

GOD'S MASTERPIECE – FRIENDSHIP

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

A Jewish man is attacked on a journey, and no one stops to help him, even people who you think would help. Finally, a Samaritan man stops and helps him, makes him feel better and takes him to an inn and pays for him to stay there. The Jews and Samaritans are supposed to be natural enemies, but the Samaritan man ignored societal norms and helped this man because it was the right thing to do.

In BB we too should follow this example set by the Samaritan man, whether that is playing with someone who doesn't have a friend, or the boy who is sitting by himself and being nice to everyone regardless of who they are.

Below you will find a set of activities that are designed with friendship in mind to run either on their own or as a full night session based on the story of The Good Samaritan with your group.

All the resources below can also be found on the resource area as individual activities. Please also see activities based on David and Goliath (All about me) and The Creation Story (The world around us) to get the full God's Masterpiece experience.

BEE KIND COOKIES



Anchors



20 minutes



Friendship



Baking

WHAT YOU NEED

- Oreo Cookies
- White Chocolate Buttons
- Yellow icing pens
- Edible eyes (black and white fondant will also work here)
- Paper plates

All the above can be purchased in Sainsbury's or Tesco including 'Free From' ingredients for children who require it.

In the Bible it says that we should "be kind to one another" (Ephesians 4:32 ESV). God wants us to be kind to everyone no matter who they are, and we should treat them nicely and with respect, just like the Good Samaritan who helped the man who was hurt. Decorating cookies together as a group is a fun way to unwind after games or following on from scripture time and can build friendships. This will help us think of ways we can be kind to each other.

Make a bee cookie and as the young people are enjoying them, they can remember to "bee" kind to those around them.

Please check allergies in your young people's annual consent form prior to this activity.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Have everything prepared on plates so the young people will have what they need.
2. Talk to the young people about how we can be kind to others and think of different ways we can show this, such as inviting someone who is alone to come and play with you.
3. Encourage the young people to wash their hands and roll up their sleeves.
4. Stick two white chocolate buttons into the cream filling of the Oreo Cookie so that they stick out and look like wings.
5. Using the yellow icing draw stripes across the top of the Oreo Cookie
6. Then put 2 small drops of icing at the top of the Oreo Cookie to stick down the eyes, if you do not have edible eyes roll up some black & white fondant into little balls for eyes.
7. Enjoy!

MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS



Anchors



10 minutes



Friendship



Game

WHAT YOU NEED

- Plastic cups or cones
- A large space
- A timer

This is an exciting game of teamwork and speed. It encourages the young people to work together to try and complete a task. The game ensures that everyone in the team gets involved so no one feels left out and this will build up new friendships within the group. They will only win if they are all helping each other and work together. After a couple of turns the leaders could play against the young people to build better relationships with them and put any nervous young people at ease.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the game by putting the cones or cups out on the floor of the room, half of them facing the right way up and the other half facing down.
2. Split the young people into two teams and give one team the responsibility of making sure that all the cups or cones are facing the right way up and the other team making sure they are facing downwards.
3. On the count of three both teams play at the same time to make sure they try and turn over all the cups or cones in the room and at the end of the time count how many are facing upwards and how many are facing downwards, each one gets a point, whichever team has the most points wins. You can then play again, or even split up the teams.

Clusters



Anchors / Juniors



10 minutes



Friendship



Game

WHAT YOU NEED

- A whistle
- A large space

This game relies on quick thinking and teamwork. It will allow the young people to build on their communication and quick counting as they race to try and complete their group before getting put out. It can build up friendships in group quickly as this game is fast paced and is great to burn off some energy. It can be used as an ice breaker for the start of a new session when new young people joining the group to help them feel more comfortable.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use the whistle to start the game, the young people will run around the room and start to spread themselves out.
2. When you are ready, blow the whistle and call out a number, the young people will then have to make a group that has that amount of people.
3. Any groups that do not make up the right number are out and come and sit along the side of the hall with the leaders to help them put people out and count the groups.
4. Continue until there is only a small number of young people still playing, finish the game when you are ready or keep playing until there are only two children left.

MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS



Anchors / Juniors



10 minutes



Friendship



Game

WHAT YOU NEED

- Plastic cups or cones
- A large space
- A timer

Jesus never worked alone; he had his friends the disciples with him on his journey who learnt from him and supported him. We do better when we have good friends around us. Many hands make light work, and we learn that things are easier when we are supported by those around us. When we face problems, God is always with us and helps us through it and lightens our burdens.

This is an exciting game of teamwork and speed. It encourages the young people to work together to try and complete a task. This will encourage play with other young people in the group they might not regularly play with during BB. The game ensures that everyone in the team gets involved so no one feels left out and this will build on friendships within the group if they are all helping each other.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the game by putting the cones or cups out on the floor of the room, some facing the right way up and some facing down.
2. Split the young people into two teams and give one team the responsibility of making sure that all the cups or cones are the right way up and the other team making sure they are facing the other way.
3. On the count of three both teams play at the same time to make sure they try and turn over all the cups or cones and at the end of the time count how many are in each position and the team with the most win.

Jigsaw Challenge



Anchors/Juniors/Company/Seniors



10 – 15 minutes



God's Masterpiece



Activity

WHAT YOU NEED

- Jigsaw challenge template (can use template below or buy one online)
- Pencils
- Colouring pens

We are all individual and unique. We are God's Masterpiece.

