



programme



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Welcome to the Anchors' Programme Pack

The Boys' Brigade is pleased to welcome you to the Anchors' Programme Pack and hope that the activities and ideas it brings will help the section to thrive.

A boy coming to BB for the first time at 4 or 5 years old has taken an important step in his young life, and the experiences he has will undoubtedly help to shape his view of the world. It may be the first time he has joined a group outside of school, and the relationships he forms at BB, with leaders and other children may well be remembered for the whole of his life.

The programme of any BB section is central to its success. Your section may have the use of some great premises, have no financial worries, have a dedicated team of trained and committed leaders, church members and parents who are very supportive of the leaders and take a great interest in the work of the section, but if the programme is poor, then the boys will soon drift away to find something which is more interesting and fun. The quality of the programme is critical to the retention of boys ensuring they come back week by week. The programme also helps with recruitment; boys will bring their friends to something they enjoy and of which they are proud to be a part.

This programme pack contains information in the following three Zones:

1. Information Zone:

- Safety in the Company
- Anchor Boys – the section meeting
- Uniform
- Programme planning and making it happen
- Participation
- Special Events
- Accessibility
- Company Development Scheme
- Leader Training and Development
- Administration and record keeping

2. Activity Zone:

- Body – fit for fun
 - contains games and physical activities
- Mind – think and do
 - contains simple puzzles and quizzes, thinking games and treasure hunts, hobbies and collections
- Spirit – God and me
 - contains material for devotions, prayers and worship, bible stories and characters, and Christian festivals
- Community – me and my world
 - contains material about conservation, the local community, the church and helping others

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- Creativity – make and do
 - contains a wealth of ideas for crafts, cooking, mime and drama, and many of the craft ideas come with templates, which are photocopyable and ready to use
 - Programme on a Plate
 - Ideas for themes nights including superheroes, space, pirates and creepy crawlies!
 - Extras
 - Extra information including web based resources on a wide range of activities

3. Award Zone:

- An Introduction to the Anchor Activity Scheme
- What's in the Activity Scheme and how it works
 - details of the three badges
 - certificates, stickers and wall charts
 - how does it fit into our weekly programme?
 - levels of assessment
 - late joiners
 - how are the badges worn?
 - when are the Activity badges presented?
- Suggested activities for the Scheme

This programme pack is for all those who work with Anchor Boys. It contains important information about working in the BB, and a wealth of ideas for games, crafts, devotions, activities to help keep your programme bright and fresh, and most importantly, fun, for the boys and for staff.