

Zoom Respite Night

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May 2nd 2020 (#1)

Word of the night - **HOPE**

Schedule

4:00pm - Volunteers sign into Zoom call

- Go over who is in which break out room
- Check who is co hosts and therefore hosting a room
- Make them co hosts on zoom
- Go over activities for the night
- Go over roles of the Host and Co hosts in the rooms
- Arrange for a volunteer to be the host of the “lobby” back in the main room for when families arrive late or lose connection

4:30pm - ZOOM goes live for guests/families

- As families arrive say hi and welcome
- After about 5 minutes mute all and take it in turns for the families to introduce themselves
- Then HOST will let volunteers introduce themselves
- HOST will start with a prayer, then introduce the aims of the night and what it will look like – Aims to have FUN, FELLOWSHIP and LAUGHTER
- HOST to set up Break out rooms while a volunteer describes what will happen on their screen once up and running
- Break out rooms open and families, cohosts and volunteers go into rooms.

Approximately this will be 4:45pm

**BREAK OUT ROOMS WILL BE OPEN FOR
25MINUTES** (regardless of what time they started)

The volunteer in the “lobby” will welcome families as they arrive and HOST can assign them to break out rooms remotely.

HOST will “pop in” to all breakout rooms throughout the night - If you need her TEXT or the chat on Zoom and let her know!!

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

VOLUNTEERS AND COHOSTS - remember you can give a commentary or encouragement and take some photos

There are plenty of activities - no rush to do them all but know you won't run out of ideas!!

1. **Introductions** for all the families and volunteers -
Room host starts -
Family name, kids names and ages and ice breaker -
Favorite family meal!!!
2. **Building tower** - using any resources build the tallest tower - but start on the floor
3. **Scavenger hunt** - Find something.....
 1. Red
 2. Older than 10 years (no people!!)
 3. Christmassy
 4. From another country
 5. Round
 6. Alive
 7. From Easter

8. With a number on it
9. With a star on it
10. To do with a birthday

Compare objects found - Ask each family to make a suggestion for something to find and go search for it!!

4. **Dress up** - ask each family to dress up either ready for Summer **or** Winter (their choice) - focus on props....not actually changing clothes so no one strips off!! Go round each family and share pose!!

5. **Simon says** - ask simple actions eg wave, nod head, turn around, jump, skip, hop, pat head, touch toes etc. Give some of the children the chance to give the instructions.

6. **Word Challenge** - Can they find objects to that begin with each letter in the word HOPE - Honey, Orange, Pen, Envelopes, ask for other words too eg. LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE

7. **Word building** - Can they build the letters for HOPE out of whatever they used for the tower in activity #1

8. **Show and Tell** - Ask each child if they would like to, share their favorite soft toy. Take it in turns for them to introduce them to everyone.

9. **Paper airplanes** - find some scrap paper and see if you can make an airplane that flies to the other side of the room, or stay in the air for 4 seconds.

Back to main room once Break rooms close.

HOST to share Welcome video from last weekend of some of our kids and families and screen share a resources page with FB links for church groups and online Sunday service.

Share Romans 15:13 – “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit.” (NIV)

GOODBYE!!!