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The Bible Church, Singapore
Local Outreach Ministry
Planning A Small Group Christmas Party

Overall Goal: Target 3 Bring 1 friend

Event goal: One of the bridging and touchpoints to reinvite guests to Church Christmas Service.

Date: Any day between 9 – 23 December 2022

Duration: Approx. 3.5 hours

Venue: Homes preferred. Condo function room, Jubilee Hall or Church seminar room as alternative.

General logistics checklist

Time / Duration	Program	Remarks
1 hour to event	Arrival of members Final preparation and Prayer	
15 mins to event	Ready for arrival of guests Serve drinks and snacks Informal chats	Suggest to pre-assign small group member to pair off with invited guest. Encourage members to make special effort to relate with them.
20mins – Event begins	Ice-Break 1 Ice-Break 2 (optional)	Allow up to 10mins buffer if necessary.
40mins	Program	Choose between Program A , Program B or Program C . Small group should rehearse and be familiar with program flow.

		Program include one member to share his / her personal testimony.
45mins	Dinner	Suggest Give thanks for the food and pray blessings for guests. Members should mingle with guests.
20 mins	‘The Gift’ activity Followed by dessert & extended fellowship time	Final activity to end program with organised fun. Group can facilitate simple gift exchange or gift giving if desired.
End	Clean up	If possible, members should stay to help with clean up.

General Logistics checklist:

- a. Simple decoration if desired
- b. Name tags for identification
- c. Door gifts, e.g. party hats
- d. Drinks, snacks and talking point materials (e.g. church books and photos)
- e. Music player to provide background music during arrival, ice break and dinner
- f. Suggest assign an event photographer.

Ice Break 1: “My New Friend”

1. Each person to find someone you do not know well in the group and form a pair.
2. Each person to take turns in 60 seconds each to find out as many things about that person as possible. Time it. Total time: 120 seconds.
3. Each person will not be given 15 seconds each to introduce their “New Friend”.

Ice Break 2: “Superlatives” (optional)

1. Form small groups of 4. Allow groups to have members who do not wish to participate but remain part of the team.
2. Each group nominates a representative for each criterion called out by Gamemaster.

E.g. “Please send a rep with _____”

- a. The longest...
- b. The shortest...
- c. The broadest...

Criterion will be called out one at a time.

3. When representatives are gathered, Gamemaster reveals full criterion:

- a. “Who can hold the longest breath?”

Suggest use timer to record each rep saying “ahhh” as long as they can!

Longest time wins.

- b. “Who has the shortest thumb?”

Suggest use ruler to measure and record. Shortest thumb length wins.

- c. “Who has the broadest smile?”

Suggest use ruler to measure and record. Longest smile length wins.

4. Winner gets group prize!

(Program – Choose between A or B)

Program A: The Christmas Candlelight

Logistics checklist:

1. Songsheets of carols (Make as many copies as required).
2. Music player with Christmas songs or guitar for carols
3. A table (preferably the size of a 6-seater dining table).
4. Several books or small sturdy boxes to go under coverings creating 'hillsides' on the table.
5. One or more large, drab coverings for the table (one or more 3x1m length cloth, a very soft and dark plain cloth is preferred).
6. Candlelighter and a long candle
7. A thick 'cone-shaped' paper (with aluminum foil underneath) to extinguish flame.
8. Matches or Lighter
9. Candles to represent characters in the story:
 - a. 7 yellow candles for The Angels
 - b. 3 purple candles for The Wise Men
 - c. 6 green candles for The Shepherds
 - d. 1 dark blue candle for Joseph
 - e. 1 light blue candle for Mary
 - f. 1 small white candle representing Baby Jesus
10. Paper cutout figures of Angels, Wisemen, Shepherds, Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus to be placed in front of candles.
11. Script for the narrators.
12. Small candles with cardboard drip protectors for all members.

Preparation:

1. Place boxes or books on top of the big table with cloth coverings creating a "hillside" effect.
2. Position the candles on the "hill". 'Cut-out' character figures should be placed in front of the candles to enhance the significance of each candle.

3. Place the whole setup in an ideal location where everyone during the drama can see it.

Personnel checklist:

1. Narrator 1
2. Narrator 2
3. A member to light and to extinguish the candles
4. A member to control the music or play the guitar
5. A member to share his/her testimony

Program and script:

Gather the people and distribute song sheets and candles with cardboard protectors to everyone. Have everyone sing song #1 “*O Come All Ye Faithful*” as an introduction to the program.

