

OPEN NIGHT TASTER PROGRAMME

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RESOURCES
Arrival Activity	SIMON SAYS (Get Active) An arrival game that children can easily join in with as they arrive. Helps to burn off some energy at the start of the night and give children something to do when they arrive.	
Welcome (5 minutes)	Say hello to the group, ask how their days have been and give an opportunity for one or two children to share something about their day / week.	
Games (15 minutes)	COLOUR CONE DASH (Get Active) An energetic game to put the children's reaction speeds to the test, as well as getting them active and running around. BEAN GAME (Get Active) An action game themed around beans that also requires quick reactions, as well as an excellent memory.	Colour Cone Dash Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/colour-cone-dash-activity-card Bean Game Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bean-game-activity
Craft (15 minutes)	PLAYDOUGH (Get Creative) Create some playdough from scratch and then power up your imaginations to make some impressive creations from it.	Playdough Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/playdough-activity-card
Devotions (10 minutes)	IN GOD'S HANDS (Get into the Bible) Use your freshly created playdough to experience how, in God's hands, we can be changed into something new and be more like Jesus.	In God's Hands Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/in-gods-hands-activity-card
Game (10 minutes)	MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS (Get Active) A fast paced game where two teams go head to head to ensure their team has the most mountains or valley cones.	Mountains and Valleys Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/mountains-valleys-activity-card
Close & Goodbye (5 minutes)	Finish by sharing any prizes won that week, an update to your points chart and give an award for member of the week. Let the group know what to look forward to next week and close in prayer.	Prizes & Awards Chart

Open Night Preparations: Talk to the group and let them know an open night will be happening in two weeks and start to build the excitement for it. Get the group to think about who they might like to invite. You can also start placing posters up, sharing information with your Church and begin to post information on social media.

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Arrival Activity	ACTIVITY SHEETS (Get Learning) Print out some activity sheets and let children complete them as they arrive. There are many activity sheets (puzzles, spot the difference, mazes etc) on the programme hub.	Downloadable Activity Sheets - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/programme/activity-sheets
Welcome (5 minutes)	Say hello to the group, ask how their days have been and give an opportunity for one or two children to share something about their day / week.	
Games (15 minutes)	DINOSAUR ISLAND (Get Active) Become a fearsome dinosaur and take turns defending your dinosaur island from attack. STATUES (Get Active) A twist on the classic game of musical statues. Pick a category and challenge children to become themed statues.	Dinosaur Island Activity Card https://boys-brigade.org.uk/dinosaur-island-activity-card Statues Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/statues-activity
Craft (15 minutes)	LEAF LANTERN (Get Adventurous) Help to lighten up the darker autumn nights with an impressive leaf lantern. Find some leaves, create your lantern and watch as the autumn colours come alive with your lantern.	Leaf Lantern Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/leaf-lantern-activity-card
Devotions (10 minutes)	PRAYER BUBBLES (Get into the Bible) Prayer is our way of talking to God. Send prayers and messages to God using bubbles. What prayers will you float up to God?	Prayer Bubbles Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/prayer-bubbles-activity-card
Game (10 minutes)	MUSICAL CLOTHES (Get Active) A funny game that ends with the group dressed in lots of silly clothes and props. Who will end up wearing the funniest outfit?	Musical Clothes Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/musical-clothes-activity-card
Close & Goodbye (5 minutes)	Finish by sharing any prizes won that week, an update to your points chart and give an award for member of the week. Let the group know what to look forward to next week and close in prayer.	Prizes & Awards Chart

Open Night Preparations: Give out 'bring a friend' invitation cards to your group and encourage them to bring a friend(s) to next week's open night. Let the group know what you'll be doing at the session and build excitement for those activities. Highlight any prizes you might have for children who bring a friend along. You'll also need to really start pushing the open night on social media and in your community.