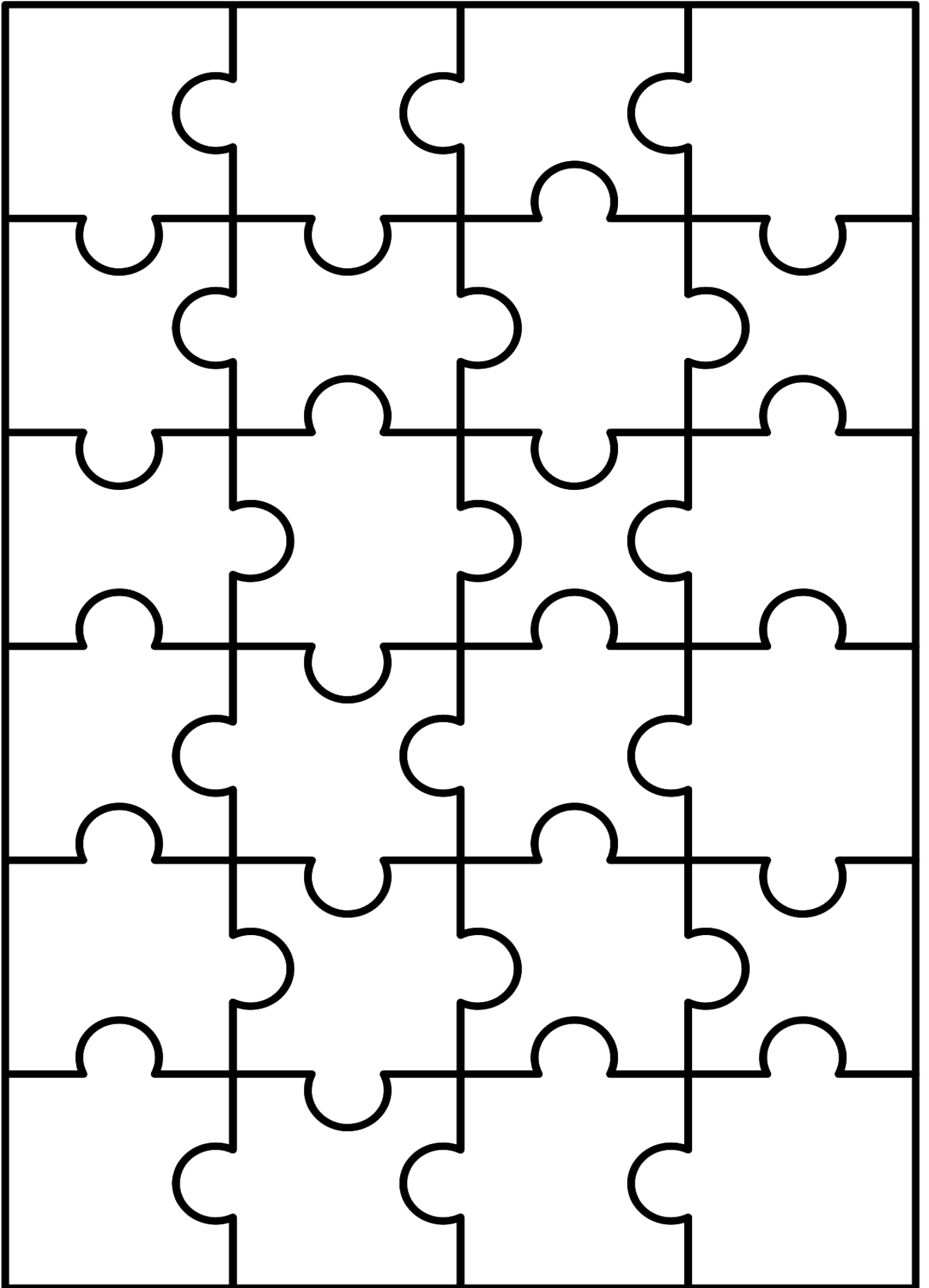
Think of BB like a jigsaw, there are many people involved, and we are all different, but we all fit together and make up one company.

For it says in the Bible: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" – Ephesians 2:10 (NLT).

This will encourage the young people within your company to think about how unique they are and how they are loved by God who has the best plans for their lives.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print out the jigsaw challenge template and cut out all the pieces – alternatively you can buy wooden jigsaw pieces on Amazon.
2. Give each section pieces of the jigsaw and encourage them to decorate it for themselves and to write their name on the top of it.
3. When finished, assemble the jigsaw together and glue the pieces down onto card.
4. Place this into a frame and display at your BB to show everyone how we are all God's masterpiece.
5. Take a picture of your finished jigsaw and send it through to BBNI. Every company that completes this will receive colouring in sheets and a God's Masterpiece sticker as a thank you for taking part in this resource.



Collaborative Colouring



Anchors / Juniors / Company / Seniors



20 minutes



Friendship



Craft

WHAT YOU NEED

- Collaborative colouring pages (available on the resource area)
- Colouring in pens
- Large sheets of card
- Glue
- Tape

A fun colouring in activity for the whole company that can either be done in one evening or can be done over a couple of sessions as an activity between other programme pieces. The main aim of Boys' Brigade is to "advance Christ's Kingdom" and the example that Jesus set while he was here on earth was to love each other and treat others with kindness and respect. This art piece, once completed can be displayed in your BB halls to remind your young people, parents and leaders how to live as Jesus did and to be a friend to all in BB.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print out the collaborative colouring worksheets from the resource hub and distribute them out with colouring pens.
2. Encourage the young people to take their time and colour in the A4 page they have been given.
3. Once everyone has completed their colouring in picture then cut around the boarder of the picture.
4. Get large sheets of card and put them together with tape and glue the pictures on to make the full picture.
5. Display at your BB halls during your sessions and send us a picture at BBNI so we can see all your hard work.