Narrator 1	Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Today we’re going to sing some Christmas carols that will tell the Christmas story in a special way. Let us go back to 2000 years ago to witness the first Christmas.	
Narrator 2	One day the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary who was engaged to Joseph. The angel told her that she will conceive a son supernaturally. About this time, the emperor commanded that all Roman citizens must return to their hometown to be registered. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. It was a very long journey for both of them. And Mary was about to give birth soon.	Light Joseph and Mary candles
	Let’s sing song # 2: “ <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> ”	
Narrator 1	When they were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to her first child, a son. There	Light Christ candle

	was no place for them in the inn, so she laid him in a manger.	
	Let's sing song # 3: " <i>Away in a Manger</i> "	
Narrator 2	That night some shepherds were guarding their sheep outside the village.	Light shepherd candles
	Let's sing song # 4: " <i>The First Noel</i> "	
Narrator 1	Suddenly angels appeared to the shepherds and all around them was very bright. They were afraid. But the angels said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I have good news for you. This night Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Go and see Him. Jesus is wrapped in cloth and is lying in a manger."	Light the tallest angel candle
Narrator 2	Suddenly, a huge number of angels appeared praising God saying, "Give glory to God in Heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people that please God."	Light the entire angel candles as the narrator continues reading
	Let's sing song # 5: " <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> "	
Narrator 1	The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see what the angels had told them. At about the same time three wise men saw a bright star in the east. They followed the star all the way to Bethlehem. The star stopped over the manger where Jesus was. The three wise men knew they had found Jesus and were very happy. They went to the manger and saw baby Jesus with his mother Mary. They fell on their knees and worshipped	Light wise men candles

	Jesus. And they gave him gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.	
	Let's sing song # 6: " <i>What Child Is This</i> "	
Narrator 2	Then, since they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the wise men went back to their own country by a different route.	Extinguish wise men candles. While extinguishing the candles each time, have the 'actors' move quietly away from the stage
	And the shepherds went back to work, glorifying and praising God for everything they had seen and heard.	Extinguish shepherd candles
	And the angels returned to heaven.	Extinguish angel candles
	And many years later, Mary and Joseph died.	Extinguish Mary and Joseph candles
Narrator 1	But the Light that began in Bethlehem was life. And this life was the Light of all humanity. The Light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. And it all began on a silent, holy night, long ago...	
	Let's sing song # 7: " <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> "	Narrator 1 comes to light a small candle from the flame of the Christ

		<p>candle. The flame is passed from candle to candle. Singing continues until all candles are lit.</p> <p>Alternate the stanzas with male and female singing</p>
	Let's sing song # 8: " <i>O Holy Night</i> "	Get a good singer to sing solo and everyone else joins in at the chorus.
Narrator 2	<p>Jesus Christ, being the Light still shines today and is living in the hearts of those who believe in His name. In a short while, the flame in our hands will be extinguished. However, to those who have received Him, we know that the light of Christ still lives in our hearts.</p>	Extinguish all candles held by members
	<p>I have personally received this gift of light and so have all of us who invited you to tonight's Christmas celebration.</p> <p>I am happy to invite (name of member) to come and share with us what it means to him/her to have received this gift of God's Light.</p>	

Sharing of Testimony

Member should begin by saying, “Christmas is a special time to me because of the joy of having received God’s gift of love. Because of Jesus, my life is changed...”

<p>Narrator 1</p>	<p>From the sharing we know that God is a personal God. The Bible tells us that God loves everyone and has given us His only Son so that everyone who believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life. His invitation to you this Christmas is for you to receive His gift of love. He wants to come into your heart, and He will when you open your heart to Him.</p> <p>The gift is only truly yours when you make a decision to receive it. I would like you to make this Christmas even more special by inviting Jesus into your life as your Lord and Savior. I would like everyone to bow our heads and close our eyes right now and I want to give you the opportunity to receive this gift of love from God by inviting Jesus Christ into your hearts. If this is what you would like to do, then I invite you to repeat this prayer after me.</p>	<p>Invite everyone to close their eyes and bow their heads and encourage them to follow the prayer with you.</p>
	<p><i>“Lord Jesus, thank you that you love me and came 2000 years ago to give yourself to me. I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness for all my sins. Please forgive my sins. Right now, I invite you to come into my life to be my Saviour, Lord and King. Come into my life right now and help me to be the kind of person You want me to be. I will worship You and You only. Let me</i></p>	

