

CCOP Youth Group Game Plan

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Fellowship – no snacks at beginning, enjoy fellowship, get name tags

Opening Prayer

Do you know how to -

Pair up? Introduce yourself

Groups of three? Introduce yourself

Groups of four? Introduce yourself

Make full circle

Make inner and outer circle

Ice Breaker – Inner and Outer Circle

Introduce yourself, favorite school subject

Then have volunteer pick number 1 through 5 and have outside circle move left number picked

Introduce yourself, what used to scare you as a kid but not any more

Then have volunteer pick number 1 through 5 and have inside circle move left number picked

Introduce yourself, who is your hero

Then have volunteer pick number 1 through 5 and have outside circle move left number picked

Introduce yourself, what one electronic device would you take on a deserted island

Then have volunteer pick number 1 through 5 and have inside circle move left number picked

Continue if desired, but end with...

Introduce yourself, what scares you today

Let's talk fear...

Do Mystery Box challenge

'Lesson'

Fear God

Do not be Afraid

Snack (if available)

Scavenger Hunt

Closing Prayer

Fear Resources

- The claim that the Bible says "do not be afraid" 365 times is a popular misconception; the exact count varies by translation and how variations like "fear not" or "do not be anxious" are counted, but the total is far from 365. While the exact number is a subject of debate, the message to overcome fear is a consistent theme, appearing in various phrases and contexts hundreds of times.

- **The 365 count is inaccurate:**

While the number 365 is often cited as a comforting idea—one for each day of the year—it is not a literal count found in the Bible.

- **Exact count varies by translation:**

- Some counts show "do not be afraid" appearing around 48 times and "do not fear" about 51 times, with "fear not" another 11 times in the NKJV, totaling over 100 instances of these specific phrases.
- The King James Version (KJV) contains "fear not" or "be not afraid" approximately 103 times, while the NIV says "do not be afraid" about 70 times.

- **The message is repeated frequently:**

Even without the 365 count, the message of not being afraid is one of the most repeated themes in the Bible, appearing in numerous variations throughout both the Old and New Testaments.

- The phrase "fear God" or its variations appear around 300 times in the Bible, though the total number varies depending on the specific translation used. For example, the NIV mentions it about 350 times, while the NKJV says to "fear God" 134 times. The concept of fearing God is generally presented as a positive act of reverence and awe for God's power and holiness, rather than as a negative emotion of terror.

- **Frequency:**

The exact number varies by translation, but it's mentioned over 300 times in total.

- **Meaning:**

"Fearing God" is often interpreted as revering, respecting, and being in awe of God's power and holiness, not as being terrified of Him.

- **Examples:**

- In Exodus 1:17, the midwives feared God and disobeyed the king's order to kill the baby boys.
- In Proverbs 1:7, it is stated that "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge".