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20 MINUTES



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THE BB IN NUMBERS



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The Boys' Brigade is celebrating its 140th anniversary. Get to know more about our 140 year history by exploring some of the many impressive ways we can measure our history in. The Boys' Brigade was founded on 4th October 1883.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Skittles / 2L Bottles
- 'The BB in Numbers' Number Sheets & Questions
- Tape
- Obstacles (optional)

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THEME: ME & MY WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION


A leader will need to print out the number signs and source appropriate targets (i.e. skittles or 2L bottles).



[Download 'The BB in Numbers' Number Sheets & Questions](#)



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

-  Print 'The BB in Numbers' Activity Sheets. These contain our question sheet, as well as 14 number cards (these could be printed, or you could create your own).
- Cut the 14 number cards into their individual strips and then attach them to targets (i.e. skittles, empty 2L water bottles etc). Spread the targets out at one end of your room. Alternatively you could spread them out across your floor, secured in place with tape, if you don't have targets to attach to. A few metres before the targets, draw a throwing line with tape/chalk or with a cone.
- Split the group into two or more teams and sit them at the other end of the room.
- Each team should be given an item which can be used to throw at the number targets. This could be a beanbag, soft ball, nerf gun (shooting bullets) or something similar.
- A leader should have a copy of the question sheet.
- For each round, one person in the team should be nominated to be the person playing for that round. The leader should read out one of the questions. Children should then race to be the first person to knock over the target with the number on they believe is the answer.
- The first person to knock over the correct numbered target gets a point for their team.
- Reset the game and play again with a new person from each team. We have 12 questions for the group to go through (we've provided 14 answers, meaning a couple of them are just red herrings).
- The team with the most points at the end of the activity wins.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Make the activity even more challenging by creating an obstacle course between the teams and the targets, meaning the children need to race through the obstacles before they can try and answer the question.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Please ensure the targets and items being thrown are suitable. The area being used for the targets should be clear of people.

THE BB IN NUMBERS

- What birthday is The Boys' Brigade celebrating in 2023? **140**
- In what year did William Smith start The Boys' Brigade? **1883**
- How many Prime Ministers has the UK had since 1883? **29**
- How many children and young people are in the BB today? **32,000**
- How many medals have Team GB won at the summer Olympics since 1883? **918**
- How many Boys' Brigade groups meet across the UK & RoI? **1000+**
- In how many countries around the world can you find the BB? **70+**
- Since 1883, how many football World Cups have England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland won? **1**
- Over how many young people have been members of The Boys' Brigade in the last 140 years? **1,000,000+**
- In 1883 The Boys' Brigade only worked with 12+ year olds. How old is the Juniors age group? (the age group you belong to!) **106**
- How many leaders currently support Boys' Brigade groups across the UK & RoI? **9000**
- How many Kings & Queens have we had since The Boys' Brigade first started in 1883? **7**
- How many days old is The Boys' Brigade (on its 140th birthday)? **51,135**
- Our vision is that all our members should experience 'Life to the Full'. This comes from the Bible, in John 10 verse _____? **10**

140

32,000

29

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1883

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75

183