

kid zone LEADERS' guide

THIS Week...

This week we're having a party and thanking God for the start of the new year.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSES: 1 Thessalonians 5:18,
Psalm 118:24

KEY WORDS: gratitude

BEFORE today's lesson:

- Make sure you have all the materials you need for the 'Welcome Zone' and 'Fun Zone' activities.
- Gather together all the required ingredients for 'Grub Zone'.
- Have enough *Kidzone* magazines for every child!
- Print off the 'Beyond the Zone' card.



WELCOME ZONE

It's a new year of kids' church and that's worth celebrating, so start the year with a party! This can be as simple as putting a few decorations around your room, tying balloons to the kids' chairs, sharing some party food and playing a few games before you hand out the annual *Kidzone* bullet journal.

HAVE a few party snacks on a table to share.

This could include treats such as a fruit platter, fairy bread, a bowl of chips or cupcakes.

MAKE Cheffy's energy bites (page 3) for an activity to either eat with the snacks or for the children to take home.

To streamline the process, pre-prepare the mixture and divide it, placing pieces on paper plates so that each child has their own mixture to roll into balls and toss in coconut.

PLAY some group party games. Here are some ideas:

Snake Races:

The children form a line across the room. A lolly snake is placed across their nose, which they have to balance there. They then walk/run to the other side of the room while keeping the snake balanced on their nose. First to the other side of the room with the snake still across their nose wins, although everyone is a winner because they get to eat their snake!

What's your number:

Players walk around the room. When the leader shouts a number, they must quickly form groups of that number with other players. Any players who aren't part of a numbers group sits out the next round.

Bible catch it, say it:

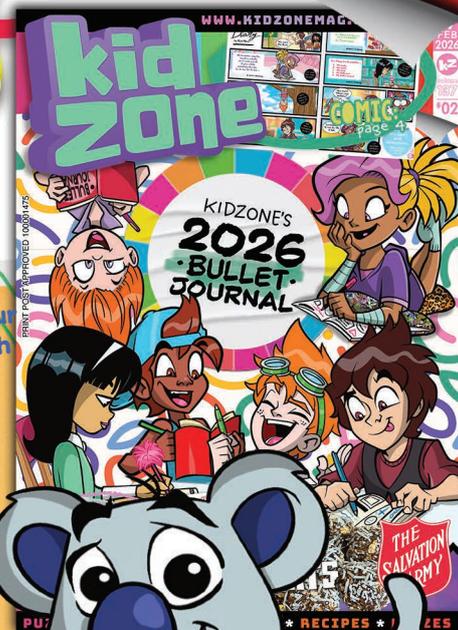
Players stand in a circle and toss a ball among themselves. Whoever catches the ball must say the name of a book of the Bible before tossing it to another player. They can't repeat a book. Before the game, give them a quick refresher by reading out the books of the Bible.

Balloon and string game:

Tie a balloon to each player's ankle with a piece of string about 50cm long. Play music.

When preparing your program, consider each of the 'zones' and how they will best work in your context.

You may like to mix up the order in which you do the 'zones'. You will, however, need to remember the 'Welcome Zone' needs to start the session, the 'Zone In' section needs to follow the 'God Zone', and the 'Beyond the Zone' happens at home.



GRUB ZONE

(10-12 mins)



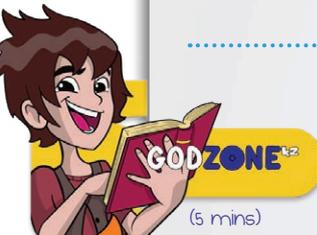
FUN ZONE

(15 mins)

While the music plays, people walk around. When the music stops, the aim is to burst the other people's balloons while protecting your own. The winner is the last person left with a balloon.

The freezer:

Pick one person to be the freezer. Players move around the room, but when the freezer freezes, everyone else must freeze too. Whoever freezes last is out.



CHAT about what the new year will hold for everyone.

Start by sharing what you are looking forward to and invite the children to share what they are looking forward to – a new teacher, new friends, a holiday later in the year etc.

PRAY: Thank you God for the new year and all the awesome things we can look forward to.



HAND OUT the *Kidzone* bullet journals to everyone.

LOOK at the comic on pages 4 and 5.

READ out the introduction on page 2.

Have a table set up with pencils or felt-tipped pens for the children to start filling out some of the pages. On the goal page, you could do a class goal – for example reading the Bible every day, learning a memory verse etc.

GIVE OUT the 'Beyond the Zone' cards and read through the activities.

GET READY FOR NEXT WEEK ...

To make the recipes and crafts next week you will need the following:



OLIVER'S LONG-TONGUED LIZARD

- Party blowers
- Green cardstock
- Black felt-tipped pen
- Glue
- Small pieces of coloured paper or circle stickers (for eyes)
- Sticky tape



CHEFFY'S BAT BICKIES

- Oreo cookies
- Choc chips



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next Week...

Yooka-RE-PLAYLEE

We'd love to see some photos of your kids' church members enjoying the activities to include in the *Kidzone* magazine!

Email a picture of your group to kidzone@salvationarmy.org.au

*Please get permission from parents before sending photos and include a copy of signed parental consent for *Kidzone* to print image.





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