

JAMES BOND








THEMED PROGRAMME



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The name's Bond, James Bond. Delve into the world of the superstar spy, famous for his style and charisma. Find out what it takes to be a secret agent and have a go at some of Bond's legendary skills.

ACTIVITIES

-  Dressed to Impress
-  Secret Messages
-  Mocktails
-  On a Mission
-  Lights, Camera, Action!
-  Hit the Target
-  A Night at the Movies

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» INTRODUCTION

The James Bond series features the fictional British secret service agent, James Bond. Code named 007, James Bond has featured in books and movies since 1953.

The books were written by author Ian Fleming, with the first film being released in 1962.

Trained in intelligence and special forces, the superspy is usually tasked with a dangerous mission to bring an international gangster to justice.

? DID YOU KNOW?

- The James Bond films are the longest continually running film series of all time.
- No Time To Die (2021) is James Bond's 27th film.
- The films have grossed over £6 billion so far.
- Several actors have played the role of James Bond, with the latest actor being Daniel Craig.
- James Bond featured in the opening of the 2012 Olympic Games when he jumped out of a plane with The Queen.



GET CREATIVE



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

GET CREATIVE: DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Go the extra mile and get dressed up for your James Bond themed programme.

A week or two before, tell the group that you'll be running a James Bond themed programme and that all those attending are encouraged to come dressed in the style of the famous spy. Many may come in black tie, suits, shirts etc. However, others may choose to take on some of Bond's other famous looks. You could have a prize for the best dressed Bond.

Take it Further: Use this opportunity to teach young people how to tie a bow tie. YouTube tutorials could assist with this.



GET LEARNING



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

GET LEARNING: PROBLEM SOLVING SECRET MESSAGES

Much of what James Bond does is top secret. His life often depends on his whereabouts and plans remaining on a need-to-know basis. This can therefore require Bond to communicate using secret messages and code. Try out one or both of the ways below to send secret messages. Young people should take turns in sending and receiving messages.



Download the 'Secret Messages' activity sheet for full instructions on the below codes.

Tap Code: This code is used by people in close proximity. They will tap a surface to send a message to someone listening. The person listening can then use a letter grid, to work out what letter has been communicated. Put the letters and words together to receive the hidden message.

Keyword Code: This is a cypher that uses a keyword, to then create a secret code. Only the people who know the key word, will be able to decipher the secret message. To all other people the message will just look like a collection of random letters.



GET CREATIVE



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
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GET CREATIVE: IN THE KITCHEN MOCKTAILS

Get making some refreshing non-alcoholic mocktails using fruit juices and mixers. If possible, for this activity try to use cocktail glasses and shakers if you can get your hands on some. If not, plastic cups and spoons would still work just as well. Below are some recipes to try.

Sunrise Mocktail: Add $\frac{1}{3}$ orange juice and then $\frac{1}{3}$ lemonade. Carefully add a small amount of grenadine, this will sink to the bottom of the drink to create an impressive sunrise colour. Garnish the side of the glass with a slice of orange or a strawberry.

Pineapple Mocktail: Blend 125ml pineapple juice, 125ml coconut milk, 1 tbsp lime juice and 125ml lemonade. Garnish the glass with a piece of pineapple or a lime slice.

Mango Breeze: Mix $\frac{1}{3}$ mango juice, $\frac{1}{3}$ orange juice and $\frac{1}{3}$ cranberry juice. Garnish the glass with a slice of orange.

DIY Cocktail: Experiment with different flavours and mixes. Have a selection of fruit juices available, along with some mocktail extras such as grenadine, mixers and fruit slices. See what new creations you can come up with.

Sugar Rim Glasses: Go the extra mile and sugar rim your cocktail glass to make the mocktail even more impressive. To do this place some lemon juice (or similar) onto a saucer. Dip the rim of the glass into the juice and then immediately dip the glass onto a saucer of sugar.



GET INTO
THE BIBLE



15 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

GET INTO THE BIBLE: DEVELOPING MY FAITH ON A MISSION

Each James Bond film takes the viewer on a journey with 007 as he heads off on a mission to fight supervillains and save the world. As a group try to see how many James Bond plots they can remember. If they struggle with James Bond, expand the topic to cover any hero in a movie and their mission to save the world. (i.e Superheroes, spies etc).

Many of the films we watch will feature the main character on a mission to achieve something. In the Bible we saw that God sent Jesus to Earth on a mission to save the world and reconcile mankind.

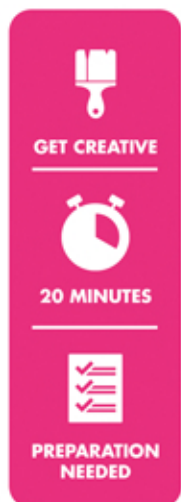


We read about this in **1 John 4 v 14** – ‘We have seen and can testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.’

