

BB AROUND THE WORLD


THEMED PROGRAMME



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The Boys' Brigade has thousands of members all around the world, including in Africa, America, Europe and Asia. Take a trip around the world finding out more about how BB differs from country to country.

ACTIVITIES

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-  **Juniors International Team Games**
-  **BB Around the World: Same & Different**
-  **A World United in Jesus**

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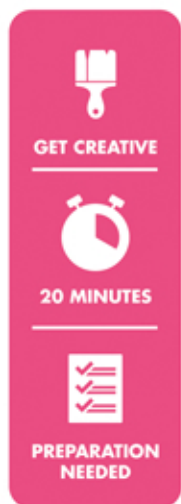
The Boys' Brigade started as one Company in Glasgow in 1883. Since then, the work of The Boys' Brigade has expanded across the world.

Most of the international BB family is brought together through the Global Fellowship of Christian Youth. Today, thousands of children and young people can proudly call themselves a member of The Boys' Brigade.

For more information visit
<https://globalfellowship.net>

? DID YOU KNOW?

- William Alexander Smith founded The Boys' Brigade on 4th October 1883.
- In 1886 the first BB Company in New Zealand was opened, closely followed by South Africa in 1889.
- By the turn of the 1900s, BB had expanded to many other countries including Canada, USA, Jamaica, Australia, Trinidad, India and more.
- Today The Boys' Brigade can be found in 70+ countries.



GET CREATIVE: ARTY & CRAFTY BOYS' BRIGADE AROUND THE WORLD

- 1 Print the Boys' Brigade Around the World activity sheet. This is an art sheet, with the globe and 16 world flags on.
- 2 Explain to the group that this activity sheet shows just some of the 70+ countries that The Boys' Brigade can be found in.
- 3 Encourage the group to use colouring pens (or similar) to bring the sheet to life and add colour for each flag and the globe. Leaders may need to assist with telling the group which flags contain which colours.
- 4 As the group are completing the sheet, have a conversation about where each country can be found. Can the group point to each country on the globe?
- 5 This activity may take longer than you have time for, depending on how many other activities you wish to complete. You could split it over a couple of weeks or use it as an arrival activity over a few weeks.



GET INVOLVED: SHAPING OUR WORLD MY FAVOURITE ACTIVITY


- 1 Ask the group to share what their favourite BB activity is. This could be a game, trip, craft, challenge etc. Write them all down on a large piece of paper.
- 2 Now ask the group to think about these favourite activities. Do they think BB members around the world do all these activities too? Would some young people struggle to access some of these activities due to cost, facilities, equipment or resources? We're lucky in our country with what you can do, some BB groups operate their programmes with far less resources and opportunities that you may have.
- 3 Challenge the group to come up with a game that could be played in any country using very few pieces of basic equipment (if any equipment at all). The activity should be as fun and engaging as possible. You could split into two or more teams for this challenge, before coming back together 10 minutes later to show each other your new game.



GET LEARNING: ME & MY WORLD

THE GLOBAL BB FAMILY

Meet some of our global BB family and have a look at how their uniforms and logos vary around the world.

- 1  Download The Global BB Family PowerPoint and display this using a projector or large TV.
- 2 On this PowerPoint are 10 images of Boys' Brigade members around the world.
- 3 As you go through the slides, children should be challenged to try and work out which country each of the images are from. To assist with this, we have provided two clues. The first letter of the country and the location of that country on the world map.
- 4 Children could either call out the answers or write them down.
- 5 After children have made a guess, move on to the next slide which reveals the answer. Did anyone guess correctly?
- 6 Most of the slides show the uniform in that country and the logo / emblem they use to show they belong to the BB family.
- 7 Pause after each country to see if children know any facts about that country. This might include which continent it belongs to, if it is part of the Commonwealth, if it is a hot or cold country, any famous cities / landmarks / people etc.



GET ACTIVE: WORKING AS A TEAM

JUNIORS INTERNATIONAL TEAM GAMES

The Juniors International Team Games is an annual competition for Juniors age groups around the world. Each year teams from countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Ghana, Thailand, the UK and more take part in the same six active challenges, with the aim of scoring as many points as possible.



- 1 To enter a team, you'll need six Juniors (joint entries with other local Juniors are allowed).
- 2 Leaders will need to head to <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors-international-team-games> to download the instructions for the 2022/23 competition. This contains all the details on how to set up, run and score the six challenges the group will need to complete.
- 3 Practice attempts can take place for each of the challenges. The challenges can also be spread out over multiple weeks, should you not wish to do all six in one evening.
- 4 Once your team(s) have completed the challenges, submit the results to BBHQ before 30th April 2023.
- 5 Result will then be announced in May 2023, showing each team where they came in the global results table. Certificates will also be issued to all teams that took part. Have you got what it takes to be 'Champions of the World'?



GET LEARNING: UNDERSTANDING CULTURE & TRADITION

BB AROUND THE WORLD: SAME & DIFFERENT



Use this activity to explore the similarities and differences between BB groups around the world.

