

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- CG Christmas Party -

Concept – The idea is inspired by the story in John 9, the entire context of the book of John and the three letters of John. In John 9, it talks about the story of how Jesus made the blind man see. Jesus is the Light (John 1:4-9) and the blind man received light both literally and figuratively. And the writings of John as a whole was about Jesus coming, to make Himself known to the people; that is revealing the personhood of Jesus—He is Light, shedding upon our reality; He is Love, reconciling our relationship with God and people; and He is Life, the redemption of our souls. With that framework, came the concept of Jesus coming to earth to illuminate our senses.

The theme for Christmas this year is “Light of The World”.



TWO OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

Basic

Dinner

Carols

Telling of Story

Testimony

Salvation Call

Gift Exchange

Photo Booth

-OR-

Basic Plus

Dinner

5 Senses Game

(Carols background music)

Telling of Story

Testimony

Salvation Call

Gift Exchange

Photo Booth

BASIC

This proposed programme schedule serves as a guide.

Please feel free to rearrange the programme according to the needs of your group.

Order	Time	Programme	Duration (minutes)
Pre-programme	6:30pm	Arrival Of Guests	30
	7:00pm	Ice-breaker	30
	7:30pm	Christmas Dinner	60
Main Programme	8:30pm	Christmas Carols	15
	8:45pm	Telling Christmas Story	30
	9:15pm	Testimony	10
	9:25pm	Salvation Prayer	10
Wrapping Up	9:35pm	Closing Prayer	5
	9:40pm	Gift Exchange	Fellowship Time

INVITATION E-CARD

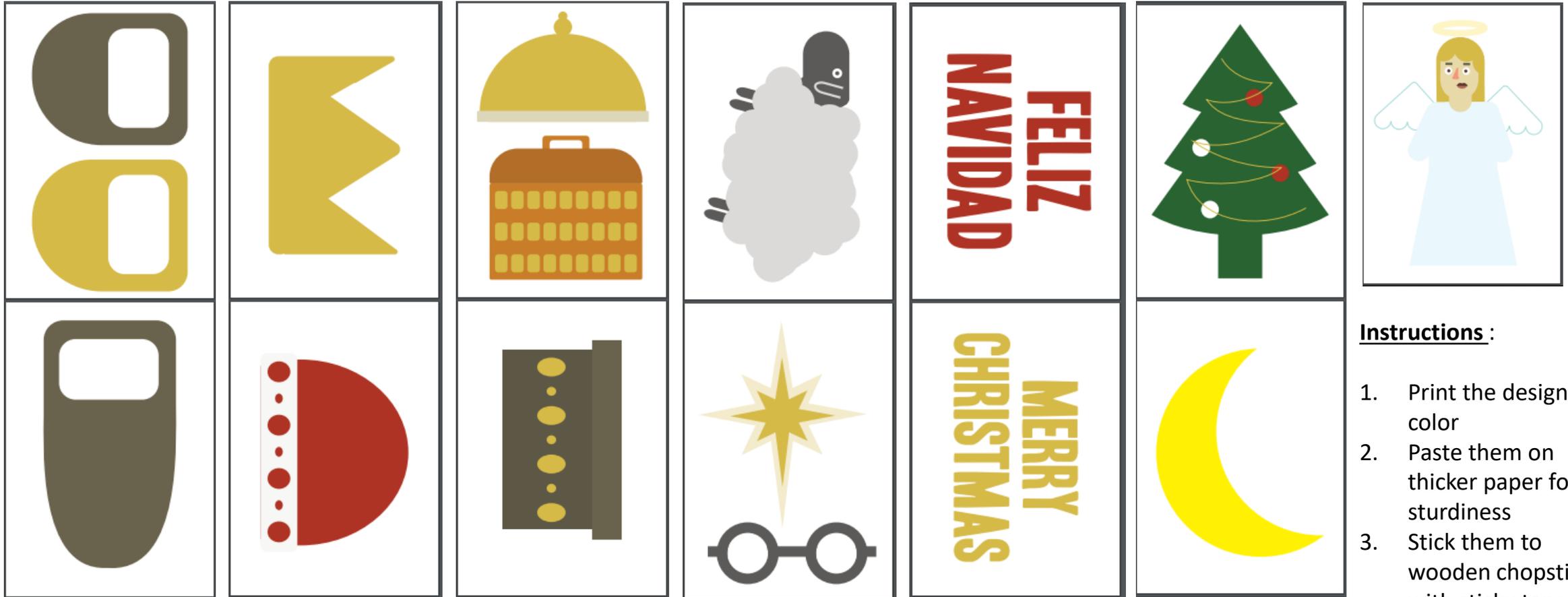
(Pray and invite CG friends and family to the Christmas Party!)



