

# GOD'S MASTERPIECE – ALL ABOUT ME

## David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

David was a young shepherd boy who wasn't the biggest, the strongest, or the most handsome like his older brothers. But he was brave and that is what mattered the most. He stood up for his home and he challenged the giant Goliath when no one else would. The King tried his best to turn him into a soldier, but he politely declined and decided to just be himself and go just as he was. He knew God was with him and he didn't need to change. In today's world social media and others around us tell us that we need to change who we are to be happy.

God has created us exactly as we need to be. We don't need to be any different to what God has made us and we should be proud of who we are, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14) in God's image. Like David, we just need to be ourselves.

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 David and Goliath with your group.

All the resources below can also be found on the resource area as individual activities. Please also see activities based on the good Samaritan (Friendship) and the creation story (The world around us) to get the full God's Masterpiece experience.

# TOILET ROLL



Company/Seniors



15 - 20 minutes



Friendship / All About Me



Game

## WHAT YOU NEED

- 2 toilet rolls

Jesus showed an interest in getting to know other people wherever He went, even though He knew exactly who these people were and the plans that He had for them, He still took the time to be interested in who they were as people.

This game will encourage the young people to not only talk about themselves but listen to others as well and will then allow for conversation based on the topics in this game. It can be a fun one that is surprising for the young people who have never played it before and is always good for a start of session where new young people may be present or for new members who have moved up from a different section. This is a good one for leaders to join in on as well to allow the young people to get to know them and build up connections.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Have everyone sit round together in a circle and pass around a roll of toilet paper.
2. Encourage the young people to take as much as they need, with no context given as to what the activity is. Ask those who know what the game is not to spoil it for those who do not.
3. Once everyone has taken some toilet roll, tell them that it is time to go around the circle and tell everyone a random fact per square of toilet roll they have.
4. At the end you can use the toilet roll for another game (i.e. a snowball fight) or recycle it.

# PEOPLE BINGO



Juniors/Company/Seniors



10 – 15 minutes



Friendship / All About Me



Game

## WHAT YOU NEED

- Bingo Card template (see below)
- Pens

In the Bible Jesus spoke with everyone, it did not matter if they were rich or poor, young or old, weak or strong. If you met with Jesus, He was interested in who you were, and He made friends with the most unlikely people and was gentle and kind to those around him.

People Bingo is a wonderful way for young people within your group to get to know each other, build new friendships, make conversation, and have discussions over the topics in this game. This will come in useful on the first night of a new session or to break the ice with new members coming in, who may have never been to BB before or those who are moving up from a different section.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give out the attached Bingo Card and a pen to each young person.
2. Talk them through the rules of the game.
3. Each young person can only sign a Bingo Card once, if there are smaller numbers you can allow two signatures per card.
4. They cannot sign their own card.
5. The first person to fill all their Bingo Card shouts 'Bingo' and wins.
6. If there is no winner after 15 minutes you can stop the game and whoever has the most signatures wins.
7. If you want to make your own card, please see the blank template.

# People Bingo

Favourite colour is red	Has a younger sibling	Plays football	Has camped in a tent	Wears glasses
Like Pepperoni pizza	Has a famous persons autograph	Can touch their noise with their tongue	Likes chocolate ice cream	Is the oldest child
Born in the same month as you	Enjoys reading	Free	Plays PlayStation	Has curly hair
Has a smart watch on	Has 2 or more pets	Plays an instrument	Can ride a bike	Was born in a different country
Can run 5k	Likes going to the cinema	Plays Nintendo Switch	Never flown on an aeroplane	Snores

# People Bingo


# OPEN DOORS SOCIAL MEDIA

## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS



Company/Seniors



30 – 45 minutes



The World Around Us / All About Me



Activity / Game / Discussion

### WHAT YOU NEED

- Large Sheets of Card
- Markers
- Social Media Quiz (See below)

Social media is a very useful tool that we have unlimited access to every day. In fact, we carry it around in our pockets. These additional materials are to carry on from the Open Doors CRED resource (available on the BBNI Resource Area) to help young people understand that social media does not define who they are, and that Jesus loves them just the way they are. They do not need to change anything about themselves to fit in, or to be perfect just because someone else's lifestyle on a screen is trying to tell them otherwise.

This resource will help young people understand the good and bad influences of social media as well as discussing the impact that it can have on their lives and the world around them promoting conversations and interactions in groups while learning from each other.

In the Bible it says, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31 ESV) God made us just the way we are, and He is proud of who we are.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Put the young people into groups and encourage them to answer the following questions and come back together to discuss your answers.

Discussion Questions:

- Who uses social media?
- What apps do you use and why, what is the most useful?
- How many hours a day do you spend on social media? (Let them check this on their phone)

- What are the positive and negative things about social media?

# Social Media Quiz

Make a social media logo quiz for your group. Find logos of famous social media apps and cover up the names and see if the young people can recognise what they are. They can do this in group with the logos printed on paper or together as a group on PowerPoint.

Ideas for social media apps that you can use for your quiz

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook</li> <li>• Instagram</li> <li>• WhatsApp</li> <li>• Tumblr</li> <li>• Snapchat</li> <li>• TikTok</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reddit</li> <li>• LinkedIn</li> <li>• Discord</li> <li>• X/Twitter</li> <li>• Pinterest</li> <li>• Twitch</li> </ul>
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## Discussion Questions

- How can we be Godly on social media?
- What can we start to do on our social media platforms to reflect God's love for ourselves and others?

We can follow Christian pages that share verses and devotions. We can unfollow pages that promote toxic behaviour and we can monitor how we talk to others online. Be our genuine selves without distorting the truth because we have been made in God's image and He loves us for who we are, not the person we sometimes try to make ourselves be.