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WORKSHOP:

"CAMP GIDEON" CHILDREN'S OUTREACH: SPECIAL EVENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS, PARK OUTREACHES, OR MISSIONS

Learning how to set up and run an effective, yet simple, children's outreach event to reach children for the Lord. You will be taught about the different stations for a "Camp Gideon" event, including a puppet show, Bible teaching, crafts, and games. This workshop will also provide instructions on how to make an inexpensive, beautiful puppet show stage, as well as provide access to our free puppet show scripts and audio recordings.

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Camp Gideon Outreach Agenda

Arrival / Set Up

- Arrive at the location of the outreach at least 90 minutes prior to the event.
- Pray
- Set up registration table
- Set up main stage area (puppet stage, sound system, and tarps for the children)
- Set up the teaching area (tarps, visuals, new believer materials)
- Set up craft area (tables and supplies)
- Set up game area (table for drinks and snacks)
- Set up an balloon area and a face painting area for early arrivers and when needed

Starting (20 minutes)

- Call the children to the main stage area.
- 2-3 songs
- Puppet presentation
- Divide children into three groups according to color on name badge (Yellow, Green, and Red.)

Divide the Groups (25 minutes at each station)

- The youngest group (yellow goes to the teaching area)
- The middle group (green goes to the craft area)
- The older group (red goes to the game area)

Rotating the Groups (25 minutes at each station)

- 20 minutes after diving the group give a 5 minute notice before rotating groups
- The Bible teaching area determines the time of rotating (no more than 25 minutes)
- The youngest group (yellow goes to the game area)
- The middle group (green goes to the teaching area)
- The older group (red goes to the craft area)

Final Rotation (25 minutes at each station)

- The youngest group (yellow goes to the craft area)
- The middle group (green goes to the game area)
- The older group (red goes to the teaching area)

Conclusion (20-25 minutes)

- All the children come to the main stage area.
- One song
- Short puppet sing along
- Review lesson learned or special guest
- Dismiss the groups one at a time to get their prize bag at the registration table (candy, prize, Most Important Story Ever Told, Wordless Book Tract)

Packing Up

- Begin to tear down and put the supplies in the vehicles.
- Time of sharing what God did at the park
- Pray
- Homeward bound

SUPPLIES (sample)

REGISTRATION BIN-	sign-up sheets, pens, stickers, first aid, bags
PUPPET SHOW BIN-	puppets, tarps, cd player, script, batteries
FACE PAINTING BIN-	paint, brushes, cups, wipes
BALLOONS BIN-	balloons, pumps
TEACHING BIN-	study, Bible
CRAFTS BIN-	craft materials
GAMES BIN-	bubbles, hula hoops, balls, parachute
CABLES	
CAMP GIDEON	
stage	
walls	
arm rests	
banner	
cables	
AMP/PA System	
EZ UPS	
tables	
chairs	
tarps	
flags -- red/green/yellow	
Bibles	
Skit CD	
Songs CD- RPM	
Bibles	
Skit costumes	
Igloo	
Cooler	
Snacks	
Guitar	
Binder (guitar)	
Fliers	

Prizes

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VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

FLAG LEADERS

_____ ((red- 5 & under)

_____ (yellow - 6-9)

_____ (green - 10 & up)

REGISTRATION: _____ & _____

PUPPET STAGE: _____

(SOUND) _____

CRAFTS: _____ & _____

FACE PAINTING: _____ & _____

GAMES: _____ & _____

TEACHING: _____ & _____

SECURITY: _____ & _____

ROTATION

	STUDY	CRAFTS	FACE PAINT	GAMES
1	RED	GREEN >		YELLOW
2	YELLOW	RED >		GREEN
3	GREEN	YELLOW >		RED

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Puppet Show

6 people would need to be chosen for puppet show area,
as well as 1 sound person to play CD music, also including leader.



Starting (20 minutes)

1. Call children to main area
2. Begin by welcoming everyone to Camp Gideon and all its activities and fun.
3. Open in Prayer for God's blessing for children
4. 2-3 songs
5. Invite Camp director out Mr. Gideon.
6. Open Act # 1 with song
7. Open Act # 2 with song
8. Open Act # 3 with song
9. Divide children into three groups according to color on name badge (**Yellow**, **Green**, and **Red**).

