

wildcards

Leader's Note

Here are some ideas for 'socials', i.e. - fun group get togethers. The following are a few ideas to get you started then you can add your own local variations. You can then build these in as part of the term's sessions.

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Aim and Learning Outcomes

Fun and getting to know each other / catching up with each other / inviting new people to.

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Beach Party

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A great fun idea even if you don't live near a beach! Arrange food, games and transport making sure you involve the group and your church. Good activities can be 'Build the biggest sandcastle' 'Beach cricket' 'Volleyball' (possibly use a beach ball) 'Who can skim the stone the most' 'Crabbing' (material - bacon on a string, net & container). Add a twist by having a car treasure hunt to the beach. Alternatively create a beach atmosphere in a church hall or in someone garden, ask around someone may even have a swimming pool!

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Amazing Grace Movie

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Take your group to see this film. The story is based on the life of antislavery pioneer William Wilberforce. Ioan Gruffudd plays Wilberforce, who, as a Member of Parliament, navigated the world of 18th Century backroom politics to end the slave trade in the British Empire. Elected to the House of Commons at the age of 21, and on his way to a successful political career, Wilberforce, over the course of two decades, took on the English establishment and persuaded those in power to end the inhumane trade of slavery.

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Holiday Club

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Challenge your young people to arrange and run a holiday club for your community. It can over a week or on a weekend. There are several resources out there to help them plan, prepare and deliver the club, Scripture Union produce a new programme every year or if they are feeling creative they can write their own. The tip is to start small and manage their expectations, a simple five-a-side tournament with BBQ and award ceremony afterwards could be a great start.

Ready, Steady, Cook

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You may have trainee chefs in you group or you may have those who don't even know where to find a tin opener! But this simple idea works for everyone. The week before ask the young people to bring three items of food that they really like and explain that we will be combining the groups favourites together to make some meals. It is a good idea for you to bring some basic ingredients just in case people forget, pizza bases, pasta, noodles, sauces and fruits are good.