with a sticker to be pasted by the child at each step. The booklet includes a recommended script for what to say with each step, but the overview below is included for your early preparation if required.

Completed picture after all stickers pasted:



- ❖ Explain to the children that we have a God who is great and who created the universe! He created the stars, moon, sun, trees, animals, everything!  
(Stick the "God" sticker)



- ❖ Tell the children that one of His few choices was to create Man. Yes, He created you and me, He created everyone!  
(Stick stickers 2, 3 and 4, and write "You" and "Me" in blanks 2 and 3)



- ❖ Share with the children that He created us so that He could spend life forever with us!  
(Stick the "Life Forever" sticker)

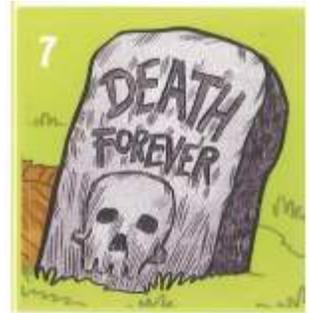


- ❖ Tell the children that Man chose not to have life forever with God; instead Man chose to do things their own way. They chose not to listen to God and instead chose to do wrong. This is called sin. And by choosing to sin, we choose to build a sin barrier between God and us. (Stick "Sin Barrier" sticker)



- ❖ Because of our choice to sin, we cannot be with God, because God is holy and pure. And the more we choose to sin, the more we are separated from God. And it leads to us being separated from God.  
(Move the stickers with the names down to the corresponding spaces at the bottom of the sheet)

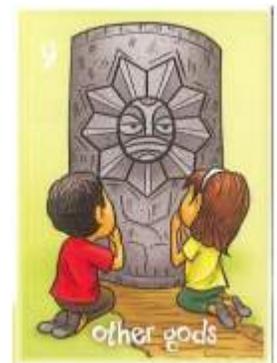
- ❖ Explain to the children that because of this separation, we will no longer have life forever, but we will instead be led to death forever. (Stick "Death Forever" sticker and stick the pink feet stickers from their names to the Death sticker)



- ❖ Help the children understand that we have tried many ways to get back to God. Sometimes we try to do good deeds, like helping the elderly, helping my mummy wash the dishes, but no matter how much we do, we will not be good enough for God (Stick the "Being Good" sticker).



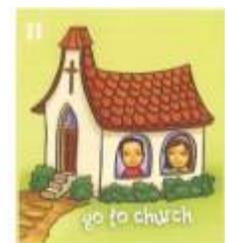
- ❖ Sometimes we choose to turn to other gods, but there is only one true God (Stick the "Other gods" sticker).



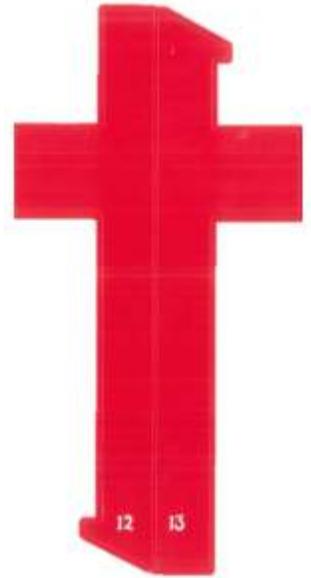
- ❖ Sometimes we also try to be kind to others, but you know what, we still love ourselves the most (Stick the "Being Kind" sticker).



- ❖ And sometimes we think we can get back to God by choosing to go to church, but going to church is not enough if we are still the same inside (Stick the "Going to Church" sticker).



- ❖ Remember, God chose to create you and me. This means that God chose to love us, and in fact, He still chooses to love us. He loves us so much that He chose to send His son Jesus down to earth.  
(Stick the half of the cross pointing downwards)
- ❖ When Jesus was on earth, He chose to share with us through miracles and wonders how much God loves us! But people still choose to sin. Do you think Jesus chose to give up at that time? No, He did not! Jesus chose to show us just how much He loves us by choosing to die on the Cross for us! That was the ultimate price He could pay for our sins. But guess what, Jesus did not stay dead. Three days after He died on the Cross, He rose again! And because He was no longer dead, He shows us that He has power over death! He broke the sin barrier, giving us a way to go back to God again.  
(Stick the other half of the cross pointing upwards)
- ❖ Tell the children that "Today, Jesus wants you to know that He chose to love you, even when you have done wrong before. He has chosen to be your friend, but He also gives you a choice. Will you choose to allow Jesus into your heart as your friend? Will you choose to allow Jesus to take away your sins and will you choose to follow Him?"
- ❖ If the children's answer is "Yes", get them to repeat this prayer after you: "Dear Jesus, thank You for choosing to love me. Thank You that Your love for me never ends. Today I am making a choice. I choose to love you. I choose you to be my Saviour and my Friend. Please forgive me for all the wrong things I have done. I choose to belong to You. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."



# APPENDIX D

## CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE STORY-

### Right Family Christmas

#### Instructions:

1. Everyone will start by holding on the gift they have bought.
  2. Leader to read the below story aloud.
  3. Everyone passes their gift(s) in the direction told in the story and change directions every time "Left" or "Right" is mentioned.
  4. The person keeps the gift they are holding at the end of the story.
- Christmas was almost here, and Mother **RIGHT** was finishing the Christmas baking.
  - Father **RIGHT**, Sue **RIGHT**, and Billy **RIGHT** returned from their last-minute Christmas errands.
  - "There's not much **LEFT** to be done," said Father **RIGHT** as he came into the kitchen.
  - "Did you leave the basket of food at church?" asked Mother **RIGHT**.
  - "I **LEFT** it **RIGHT** where you told me to," said Father **RIGHT**.
  - "I'm glad my shopping is done," said Billy **RIGHT**. "I don't have any money **LEFT**."
  - The hall telephone rang, and Susan **RIGHT LEFT** to answer it.
  - She rushed back and told the family Aunt Tillie **RIGHT LEFT** a package for us **RIGHT** on Grandma **RIGHT**'s porch.
  - "I'll go over there **RIGHT** now and get it." she said as she **LEFT** in a rush.
  - Father **RIGHT LEFT** the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree. By the time Susan **RIGHT** returned, Mother **RIGHT**, Father **RIGHT**, and Billy **RIGHT** had begun trimming the tree.
  - The entire **RIGHT** family sang carols as they finished the decorating.
  - Then they **LEFT** all the presents arranged under the tree and went to bed, hoping they had selected the **RIGHT** gifts for their family.
  - Now I hope you have the **RIGHT** present for yourself, because that's all that's **LEFT** of our story...
  - Except to wish you a Merry Christmas... Isn't that **RIGHT**?