

JESUS' Birthday Party - To Go

A Celebration of Jesus Christ's birth!

For all children - preschool thru 5th Grade,
including all youth and adults participating, as mentors.

7 Activity Stations

A ministry that comes to your church!

*please see information of lay-out and directions enclosed.

Christmas is all
about CHRIST!

Experience
the birth of Jesus
in a new way!

Reflect on the light of the world—Jesus
Encounter Christ's birth
Joyous giving
O'come let us adore Him
Imagine the journey
Capture the true meaning of Christmas
Enjoy the celebration!



Ideas for possible use:

During Sunday School—for children, youth & adults
In lieu of a Christmas Program
After a Christmas Worship Service

Elements for activity stations
and decorations are included.

*exception: cake & ice cream

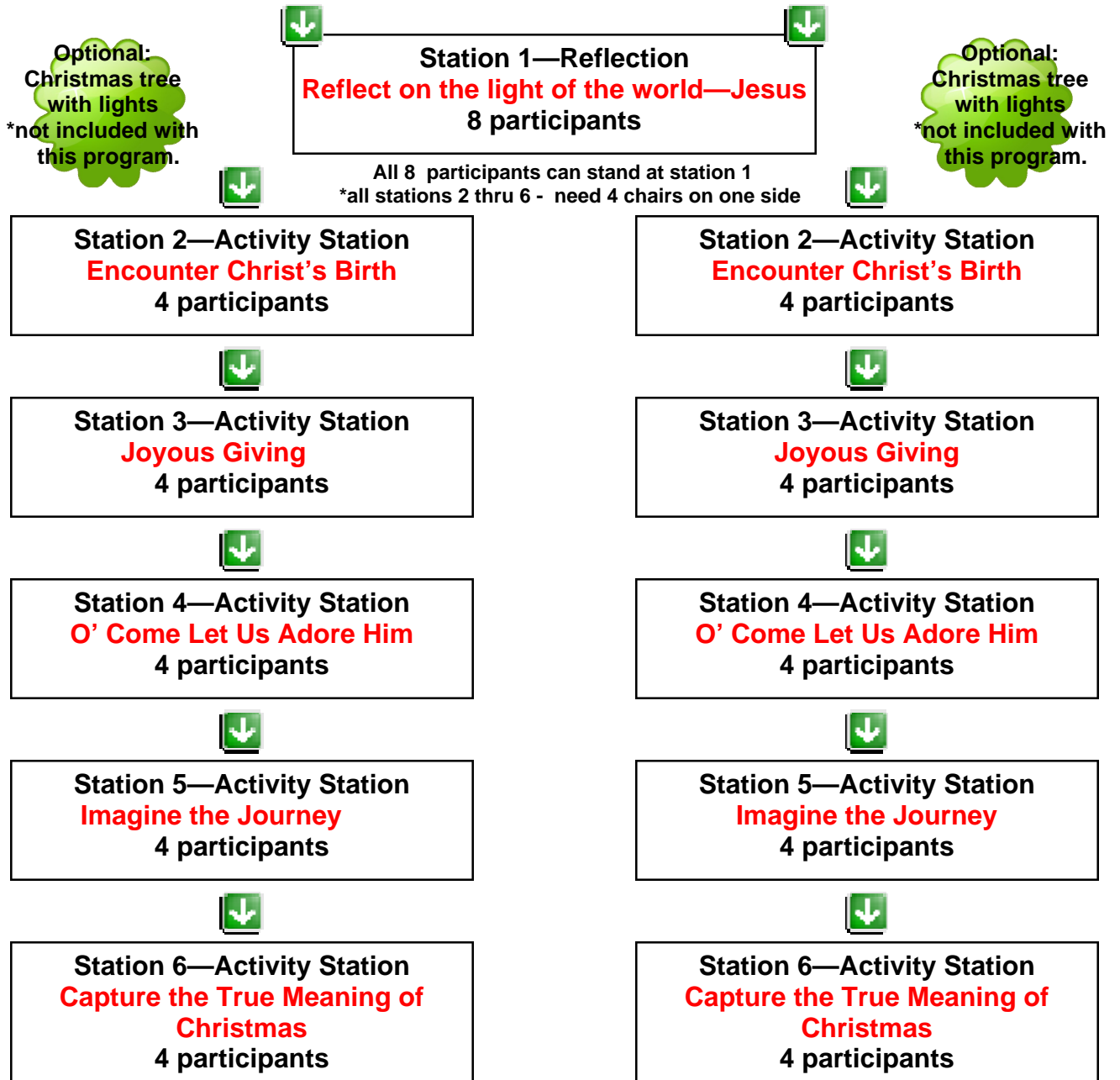
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Lay-out of Activity Stations

Using 6 ft., 8 ft. or circular tables

(one sized table cloth is provided for all 12 tables, plus decorations & all elements for activity stations)

*Please see directions on next page.



Next—Station 1



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Optional: Christmas tree with lights *not included with this program.

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Final station for all
Enjoy the Celebration!

Cake & ice cream for everyone! (each church provides)

- Optional Additions: **The Mouse, The Treasure & the True Friend—JESUS—Skit** (audience participation) (included)
 No prior practice needed—just hand out scripts & props, included.
 Give brief directions, prior to beginning. Your church leader sets the tone for this fun experience by all, as the Christmas story is experienced in a new way!
- Christmas Bingo**—Christmas bingo cards and questions provided.
 Prizes—candy or other are provided by each church.

Directions for Jesus' Birthday Party

As participants arrive, assign a team of 2—
children & adult OR youth & adult to any station number available.
Have them sit at the station number assigned, please ask them not to begin,
until all participants have been assigned to a station and
instructions have been given to the group.
Up to 4 at each station (exception station 1), unless more participants are expected
or exceptions are presented, by participants

Allow 4 minutes at each station—Please assign a bell ringer for entire program.
Explain once, prior to beginning, that it is time to move to the next station when the bell is rung.
The assigned bell ringer will ring the bell, every 4 minutes.
Always move to the next highest number, (exception station 6 to station 1)
Directions for participants are placed at each station.
All participants will end this activity at the same time, after completing all 6 stations.
(5 to 6 minutes to assign stations and give instructions,
4 minutes for each station, **total time—30 minutes**)

Choices after activity stations above:

Finish at final station with cake & ice cream for everyone!

OR

Use the optional additions below (one or both)

Followed by final station with cake & ice cream for everyone!

Optional Additions

The Mouse, The Treasure & the True Friend—JESUS—Skit (audience participation)
No prior practice needed—just hand out scripts & props, included.
Give brief directions, prior to beginning.
Experience the Christmas story in a new way. For all ages—children, youth & adults
(10 to 15 minutes)

Christmas Bingo—Christmas bingo cards and questions provided.
Prizes—candy or other are provided by each church.
(10 minutes—more or less, as you determine the need)

Possible options for stations: (provided by each church, as an option)

add chocolate coins for treasure chest on station 3

give a birthday gift bag with candy or trinkets to all
children and youth that participate.

if playing Christmas Bingo, include a prize, could be candy.

Additional questions? We hope this ministry will be a blessing to those attending.
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