	<i>experience your love daily from now on. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."</i>	
	Let's sing song # 9: " <i>Joy to the World</i> "	
Narrator 2	As we end tonight's program, I would like for us to pair up with one another so that we may share a little more with you and also that we may pray God's blessings upon you and your family.	
	Small group members to share their personal testimony and any sharing tool. Also check with guest whether he or she prayed the sinner's prayer just now. If they have, congratulate them! And let them know you would like to follow up with them to help them grow in their faith and know more about Jesus and the Bible. If they have not prayed, encourage them by sharing your personal testimonies on how you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Do not pressurize them to receive Christ if they are not ready.	

Special Note:

1. The narrator and candlelighter should rehearse the presentation several times prior to the actual day. It is important that candlelighter knows the cues for lighting the candles, as it is difficult for that person to refer to a script during the reading.
2. The candlelighter should also feel comfortable moving around the mini stage to light the various groups of candles.
3. At the end of the presentation, the candlelighter should be standing to one side of the stage and not at the back-center position.
4. Do ensure proper ventilation as the lighted candles may cause the room to be a little warm and stuffy.
5. Feel free to be creative, involve particularly the children and your guests.

Program B: The Christmas Hunt

Logistics Checklist

1. Songsheets of carols (Make as many copies as required).
2. 6 group prizes (or more depending on your selection of “hunt” items).
3. One beautifully gift-wrapped box (It should appear bigger and more attractive than any of the group prizes).
4. Score board (optional).

Personnel Checklist

1. Narrator 1
2. Narrator 2
3. A member to control the music
4. A member to share his/her testimony

Program and Script

Gather the people to sit together according to the pre-arranged groups and form a circle around you. Distribute songsheets. Have everyone sing the song # 1 “O Come All Ye Faithful” as an introduction to the Main Program.

Narrator 1	Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Therefore we have prepared a very special Christmas Hunt through which we would like to present to you the Christmas story. (Name of Narrator 2) and I will be narrating the Christmas story and leading us in a number of familiar Christmas carols. Join us as we sing these carols. As we narrate the Christmas story, we will pause from time to time to ask for items that your group will need to hunt for. Christmas is a time of giving. So, whichever group produces	Have a score board ready to keep score to add more excitement to the hunts.
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	these items to me first will get a prize. No penalties for wrong items produced, so relax and have fun.	
Narrator 2	<p>One day the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary who was engaged to Joseph. The angel told her that she would conceive a son supernaturally.</p> <p>Now we are starting our first Christmas Hunt. I will be collecting items related to marriage or relationships just like Mary and Joseph who were engaged to one another. Let's see which group can produce the following for me...</p>	Proceed to Christmas Hunt

Christmas Hunt 1:		
You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your own.		
Item #1	One item that is a symbol of marriage (eg. a wedding photograph, wedding ring with name of spouse, etc.)	
Item #2	Add up the total number of years of your past and present courtship and see which group has the highest number of courtship years.	
Item #3	Think of 4 wishes you would say to a couple at their wedding.	
Narrator 2	The winner of this round is Group...	Prize giving and applause.
Narrator 1	<p>About this time, the emperor commanded that all Roman citizens must return to their hometown to be registered.</p> <p>For the second hunt, I will be collecting items related to citizenship after all Mary and Joseph went to register as citizens of the Roman empire.</p> <p>Let's see which group can give me...</p>	Proceed to Christmas Hunt

Christmas Hunt 2:

You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your own

Item #1	Two identity cards which have both the digits “2” and “5” in them.	
Item #2	A person with the biggest thumb for thumbprinting.	
Item #3	A person who can sing the National Anthem.	
Narrator 1	The winner is Group...	Prize giving and applause
Narrator 2	Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. It was a very long journey for both of them. And Mary was about to give birth soon.	
	Let's sing song #2 " <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> ".	
	Now for the 3rd hunt, I want to collect items related to the nation of Israel where Bethlehem is. Let's see if each group can give me the following:	Proceed to Christmas Hunt.

Christmas Hunt 3:

You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your own.