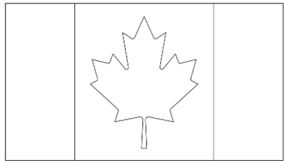
- 1 Place two pieces of large paper on the floor/wall. Label one as 'similarities' and the other as 'differences'.
- 2 Ask the group to list things they think are the same in BB groups around the world, and what sort of things are different. Use the PowerPoint from 'The Global BB Family' to help you. You could also use the Global Fellowship website, as well as the websites and Facebook pages of some of those member organisations, to help you explore the similarities and differences.
- 3 Examples of similarities might include the name, logo, open to young people, fun activities, uniformed, centred on the Christian faith, certain activities etc.
- 4 Differences might include the looks of the uniform, the climate of the countries, facilities, equipment available, the types of activities, the look of the logo etc.
- 5 One of the biggest similarities found in BB groups around the world is this. Children and young people with similar hopes, dreams and aspirations to you, are coming along to BB and being provided activities by leaders who volunteer their time and energy, to ensure their members can learn, grow and discover more about themselves and get to know Jesus.
- 6 How cool is it that in over 70 countries around the world, thousands of children and young people are experiencing the same adventure as you!



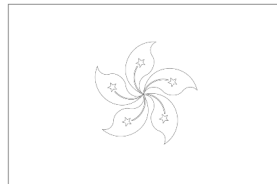
GET INTO THE BIBLE: CELEBRATING

A WORLD UNITED IN JESUS

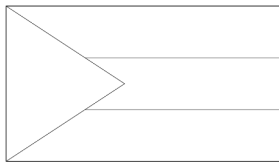
- 1 As part of this programme, we've looked at the similarities and difference between BB groups around the world. The main and most important similarity we all have is Jesus. Every child and young person that comes to BB learns about the love of Jesus and the teachings of the Bible.
 - 2 The 70+ BB organisations around the world are all united in their Christian faith. Leaders in those 70 countries are all sharing their faith with children and young people and encouraging those members to get to know Jesus for themselves.
 - 3 In the Bible Jesus tell his disciples to go and make 'followers of all people in the world'. Jesus wanted his disciples to share his good news to as many people as they could. The Boys' Brigade continues that work today. From one BB group in Glasgow in 1883, to an organisation reaching all corners of the world. That's something for us all to be proud of being a part of!
 - 4  Print the handprint flags. Ask children to cut these out and then form them into the shape of a cross. This could be completed on the floor or placed on a noticeboard to make a display. The 12 handprint flags each represent a country where The Boys' Brigade can be found.
 - 5 Finally add the image of the globe with the BB logo on, onto the centre of your cross.
 - 6 Give each child a post-it note and ask them to write some key words on, which can be added next to the cross and be used for a prayer, giving thanks to God for the BB and its members around the world.
 - 7 Finish in prayer, bringing everyone's thoughts together and giving thanks.
-  **"Go and make followers of all people in the world... Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always." Matthew 28:19-20**



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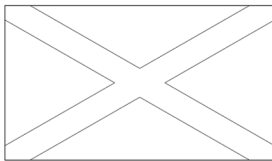
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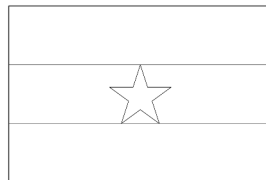
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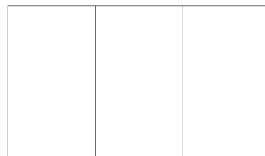
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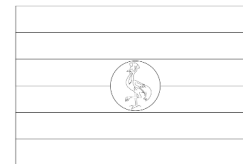
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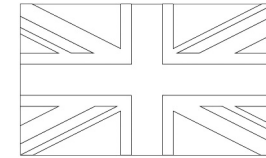
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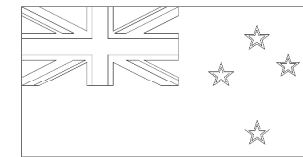
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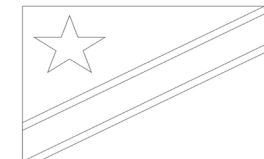
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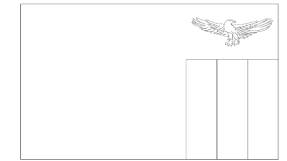
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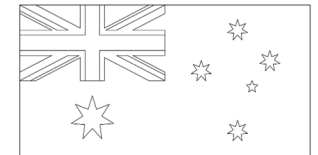
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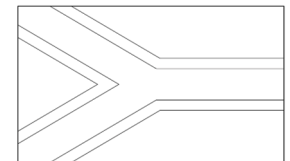
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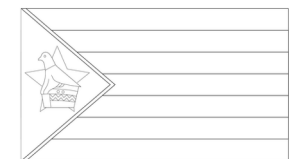
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