

LEADER

ICEBREAKERS cont.

Vic Verbatim (5mins)

Similar to learning a memory verse, the idea is to practise saying a verse in an expressive way. The verse for this session is:

Cannonball option:

'God demonstrates his own love

for us in this: while we were still

sinners, Christ died for us'

(Romans 5.8, NIV)

- Assign a 'Reverend Ref' who has the scripture verse to hand, to referee biblical accuracy!

- Give everyone 30 seconds to memorise the verse (you can use the slide for this session or find it in Six Beats on page 40). After the time is up, deliver the memory verse in one of the following ways:

'On the head-to-head, son'

- two people pitted against each other quick-fire one word each until we have a winner or a draw

Han Solo/Lone Ranger

- ask one person to share the Bible verse

'Let's circle back'

- go around the room quick-fire, one word each

Leaders note

Display the verse on a PowerPoint slide if you don't have the books.

The Six selfies in 60 seconds challenge

Leaders note

This is an icebreaker challenge designed for the young people to act out six key poses that capture this part of the story. The idea is to then re-use these six poses in 'the 60-second sum-up' at the end of the session, which is a script that sums up this session's beat of the Bible story. Alternatively you can prep these pictures with the team leaders or church members beforehand, which the young people only see in the 60-second sum-up at the end of the session.

Split the young people into six groups and come up with a prop box with different items, relevant to this part of the Bible story. Encourage the young people to act out each part of the Bible story in selfie poses. These can be freeze frames live where everyone shows each other what they've come up with, or take a picture of each group's pose and use them as visual slides for the 60-second sum-up at the end of the session.

Encourage them to use the props and costumes to further add to the fun, and give each A4 paper and a pen in case they want to write clues to appear in the picture. If they complete one before the time is up, give them another. Go through all pictures and choose six to use later in the 60-second sum-up.

'DO'

This is a selfie freeze frame challenge. Your mission is to capture the essence of your phrase in a selfie pose. You can use any props, costumes, and you can also use A4 sheets and a pen to help give clues to your picture. As well as the heading phrase, there's also a clue/suggestion of what you could act out if you're stuck.

You have 60 seconds, which finishes when you hear the klaxon.

Suggested place names or phrases written on paper:

#400Years, #Bethlehem, #Jerusalem #Crucifixion

Suggested props:

Nativity props/costumes, water bottle and empty wine bottle

Note – generally encourage playfulness, though ask the group to be respectful for the cross picture

1. 400-year wait – (e.g. board holding sign '400 years')
2. The nativity scene
3. Good news – (e.g. Jesus performing miracles, turning water into wine)
4. Palm leaves entry – (e.g. ride a donkey, people putting coats the floor, sign #Jerusalem)
5. The cross – (e.g. three people arms out with heads bowed)
6. Empty tomb – (e.g. surprised, looking for Jesus but can't find him, sign #TombEmpty?)

Couplet up

Cut out the six A cards and the six B cards – give them a good shuffle and then spread them around the room (alternatively, divide the cards across the group).

‘Do’

There are 12 cards – six A cards and six B cards, each with a line from Dai’s ‘Messiah’ poem (or one half of a couplet). Together they sum up Beat 4 of the Bible story through spoken word, from Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem with animal