Item #1	List 5 famous fruits from Israel. (Ans: Fig, olive, pomegranate, dates, persimmon, Jaffa orange)	
Item #2	Which year was Israel recognized as an independent nation? (Ans: 1948)	
Item #3	Name the two feasts that are celebrated in Israel. (Ans: Unleavened Bread, Passover, First Fruits, Trumpets and Day of Atonement)	

Narrator 2	The winner is Group	Prize giving and applause
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Narrator 1	When they were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to her first child, a son. There was no place for them in the inn, so she laid him in a manger.	
	Let's sing song # 3: " <i>Away In The Manger</i> ".	
	Now for the 4th Hunt, let's see if each group can give me the following:	Proceed to Christmas Hunt

Christmas Hunt 4:

You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your own.

Item #1	One thing associated with BABIES (eg. baby photographs, toys, baby clothes, etc.)
Item #2	The names to 4 brands of baby milk powder.
Item #3	The age when a baby boy is circumcised in Israel? (Ans: 8 days)

Narrator 1	And the winner is Group...	Prize giving and applause
Narrator 2	That night some shepherds were guarding their sheep outside the village.	
	Let's sing song # 4: " <i>The First Noel</i> ".	
	<p>Suddenly angels appeared to them and all around them was very bright. They were afraid. But the angels said to them. "Do not be afraid. I have good news for you. This night Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Go and see Him. Jesus is wrapped in cloth and is lying in a manger."</p> <p>Suddenly, a huge number of angels appeared praising God saying, "Give glory to God in Heaven,</p>	

	and on earth let there be peace to the people that please God.”	
	Let’s sing song # 5: “ <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> ”.	
	For the 5th Hunt, I want to collect items that are related to the Christmas season after all the angels sang about Jesus. Can each group give me...	Proceed to Christmas Hunt

Christmas Hunt 5:

You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your own.

Item #1	A person who can sing one stanza of any Christmas carol.	
Item #2	A short song presentation about Jesus.	
Item #3	The name of an Archangel recorded in the Bible. (Answers: Michael or Gabriel)	
Narrator 2	The winner is Group...	Prize giving and applause
Narrator 1	The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see what the angels had told them. At about the same time three wise men saw a bright star in the east. They followed the star all the way to Bethlehem. The star stopped over the stable where Jesus was. The three wise men knew they had found Jesus and were very happy. They went to the stable and saw baby Jesus with his mother Mary. They fell on their knees and worshipped Jesus. And they gave him gifts – incense gold and myrrh.	
	Let’s sing song # 6: “ <i>What Child is This?</i> ”	
Narrator 1	For the last Hunt, we have a little quiz for you. It revolves around the word “JESUS” in the crossword puzzle given to you. See if each group can complete this crossword puzzle using the clues given.	Distribute the crossword puzzle.

	(The answers to the puzzle are as follows: 1. JOY, 2. LOVE, 3. SIN, 4. YOU, 5. SON)	
	The winner is Group...	Prize giving and applause
Narrator 2	<p>The Christmas Story did not end with the wise men worshipping the King of kings. There's more to Christmas than that. You see, the wonderful thing about Jesus the King of kings is that He is not an uncaring or impersonal king. On the contrary, He is the King who cared so much for His people that He came to live amongst us on Christmas Day.</p> <p>On Christmas Day, He left the glory and comfort of His heavenly home to be born in a dirty manger in a little inn. Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself and became a man on Christmas Day, as a gift of God to mankind.</p> <p>On that silent night, that holy night, some 2000 years ago, He came, as a gift from God to us...</p>	
	Let's sing song # 7: " <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> ".	Alternate the stanzas with male and female singing
	Let's sing song # 8: " <i>O Holy Night</i> ".	Get a good singer to sing solo and everyone else joins in at the chorus.
Narrator 1	Tonight, in this Christmas Hunt, we have been searching and hunting for things and getting little gifts for finding them quickly. But on Christmas Day, the King of kings came to	

	<p>mankind on earth, searching and hunting for us and offering Himself to us as the greatest gift of all (hold out with both hands the biggest and most nicely wrapped present which you have prepared beforehand).</p> <p>I have personally received this greatest gift, and so have all of us who invited you to tonight's Christmas Hunt. I invite (name of the member) to come and share with us what it means to him/her to have received this gift from God.</p>	
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Sharing of Testimony

Member should begin by saying, "Christmas is a special time to me because of the joy of having received God's gift of love. Because of Jesus, my life has been changed..."

