



# SORTING THE PROGRAMME



## AIM

To involve your group in the planning of their programme, ensuring their thoughts, ideas and suggestions can be heard and used to create a balanced and fun programme.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- › Emoji Headings Template  
(Download from OBM)
- › Activities Sheet Template  
(Download from OBM)
- › Paper
- › Pens

# ESSENTIALS: SORTING THE PROGRAMME



## LEADER PREPARATION

In preparation for this activity you will need to print out the templates from OBM and cut up the activity boxes, ready for your group to sort through. A leader will also need to look through the programme for the last year and add in any activities which are not already included.

 [Download Templates from OBM.](#)



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1** Explain to your group that you would like them to review the activities which they currently do and get them thinking of new activities which could be run in the future. Let them know that you are running this activity so that you can see what the group enjoy doing and how you can make Boys' Brigade even better.
- 2** Place the emoji headings at the top of a table.
- 3** Spread out the activity names on the table ready for your group to sort through.
- 4** As a group, ask them to have a discussion on each activity to decide under which emoji symbol the activity falls.
- 5** Ensure you have plenty of blank strips of paper for your group to write their own activity ideas down on, before placing them under an emoji.
- 6** At the end of the activity, take a photo of the table, so the results can then be used to help leaders plan activities going forwards.

### WHY INVOLVE YOUR GROUP IN PLANNING?

- Allows children to be included, listened to and lets them know their opinion matters – helping to boost self-confidence.
- Supports children on the journey to independence.
- Helps leaders understand what their group does and doesn't enjoy, ensuring that the programme is attractive and rewarding for all.
- Produces good discussions, giving leaders an insight into why their group comes to BB each week.
- Some ideas might not be deliverable. If not, ensure reasons are given to help the group understand.



## MORE INFORMATION

Check out our 'Advice to Leaders' video on participation - <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bb-media/advice-for-leaders-cornerstone-1-participation/>