Jesus, just like Bond, was sent on a mission to do good and save lives. We see in the Bible Jesus not just talking about the mission but putting it into action. Teaching, sharing, doing and being. What is more impressive is Jesus did that without any gadgets, guns, supercars or special effects. Jesus completed the first part of his mission by dying on the cross in place of us.

In return we are all called to our own mission from God, to continue to reflect God’s love throughout the world with our words and actions. To be open about our faith, to share it with others and continue to spread the message of love wherever we go.

Are you prepared for that mission? Finish in prayer asking God for the strength and determination to see that mission through.



GET CREATIVE: SINGING, ACTING AND DANCING LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Become a leading actor/actress, film director or camera operator by turning your hand at re-creating one of Bond's most famous scenes.

As a group decide which scene you'd like to recreate. Looking through YouTube clips of famous Bond moments might help the group to decide. Alternatively, the group may like to recreate the famous opening title which features the camera panning across with James Bond, before he turns and shoots his gun, causing blood to roll down the screen.

To help film and edit the scenes, consider using editing software (including free editing apps on mobile phones) to add in special effects, music and so on.

If working with larger groups, split into smaller teams. Come back together at the end of the activity to allow each team to show off their production.

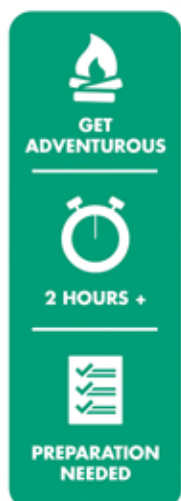


GET ACTIVE: PLAYING GAMES HIT THE TARGET

James Bond is one of the greatest spies MI6 have, with a wide range of skills and talents. One such skill is his ability to counter trouble, usually with just a gun in his hand. Take on some target practice training, to see how your skills match up to 007's.

For this activity you'll need some nerf guns or water pistols. You'll also need some targets, such as bowling pins, water bottles, tin cans etc. Line these up on a firing range, with different sizes and distances to help bring variety and challenge to the activity. Encourage young people to create and adapt their firing range throughout.

You could run this activity as just a bit of fun or you could make it into a competition, keeping a track of scores and creating a leader board.



GET ADVENTUROUS: VISITS AND TRIPS A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Take a trip to the cinema to watch a film. This might be the latest James Bond film or a similar movie.

This activity could be included as part of a James Bond series of activities, acting as the warm up for a Bond session a week later, or as a follow up after a themed night the week before.

Don't forget to take some popcorn and a drink, to get the full cinema experience.

SECRET MESSAGES: TAP CODE

Tap code, sometimes called knock code, is a way to encode messages on a letter-by-letter basis in a very simple way. The message is transmitted using a series of tap sounds, hence its name.

Tap code has been commonly used by prisoners to communicate with each other. The method of communicating is usually by tapping either the metal bars, pipes or the walls inside a cell.

How Does it Work?

It uses a 5x5 grid with all the letters of the alphabet, apart from K (C is used instead). Use the code to spell out the word you are trying to communicate. Firstly you would tap the appropriate number **down** the grid, leave a short space and then tap the number **along** the grid, which gets you to your chosen letter.

Example: M = 3 taps, pause, 2 taps. S = 4 taps, pause, 3 taps.

When communicating a message a longer pause would be left between words.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	J
3	L	M	N	O	P
4	Q	R	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z



SECRET MESSAGES: KEYWORD CODE

Keyword code or cypher is where messages are coded by using a cypher that changes each letter of the alphabet to a new one. Only by knowing the 'keyword' will you be able to read the hidden message.

How Does it Work?

Each letter of the alphabet is replaced with a new one. First a key word is chosen and communicated between the two parties. In our example the keyword is 'JAMESBOND'. These letters go at the beginning of our table, meaning A is now replaced with J, B is now replaced with A and C is now replaced with M. If the key word had repeating letters (for example the Os in 'Bookshop', then only the first O would be used in the code).

Once the keyword has been written, fill the rest of the table in with the remaining letters of the alphabet. This should be done in alphabetical order, skipping the letters that have already been used.

Now you can write a message by using the table you've created. Find the letter you want to use on the top line, but instead write down the letter that is underneath. The same process in reverse is used to read a secret message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
J	A	M	E	S	B	O	N	D	C	F	G	H	I	K	L	P	Q	R	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Example:

Hello = NSGGK

Secret Message = RSMQST HSRRJOS

TNDR DR MKES = _____

Create Your Own

Create your own code, by choosing a key word, entering it into the grid and then creating your unique code system. Send some messages using it and see if others can decode them.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z