*(CG / Small Group Christmas outreach Program Template)*

# Christmas Outreach - _____ CG

Date: _____
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:15 pm
Venue: _____

**Objective:**

- A time of bonding for CG members.
- A good seasonal outreach platform to invite our pre-believers neighbours and families.
- To share the good news through visitor's friendly ways – singing carols and reading the Christmas story through the book of Luke.

Note: See page 2 for details of the various activities and ice breakers

**Program**

| Time | Activity | IC |
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| 6:30-6:45 pm | Arrival, General intro of guests, Say grace. | Emcee: |
| 6:45 – 7:45 pm<br><br>Duration: 1 hr | Dinner (Potluck - Everyone brings a dish) | Host: |
| 7:45 pm<br><br>Duration: 1 hr | • Activity 1 – 1 Ice breaker (15 mins) – children friendly activity | IC: |
| | • Activity 2 – "Passing the Gift" (15mins)<br>(Wrapped Prize + passing parcel with music) | IC: |
| | • Activity 3 - Christmas story and sing carols – "The Greatest Story Ever Told" with carolling (30mins)<br><br>Christmas story:<br>https://drive.google.com/file/d/115f-RGccJc1kY2Eudct27VmGbzU4xJUW/view?usp=sharing | IC to facilitate reading Christmas story:<br><br>IC to lead carols:<br><br>Printing of story scrolls / Send e-copy |
| 8:45 pm<br><br>Duration: 30 mins | • Gift Exchange (Optional)<br>• Birthday celebration (Optional)<br>• Invite guests and all to Church Christmas Service (5 mins)<br>• Prayer of Blessing (5 mins)<br>• Dessert<br>• Departure gift (Optional) | Emcee:<br><br>Gift exchange IC: |

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| 9:15 pm | End. | |

## Detailed breakdown of activities

**Activity 1: Ice breaker (to break ice and get everyone relaxed and centered)**

Manpower: 1 IC

Suggestions:

1. Go around to introduce yourself with your name.
2. Who invited you?
3. Share 1 thing / talent that is interesting about yourself.

**Activity 2 *"Passing The Gift"*** *(with outreach component)*

Manpower: 1 IC

**Goal:**

- Warm up. Set a fun and positive atmosphere. Allow a few participants to open up about themselves.
- Emplacement of 1 meaningful question at each layer after gift wrapping paper is removed.
- 1-2 meaningful questions in certain layers for members to share Christ / gospel with pre-believers.

**Preparation:**

- Everyone sits in a circle
- "Gift" with seven layers of wrappings
- Standby music – phone or player

**Instruction:**

1. Explain that gift will be passed around in circle when music is played.
2. When music stops (randomly), the person holding the gift to unwrap **one layer** of wrapping which unveils a **note** on the surface.
3. Person reads the note out loud and follows the instruction, which may require him / her to **either** do something or answer a question.
   NB: 2-3 questions are planted to give members a chance to share their testimonies. CG members to prepare.
4. Play music and game continues.
5. Game ends when the person's note says, "**I WIN!**" Winner gets to keep the present.

**Main Activity *"The Greatest Story Ever Told"*** *(with outreach component)*

Manpower: 1 IC

**Goal:**
- Tells the Christmas story through words of scriptures and lyrics of Christian carols.

**Preparation:**
1. Print and prepare script into 'scroll', tied with nice ribbon.
2. Each person given a scroll as gift.
3. Pre-assign 5 members as narrators to read the paragraph before each carol. Suggest reading as dramatically as possible for effect!
4. Song file or musical instrument for caroling. Members should rehearse for familiarity.
5. Option of arranging 1-2 members to share their testimony after activity, before dessert, if desired.

**Gift Exchange (Optional)**

**Manpower: 1 IC**

**Goal:**
- Final activity to have every person leave with a simple gift. Offers a reminder that Christmas is a time of giving (and receiving).
- Make use of positive atmosphere to invite guests to our Christmas Service on 24th and 25th December.

**Preparation:**
- All members and guests requested to bring along a wrapped gift worth up to $10.
- As member / guest arrives, invite to place gift in a designated place, e.g. under Christmas tree or on a table. includes extra gift/s. Tag each gift with a number.
- Prepare slips of numbered paper in an envelope, e.g. 1-20.

**Instruction:**
1. Every person to pick a number (prepared).
2. The smallest number gets to choose presents first.
3. After every person has chosen their gifts, wish everyone a BLESSED CHRISTMAS!