



Winter Evening

Estimated Time:

20 minutes

10 minutes

10 minutes

30 minutes

10 minutes

This programme on a plate is designed to last a whole evening. You do not, however, have to use all of the activities suggested and they can be tailored to suit.

Arrival Activities

Snowy Wordsearch

Winter Crossword – copy both templates onto card

Game

Snowman Relay

Game

Snowballs

Craft

Snow Scene

Devotions

Talk to the boys about how winter is a fun time for them with Christmas and the snow in particular, but for a lot of homeless and older people winter can be a very hard time. Also talk about ways in which we can help these people to get through a time that others find so much fun.

Snowman Relay



Aim: To get the boys active and moving around at the start of the session

Equipment:

- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Carrot
- Chair per team

Instructions:

- Split boys into teams of around three or four depending on the numbers that are present.
- The boys are to sit at one end of the hall or playing area in a row one behind the other.
- Opposite them at the other end of the playing area is a chair on which there is a hat, some gloves, a scarf and a carrot.
- On the starting signal, the first boy in each team runs to his chair, puts on all of the clothes, then holds the carrot to his nose and runs around the chair three times.
- When he has done this he takes off all of the clothes, puts them back on the chair and runs back to his team.
- The next boy will then repeat the process, and so on until all of the boys in the team have completed the dressing up. The first team to all be sitting down are the winners.



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



5-10 minutes





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5 or 10 minutes
depending on how good
the boys are at the game



It is important that the
balls used are soft and
that there is no chance of
injury being caused

Snowballs

Aim: Short active game for boys

Equipment:

- Sponge balls

Instructions:

- Split the boys into two teams.
- Both teams will stand on opposite sides of the hall.
- Each team is given two or three sponge balls, more if that is relevant to the number of boys playing.
- On the starting signal the teams throw the balls at the opposite team. If a boy is hit below the hip then he must join the opposition team.
- This process continues until all of the boys are on one team.

Snow Scene

Aim: To make something that the boys can take home to show for their winter evening

Equipment:

- See through jar with an airtight lid
- Small plastic Christmas figure, e.g. snowman or robin
- Water resistant glue
- Glycerine
- Water
- Glitter
- Paper and pens to decorate outside

Instructions:

- Each boy selects one of the small plastic models, which will become the centrepiece of their snow scene.
- The boys glue the figure onto the underside of the lid using water resistant glue.
- Leave the figure to dry on to the lid.
- Fill the jar or tub with a mixture of water and glycerine. You will need to experiment with the ratio of the mixture as the smaller the ratio the thicker it will be, it's a matter of preference.
- Add to this the glitter.
- Ensure that the jar is not totally full as there needs to be room for the displacement caused by the figure.
- Once the figure has dried onto the lid, it is time to fix it to the jar. For extra waterproofing put some of the water resistant glue around the inside edge of the lid, which will not only further secure the lid but help keep the mantlepice dry.
- The boys may also wish to decorate the outside of the jar. One suggestion for this is to attach a strip of paper to the bottom of the jar to cover up the area where the lid joins and also to make the base of the lid less visible.



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40 minutes



This activity requires the use of scissors and glue. Leaders should exercise appropriate caution