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Welcome (5 minutes)	Say hello to the group and welcome any new children who are here for the first time. Make sure everyone feels welcome and share what activities you have lined up.	
Games (15 minutes)	MEET THE DINOSAURS (Get Learning) Start the open night with an activity that introduces lots of different dinosaurs and some fearsome facts about them. DINO DASH (Get Active) Become a T-Rex, raptor or stegosaurus and race against other dinosaurs to be the first to make it to the hatching egg.	Dinosaur Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/dinosaur-theme
Craft (15 minutes)	DINOSAUR FOSSILS (Get Creative) Create your very own dinosaur fossils from scratch, using dinosaur toys to make footprints or skeleton outlines. A brilliant memento for new children to take home to help them to remember the fun they had at the open night.	Dinosaur Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/dinosaur-theme
Devotions (10 minutes)	HOW I'D BEAT A T-REX (Get into the Bible) How would you take on a T-Rex, one of the scariest dinosaurs that roamed the planet. Whilst we don't have dinosaurs to fight, we do have other problems to deal with. How can God help us with them?	Dinosaur Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/dinosaur-theme
Game (10 minutes)	DINO-TAIL DEMOLITION (Get Active) Grow a dinosaur tail and use it to cause chaos around you. What will you be able to knock over with your dinosaur tail?	Dinosaur Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/dinosaur-theme
Close & Goodbye (5 minutes)	Finish by sharing any prizes won that week, an update to your points chart and give an award for member of the week. Ask new children if they have had a good time and hand them a welcome pack to take home.	Prizes & Awards Chart

Open Night Preparations: Make sure you have plenty of leaders with you for your open night and they all have a role. Give each child and their parent/carer a warm welcome. You'll need to make sure you have set up your activities in good time beforehand, so you can focus on welcoming new members as they arrive. Make sure to have a welcome pack (or similar) to give to new children, so they have something to take home with them, containing more information about your group and how to join.

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Arrival Activity	TRAFFIC LIGHT (Get Active) A simple game, with few instructions, that can be played as children arrive. Green = go, amber = walk and red = stop. The last to complete the action is out, until one person is left playing. Keep playing new rounds as more children arrive.	
Welcome (5 minutes)	Say hello to the group, welcome back any new children, ask how everyone's days have been and give an opportunity for one or two children to share something about their day / week.	
Games (15 minutes)	SEARCH THE UNIVERSE (Get Learning) Hunt around your meeting space on a search for the different planets, learning facts about them along the way. MUSICAL PLANETS (Get Active) Fly around the universe in your spaceships, however when the music stops get ready to land on a planet before all the landing spots get taken.	Aliens and Planets Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/aliens-planets-theme
Craft (15 minutes)	ALIEN HANDS (Get Creative) Bring some alien life to your meeting by getting artistic with paints and your handprints. Which aliens will you create?	Aliens and Planets Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/aliens-planets-theme
Devotions (10 minutes)	PRAYER STARS (Get into the Bible) Why wish upon a star, when you can pray to the one that created it? Use prayer stars to remind the group that we can always talk to our God, the creator of our planet and all the incredible stars in the sky.	Aliens and Planets Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/aliens-planets-theme
Game (10 minutes)	MARTIAN ROCK ATTACK (Get Active) A team relay race where children are on a mission to transfer Martian rocks back to their spaceships, without getting stopped by the alien.	Aliens and Planets Themed Programme Activity Card - https://boys-brigade.org.uk/aliens-planets-theme
Close & Goodbye (5 minutes)	Finish by sharing any prizes won that week, an update to your points chart and give an award for member of the week. Let the group know what to look forward to next week and close in prayer.	Prizes & Awards Chart

Open Night Follow Up: The week following your open night is just as important as the open night itself. Continue to make sure your programme is as attractive and exciting as it can be, making sure all members, new and old, have a great session. It would be beneficial once again to have additional leaders on hand to make sure new members are comfortable and settling in well. Be prepared to welcome new children again, as some may not have been able to make the open night the week before.