(Available for download at resource folder)

CHRISTMAS STORY PHOTO BOOTH PROPS

(Feel free to print these out and make them as props for photo booths)



Instructions :

1. Print the designs in color
2. Paste them on thicker paper for sturdiness
3. Stick them to wooden chopsticks with sticky tape or glue so that we can hold them.
4. Take happy photos together!

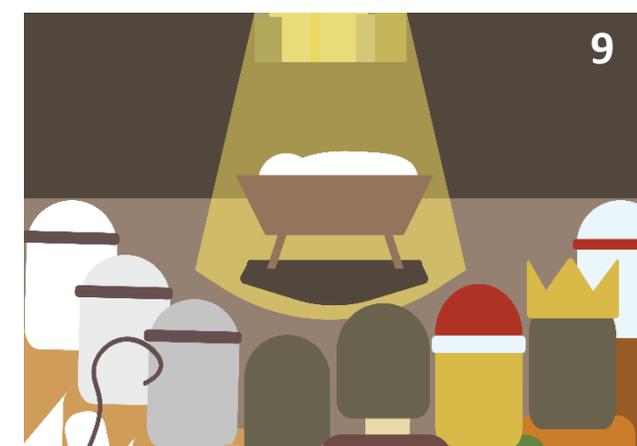
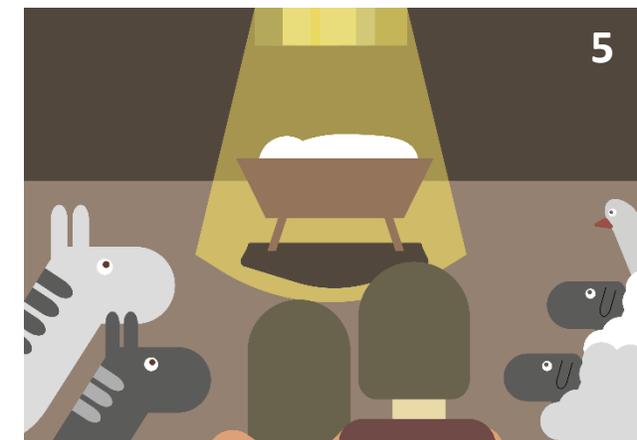
(Print actual props from Christmas Photo Booth. pdf)

CHRISTMAS STORY TELLING

(Actual Prints at Christmas Story. pdf)

Instructions :

Print the designs in color and assign different people to read them.
Use the photo props as well if you wish to act out the story.



TELLING CHRISTMAS STORY

One day, about 2000 years ago, an Angel called Gabriel told Mary she would have a very special baby and that she should call the baby Jesus

When Joseph found out about Mary's pregnancy, he must have not believed that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit but that she had been unfaithful to him. But in a dream, an Angel appeared to Joseph and told him to trust Mary. The Angel also told Joseph that the child should be called Jesus

Mary and her husband had to travel to Bethlehem so that could pay their taxes. Mary was expecting to have her baby very soon.

When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem there were no rooms left in the Inns because the town was very busy. Mary was tired because the journey has been long and dusty. A kind innkeeper said they could shelter in the stable, with the animals.

In the night Mary had her baby. They called the baby Jesus just like the angel told them they should. They put baby Jesus in some swaddling clothes so he was wrapped up warm and snug and laid him in a small wooden manger.

It was a very starry night and the local shepherds were looking after their sheep in the fields. The Angels appeared and told them Jesus was born and that he would be a Saviour of men. They hurried to see Mary and Joseph and to wonder at Jesus.