<p>Narrator 2</p>	<p>From the sharing we know that God is a personal God. The Bible tells us that God loves everyone and has given us His only Son so that everyone who believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life. His invitation to you this Christmas is for you to receive His gift of love. He wants to come into your heart, and He will when you open your heart to Him. The gift is only truly yours when you make a decision to receive it. I would like you to make this Christmas even more special by inviting Jesus into your life as your Lord and Savior. I would like everyone to bow our heads and close our eyes right now and I want to give you the opportunity to receive this gift of love from God by inviting Jesus Christ into your hearts. If this is what you would like to do, then I invite you to repeat this prayer after me:</p>	
	<p><i>"Lord Jesus, thank you that you love me and came 2000 years ago to give yourself to me. I</i></p>	

	<p><i>acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness for all my sins. Please forgive my sins. Right now, I invite you to come into my life to be my Saviour, Lord and King. Come into my life right now and help me to be the kind of person You want me to be. I will worship You and You only. Let me experience your love daily from now on. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."</i></p>	
	<p>Let's sing song # 9: "<i>Joy to the World</i>".</p>	
<p>Narrator 1</p>	<p>As we end tonight's program, I would like for us to pair up with one another so that we may share a little more with you and pray God's blessings upon you and your family.</p>	
	<p>Small group members to share their personal testimony and any sharing tool. Also check with guest whether he or she prayed the sinner's prayer just now. If they have, congratulate them! And let them know you would like to follow up with them to help them grow in their faith and know more about Jesus and the Bible. If they have not prayed, encourage them by sharing your personal testimonies on how you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Do not pressurize them to receive Christ if they are not ready.</p>	

Program C (Simpler version)

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

(Take from the account in Luke 2:1-20)

LOGISTICS CHECKLIST

1. Story and Song sheets of carols (Make as many copies as required).
2. One gift-wrapped box with 7 layers of wrappers.

PERSONNEL CHECKLIST

1. Narrator 1
2. Narrator 2
3. A member to control the music
4. A member to share his/her testimony

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PROGRAM AND SCRIPT

Gather the people to sit together according to the pre-arranged groups and form a circle around you. Distribute the songsheets.

Narrator 1	Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Today we're going to sing some Christmas carols that will tell The Greatest Story Ever Told. Let us go back to 2000 years ago to witness how it all began.
Narrator 2	In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
	Let's sing song # 1: <i>"Mary's Boy Child"</i>

<p>Narrator 1</p>	<p>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”</p>
	<p>Let’s sing song # 2: “O Come all ye faithful”.</p>
<p>Narrator 2</p>	<p>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”</p>
	<p>Let’s sing song # 3: “Angels we have heard on high”.</p>
<p>Narrator 1</p>	<p>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.</p>
	<p>Let’s sing song # 4: “一件禮物”.</p>
<p>Narrator 2</p>	<p>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.</p>
	<p>Let’s sing song # 5: “We wish you a Merry Christmas”.</p>

1. Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible says
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas Day

Hark! Now hear the angels sing
A new King's born today
And men will live forevermore
Because of Christmas Day

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
They saw a bright new shining star
And then they heard a choir sing
The music seemed to come from afar

Now Joseph and his wife Mary
Came to Bethlehem that night
They found no place to bear the child
Not a single room was in sight

Trumpets sound and angels sing
Listen to what they say
That men will live forevermore
Because of Christmas Day

2. O come all ye faithful

O come all ye faithful! Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

O sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

3. Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing over the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Glo - - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo
Glo - - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

4. 一件禮物

有一件禮物，你收到沒有，
眼睛看不到，你心會知道。
這一件禮物，心門外等候，
是為了你準備別人不能收。

副歌：

生命有限，時光也會走，
如果你不珍惜，機會難留。
禮物雖然好，如果你不要，
你怎麼能夠得到，怎麼能得到？

親愛的朋友，你是否想到，
馬槽的嬰孩，是為你而來。
親愛的朋友，你是否了解，
最好的禮物是人子主耶穌。

5. We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy new year

Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Glad tidings of Christmas
And a happy new year

Christmas Dinner

1. The main purpose of Christmas Dinner is to fellowship with one another around a meal. Learn to relax and enjoy the company of each other with soft background Christian music.
2. Ensure that all guests are attended to by small group members during the meal. You can have a very simple meal or an elaborate one if your small group wants to.
3. Do remember that the priority of small group members is to mingle and interact with the invited guests. Leave all the washing and clearing up to the end of the whole program.

Suggestions that may add color to the Christmas Dinner:

1. Light candles on a cake and sing a “Happy Birthday” song to Jesus during the meal.
2. Creatively decorate the food items or stick cute labels of Christmas symbols onto the dish. E.g. “Star” on a star fruit, “Shepherd” on a plate of Shepherd’s Pie, etc.
3. Proposed a toast to the invited guests. E.g. “I want to propose a toast to John. May he live a healthy life.”