Yellow: Preschool-Kindergarten **Green:** 1st-3rd grade **Red:** 4th-6th grade

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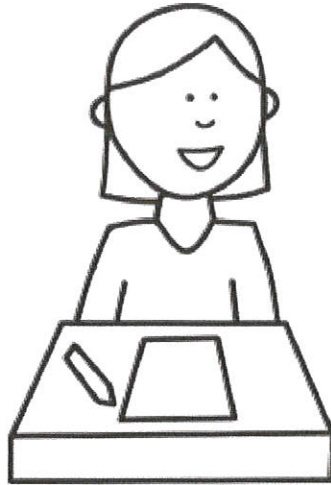
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Outreach for adults

- Call parents/adults/or young adults to main area.
- Share a gospel message
- Invitation to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- New Believer instructing

CAMP GIDEON
REGISTRATION TABLE
(1-2 volunteers needed)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Greet** children and adults with a smile- showing God's love
- Fill in the **registration sheet**
 - Ask the parent/guardian for the child's name, age, and contact info (**very **important** to get the adult's number in case of emergency*)
- Create a **name badge** for the child
- Put designated **color sticker** on the name badge
 - **Red (ages 5 and below)**
 - **Yellow (ages 6-9)**
 - **Green (ages 10 & up)**
- ***If event will giveaway candy***, give each kid a brown bag and write their name on the bag
 - (tell the child not to lose their bag for candy)
- **Direct** the child to the designated **flag leader (indicated by the color of their name badge sticker)**
- **At the end of event**
 - Clean up table
 - Organize bin

Teaching

(2-3 volunteers is needed for the teaching and assistance)



Bible story

- 3 bible studies will be given for each color group (Yellow, Green, Red)
- Know your age group you will be sharing with and adapt message for each group.
- Gather all the children around on the tarp for a Bible story
- Helpers will give special attention to monitoring children: misbehaving, restlessness, or specific needs of a child, providing an attentive listening environment for Bible study.
- As the alter call is given, helpers will also assist in marking down all children who accept the LORD.

Games

2-3 volunteers for games are needed



1. Have children gather together in one big circle.
2. Hoola Hoops: everyone hold hands, pass Hoola Hoop around circle without letting go, pass the other Hoop to make it more exciting. Urge children to speed up and go faster.
3. Everyone in circle, bring out parachute, have children to grab hold of a handle, those with out handle stay back, have those with handle lower to the ground and raise parachute, those children that are stayed back, carefully run through to other side, repeat again, and repeat again. Switch turns of those with handles and without.
4. Parachute game: Volunteer tosses balls into center of parachute, Children with handles shake parachute up and down causing waves of balls flying off the parachute, children without handle collect falling balls and tosses them back into parachute. Switch positions and repeat.
5. Have children line up and take turns, of tapping ball around cones and back
6. Divide children, create two goal areas, as the children are lined up in their area, goal is to roll ball to the other side through the cones, gaining a point, taking turns each side.
7. Instead of "Simon says" a game of "Jesus says" is good to play.
8. Pray together before you dismiss for snack time.

After Children finish playing games... allow time for snack time

**Have ice water/punch, depending on heat,
available for children with one snack.**

Face Painting

One table (3-4 volunteers) for face painting



Face Painting: early arrivals, face painting will be a neat time to welcome the children to outreach. One on one time, to talk and **get to know child, being sensitive to child, share about Jesus,** and **pray for every child** before you finish painting and release to further activities.

Be Friendly and inviting
Be creative & artistic
Share about Jesus
Pray for every child

THE PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SKIT

FOCUS: God is the Judge

CHARACTERS: Tommy, Rachel, Marina, Lisa, and Gideon

PROP: 3 lunch bags

Marina: I'm so glad it's lunchtime! I didn't eat any breakfast- I'm reeeeeeaaally hungry!

Rachel: Me too! Let's race to the lunch room!

Lisa: Hey, wait for me!

Marina: My mom made my favorite sandwich today.

Lisa: What sandwich is that?

Marina: Peanut butter and jelly! Yuuummmmyyyy!!! (Opens her lunchbag)
HEY! Someone took my sandwich! Hmmmmm, I think I know who did it!

Lisa: Who?

Marina: (Angry) Grrrrr! I saw Tommy messing around with the lunchbags earlier this morning. I bet he took it! That thief! I'm telling on him!

Rachel: Wait a minute, Marina! Before you go accusing him you should know if he took it first.

Lisa: Yeah, Marina, maybe your mom just forgot to pack it.

Marina: No way! My mom wouldn't forget to pack my faaavorite sandwich! I just know that Tommy took it! He's always doing wrong things, you know.