Far away in the East, three wise men saw a new star in the sky. They knew this meant that a great ruler has been born. They followed the star because they wanted to see this new king.

The three wise men took Jesus gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. These were very valuable gifts in those days. Gold could be used to buy things and the frankincense and myrrh were used for medicine and perfume.

The day Jesus was born, God set in motion His plan to reclaim the lost. Though God's love for us is constant and unconditional, our unconfessed sin separates us from spending eternity with Him. Jesus made a way for us to receive God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus was the very first Christmas gift – a gift from God to all who will accept Him

WRAPPING UP & SALVATION CALL

After the sharing of testimony, the cell leader could wrap up the Story of Christmas and offer Salvation call by saying:

“Allow me to complete the story of the gift of Christmas.

Jesus came because God knew that man could not save themselves, all on their own. Jesus came in the poorest, weakest, humblest manner so that God could identify with the weakness of being a baby and being human. Jesus suffered and died in pain and sorrow and mockery so that God could identify with fear, pain, suffering and death. But Jesus rose again from the dead so that through Him, man can live forevermore.

God did this all for the love of us because we are the reason for it all. God loves you!

If you believe and would like to accept this gift, here is a simple prayer that involves 3 parts: ***sorry; thank you; and please***. Kindly repeat the prayer with me.”

“Lord Jesus Christ, I am ***sorry*** for the things I have done wrong in my life (take a few moments to ask his forgiveness for anything particular that is on your conscience). Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong. ***Thank you*** that you died on the cross for me, so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit.

I now receive that gift. ***Please*** come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever. Thank you Lord Jesus, Amen.”

Christmas Booklet Gift for your Guests



What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

How does it work?

Alpha is eleven sessions with the option of a day or weekend away in the middle.

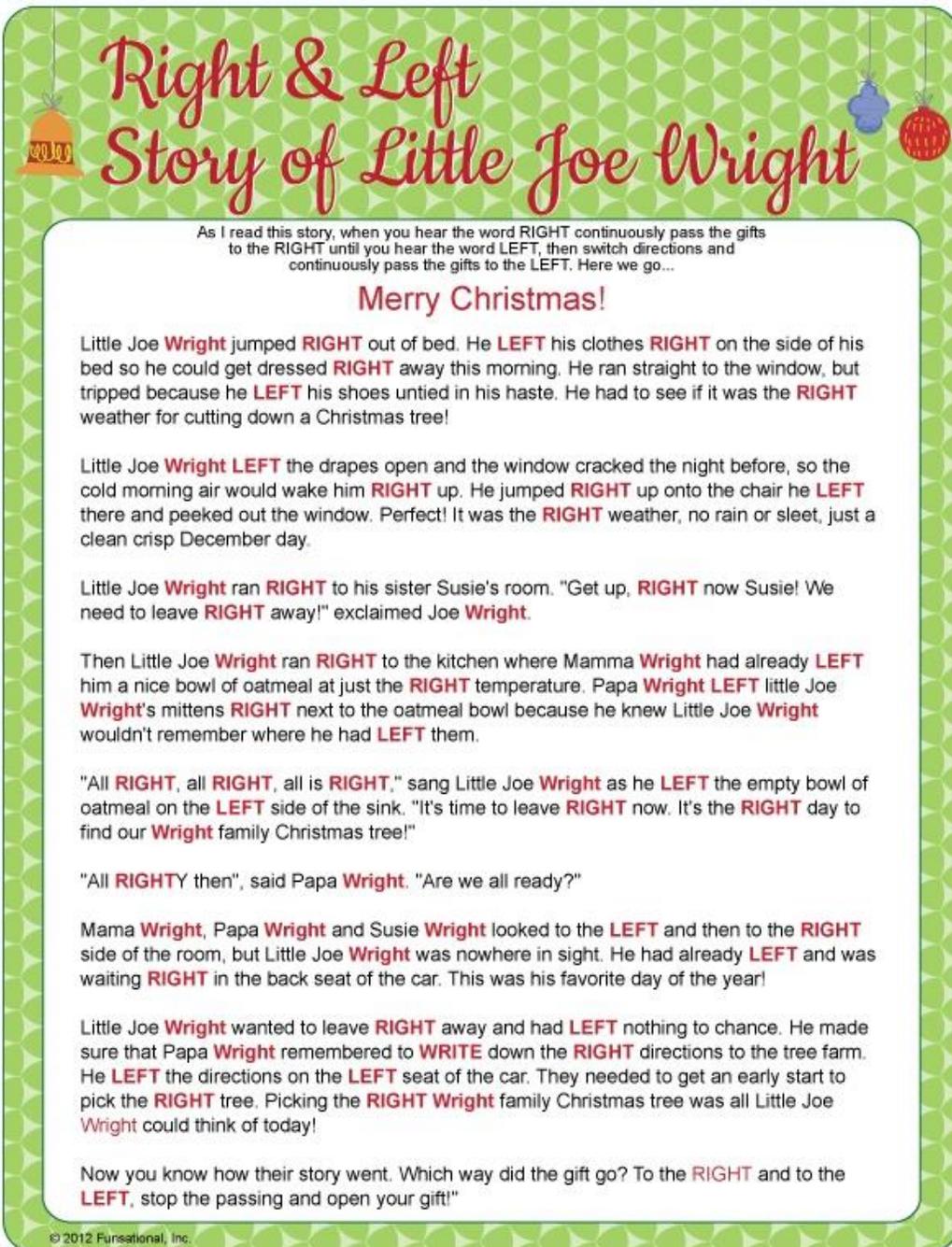
Each session includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts.