The Gift

1. Prepare a music player with fun exciting music or a guitar.
2. Prepare a gift item wrapped eight times! Before each wrapping, print and cut one of the following instructions, paste it on the surface before you proceed to the next wrap. The idea is for one person to unwrap **one layer** and answer question.

<p>(1) Name the town where Mary and Joseph were from? Please choose one: Navarone Nanjing Nazareth Nepal</p>	<p>(2) What does the word “Christmas” mean to you?</p>	<p>(3) Mary had an angelic house call to tell her that she is pregnant. The angel said to Mary, “Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” It was a very memorable day for Mary! What was the most memorable day in your life?</p>	<p>(4) It was very admirable of Mary and Joseph to go through what they did despite the odds and the uncertainties. They both trusted God. Name 2 persons whom you admire very much and why?</p>
<p>(5) You are highly ‘flavoured’ and chosen among many to share your life. Tell us the following: Your place of birth, or Your time of birth, or Your favourite food, or</p>	<p>(6) Three wise men from the East [no not Tampines or Pasir Ris] came to see Jesus and His parents. And they did not come empty handed. They came with gifts – frankincense, gold and myrrh. For this Christmas,</p>	<p>(7) Congratulations! You are the winner! Shout “I WIN”! Now receive this gift and enjoy the blessing!</p>	

Your favourite hobby or past-time?	what gift do you hope to receive?		
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3. To begin, have everyone sit in a circle.
4. Once ready, play the music. While the music is playing, the gift is passed from one player to another. Stop the music randomly. The person holding the gift will now unwrap **one layer** and answer the question.
5. Play the music again and repeat until all 7 questions are answered.

Dessert! The Last Activity

1. Announcement

Emcee announces:

“And now, it is time for desserts!

So don't be in a hurry. Stay and enjoy the rest of the evening. After all, it is Christmas season, a time of joy, blessings and love!”

2. Proceed to dessert and mingle

This is another excellent opportunity to befriend and apply **A.I.R.**:

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I ntentional Listening

R espond with a Christian value, statement, prayer (if they are open)

3. Good questions to start off the conversation.

- I am so happy you could join us today. Have you enjoyed yourself in the party today?
- Which part of the program do you enjoy the most?
- Can you give us some feedback?
- Share with them about our Christmas evangelistic services “God with us” and Christmas service on 25 Christmas.

Debrief with CARE Group

Debrief can be done on a separate day. It is vital to debrief to get a sense of where the invited guests are at in their openness to the Lord for consolidation and follow up.

1. Invited guests

- a. Where are they in their spiritual receptivity 1-5 (refer to C.P.R. training manual).
- b. Share with members other platforms that they could invite their guests to the church.
 - i. Christmas services
 - ii. December evangelistic services
 - iii. Watchnight service
 - iv. Alpha Course in January

2. CG members feedback

- a. Programe
- b. Their involvement
- c. How they feel about the overall atmosphere
- d. 1 personal breakthrough or 1 learning point

3. End with prayer

Appendix 1: List of Christmas Carols

1. O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Beth-le-hem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ..... the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts Of heaven
above
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
(Chorus)

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
(Chorus)

2. O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see Thee lie
Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in Thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch
Of wond'ring love

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Immanuel

3. Away In A Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head
The stars in the sky looked down where
He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from
the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh
Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to
stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender
care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee
there

4. The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it grace great light
And so it continued both day and night
Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of
naught
And with his blood mankind hath brought

5. Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King
Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the God-head see
Hail th' incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Immanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
born to give them second birth
Hark the Herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

6. What Child Is This

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

Chorus

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian, fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
(Chorus)

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, rich and poor to own Him
The King of Kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
(Chorus)

7. Silent Night Holy Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glorious stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at thy birth
Jesus Lord at thy birth

8. O Holy Night

O holy night
The stars are brightly shining
It is the night
Of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world
in sin and error pining
Till He appeared
And the soul felt His worth
A thrill of hope
The weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
A new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine O night
When Christ was born
O night divine
O night O night divine

Led by the light
O faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts
By His cradle to stand
Led by the light of
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings
Lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need
To our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

9. Joy To The World

Joy to the world
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature
sing

Joy to the world
The Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings
flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and
grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His
love