Lisa: Wow! That's a mean thing to say, Marina. It's not like you're perfect, you know.

Rachel: Yeah, Marina, you've also done wrong things-- we've all had. Remember last week when you got caught cheating on our math test and the teacher thought that I was helping you cheat? I forgave you for getting me in trouble, didn't I?

Marina: Well.....that's different. I still think Tommy took my sandwich and I'm gonna tell on him! (walks away angrily)

Rachel: Wow, I don't understand why Marina is acting like this. She's soooo angry!

Lisa: I know, I'm worried about her.

Gideon: (enters) Hi Lisa! Hi Rachel!

Rachel and Lisa: Hi Gideon!

Gideon: Have you seen Marina? Marina's mom just stopped by the school office when I was there and she dropped off Marina's peanut butter & jelly sandwich. She said it was Marina's favorite but her mom forgot to pack it.

Lisa: Here comes Marina. Rachel and I are going to eat our lunch now, ok

(Lisa and Rachel exits)

(Marina comes in)

Marina: (still angry) I took care of that, ha! I yelled at Tommy and pushed him to the ground! I bet he learned his lesson!

Gideon: Why did you do that?? Why did you yell and push Tommy?

Marina: Because he took my peanut butter & jelly sandwich! He stole it from my lunchbag!

Gideon: Uhmhhh... Marina....he did not steal your sandwich....

Marina: What do you mean, Gideon?

Gideon: Uhmmm... your mom was just here and dropped off your peanut butter & jelly sandwich. She said it was your favorite and she was sorry that she forgot to pack it in your lunchbag.

Marina: (inhales loudly) (opens her mouth in shock for a few seconds)

Gideon: uhmm... Marina... are you ok? Your mouth is just wide open. Say something...you're scaring me!

Marina: (still holds her mouth open for a few seconds) Are--- you---- serious??? Whoa! Looks like I need to apologize and say sorry to Tommy. I can't believe this-- I feel soooooo bad!

Gideon: Maybe next time before you blame someone, pray to God first before you get angry because they might not have done what you think they did. I'm sure God will guide you and tell you what you should do or how to act. It's not good for us to judge others, you know. The Bible says in Matthew 7:1, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." Let's go, Marina, let's go look for Tommy.

(Gideon and Marina exits)

(END OF SCENE 1)

(SCENE 2-- ENDING)

Tommy: (crying)

Marina: (enters shyly) Uhmmm....Tommy.....uhmmm.....I'm really sorry.....so sorry for saying that you took my sandwich. Sorry for yelling and pushing you. I was soooooooooo wrong! Sorry for all I did.

Tommy: (still sobbing) oh, okay Marina.....(sob)....I...
(sob)....I...forgive...you

Marina: You forgive me --- just like that???? You don't even want to yell at me or hit me for what I did to you??? I was reaaaaaalllly mean, you know.

Tommy: No Marina. I forgive you--- really, just like that. You already apologize and said you're sorry so I forgave you.

Marina: But why? Uhmm.. how....why....why is it soooo easy for you to forgive me just like that after what I did to you?

Tommy: Marina, I forgive you because I was forgiven by someone for ALL the wrong things I have done. As a matter of fact, He even died for me to save me!

Marina: What??? Wait a minute.... what...who...are you talking?? Who did this for you? Who forgave you for ALL the wrong things you have done AND even died for you?

Tommy: His name is Jesus! He came and died on the cross for my sins. And when I believed in Jesus and had faith in Him, He forgave me, And because He did that for me, I should also forgive others.

Marina: Wow! I never knew about what Jesus did. I've heard about him BUT never really knew what He did. Can you tell me more?

Tommy: Sure, Marina. And guess what? He didn't just die on the cross to save me from my sins, He did this for everybody---- He did this for you, too. You see, ALL of us are sinners but God loves us soooooo much that He doesn't want to be seperated from us, so He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. That means Jesus came to die on the cross for our sins, to pay for the price of our sins. And if we believe in Him, we will one day be in heaven with God.

Marina: That's amazing! But, uhmmm... do you think Jesus will forgive me? I've been verrrrryyyy mean to others...to you.

Tommy: Marina, Jesus will forgive you. He died for ALL of us. No matter who you are or no matter what you've done, Jesus died for all of our sins.

Marina: I want to learn more about this, Tommy. Can you share more?

Tommy: Sure, Marina! Come have lunch with me and I'll tell you more.

(Tommy and Marina exits) --- END---