At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE IDEA



Right & Left Story of Little Joe Wright

As I read this story, when you hear the word RIGHT continuously pass the gifts to the RIGHT until you hear the word LEFT, then switch directions and continuously pass the gifts to the LEFT. Here we go...

Merry Christmas!

Little Joe **Wright** jumped **RIGHT** out of bed. He **LEFT** his clothes **RIGHT** on the side of his bed so he could get dressed **RIGHT** away this morning. He ran straight to the window, but tripped because he **LEFT** his shoes untied in his haste. He had to see if it was the **RIGHT** weather for cutting down a Christmas tree!

Little Joe **Wright** **LEFT** the drapes open and the window cracked the night before, so the cold morning air would wake him **RIGHT** up. He jumped **RIGHT** up onto the chair he **LEFT** there and peeked out the window. Perfect! It was the **RIGHT** weather, no rain or sleet, just a clean crisp December day.

Little Joe **Wright** ran **RIGHT** to his sister Susie's room. "Get up, **RIGHT** now Susie! We need to leave **RIGHT** away!" exclaimed Joe **Wright**.

Then Little Joe **Wright** ran **RIGHT** to the kitchen where Mamma **Wright** had already **LEFT** him a nice bowl of oatmeal at just the **RIGHT** temperature. Papa **Wright** **LEFT** little Joe **Wright**'s mittens **RIGHT** next to the oatmeal bowl because he knew Little Joe **Wright** wouldn't remember where he had **LEFT** them.

"All **RIGHT**, all **RIGHT**, all is **RIGHT**," sang Little Joe **Wright** as he **LEFT** the empty bowl of oatmeal on the **LEFT** side of the sink. "It's time to leave **RIGHT** now. It's the **RIGHT** day to find our **Wright** family Christmas tree!"

"All **RIGHTY** then", said Papa **Wright**. "Are we all ready?"

Mama **Wright**, Papa **Wright** and Susie **Wright** looked to the **LEFT** and then to the **RIGHT** side of the room, but Little Joe **Wright** was nowhere in sight. He had already **LEFT** and was waiting **RIGHT** in the back seat of the car. This was his favorite day of the year!

Little Joe **Wright** wanted to leave **RIGHT** away and had **LEFT** nothing to chance. He made sure that Papa **Wright** remembered to **WRITE** down the **RIGHT** directions to the tree farm. He **LEFT** the directions on the **LEFT** seat of the car. They needed to get an early start to pick the **RIGHT** tree. Picking the **RIGHT** **Wright** family Christmas tree was all Little Joe **Wright** could think of today!

Now you know how their story went. Which way did the gift go? To the **RIGHT** and to the **LEFT**, stop the passing and open your gift!"

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THANK YOU

Pray for the Party