

Friend's Night Programme Ideas

Friend's nights are a great way to build up your group.
You will find below some ideas on how you could theme your Friend's Night.

Simpsons Theme Night

A range of ideas for you to 'pick & mix' to create your Simpson's theme night.

- **Donut Team Games** - With a piece of string/cord and ring donuts (mini donuts work well!), tie the string on and a leader holds the string with donut on the end. Each member of the team runs up and eats the donut off the string without using their hands off. Go through the team.
- **Devotions** - Episodes of the Simpsons are great for devotions. Many episodes have some great morale's behind them. The Children will love watching a clip or even a whole episode (check age rating and appropriateness before showing).
To help with this 'Mixing it up with the Simpsons' is a book available to buy from Christian Bookshops, containing links to episodes with bible verses and activities to base a devotional talk.
- **Wall Quiz** - Create a wall quiz. Print off pictures of characters that feature in the Simpsons, there are more than you would imagine! Try and get some easy and hard one's. You could offer a prize to the winner. This is an ideal activity for when they first arrive.
- **Krusty's Burger Bar** - Serve up mini-burgers (available from some supermarkets) as a special treat.
- **Hama Bead Characters** - Using Hama beads create the face of their favourite Simpsons character. It's useful to have pictures of characters so the children can have something to copy (if doing the wall quiz, these pictures could be used).

Football Theme Night

A range of ideas for you to 'pick & mix' to create your Football theme night.

- **League** - Setup a football league, depending on the number of children will depend how many teams and players per team. Get them to choose a name for their team, they could use actual football clubs they supports (agreement of all required!).
- **Skills** - Setup some football skills, these could include: dribbling, heading, penalties, etc. You could approach a local football club and ask if somebody could come down and go through some skills.
- **Football Player** - Invite a player from a local football club, this would great for them to come along talk to the children and if appropriate sign autographs, etc.
- **Devotions** - It's important to link in the devotions with your theme for the night, below are some ideas on linking a devotional talk:
 - Number 1 Fan - God's great love for us (Psalm 139, 1-16)
 - Rules & Regulations - The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20, 2-17)
 - Red Card - Living life according to God's rules (2 Timothy 2, 5)
- **Craft** - A number of items are available from Baker Ross (www.bakerross.co.uk) which link in with the football theme including a ceramic football coin bank (to paint) and design your own kick ball (colour). Alternative ideas would be to create a poster for your favourite football team. A group activity would be a collage which could then incorporate pieces of work from each child where they could base their contribution on the team they support.
- **Quiz** - Hold a football quiz, be sure to include questions around the teams that the children support and some general knowledge as well. Things to include: Names of players, names of managers, names of stadiums, football facts. If you created teams for the league, then they could also use these teams for the quiz. At the end of the night you could give a prize to members of the winning team.

THOUGHT

Create your own theme idea . . .

Themes could include: American night, Party night, Superheros night, Mexican night . . .