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GREETINGS



GARY BLANCHARD

WORLD YOUTH DIRECTOR

"Greetings young people! Believe it or not the devil wants you to find your identity in a variety of false things, but God wants you to find your identity in Jesus! You see when you receive Jesus Christ as your savior, you become a child of God! (1 John 3:1) So your identity is now found in WHOSE you are! When you understand this and believe it with all your heart some amazing things begin to happen to you! You will have a special confidence about you! Confidence in the presence of God and confidence in the presence of other humans. Why? Because you are royalty! You are sons and daughters of God through the awesome love of Jesus Christ displayed for you at the cross. Stop hanging your head, allowing Satan, sin or others to overcome, discourage and depressed you. Instead walk in the Spirit as a child of the king!" As you celebrate Pathfinder Day, celebrate who you are in Christ!



PAKO MOKGWANE

ASSOCIATE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Human beings have been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26, 27). Out of all things God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) created, only human beings were formed in His image. So the creation story is a perpetual reminder that God values us so much that He creates us in His image. Sin cut the connection between God and us but through Jesus the connection was restored and we have a new lease of life. It makes sense to know Jesus for ourselves so that we may discover ourselves in Him and for Him only. You are Pathfinder created in God's image for a special purpose. Don't allow anything to destroy or take away your identity in Jesus. Protect it! Preserve it! Love it! Live it!



ANDRES PERALTA

ASSOCIATE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Greetings Pathfinders! As you celebrate World Pathfinder Day, I want to remind you that God loves you. In fact He loves you so much He gave His son to die for you before you were created. (John 3:16) God has a special plan for your life and if you accept it, He will make it a reality and bless you beyond your wildest imagination. As you embrace who you are in Christ, you can be the face, voice, hands and feet of Jesus to your friends and family.

May the love of Christ compel you to always be a friend to man and a servant of God. I pray that as you celebrate World Pathfinder Day the Spirit of the living God will empower you to take the Advent message to all the World. Be blessed, be a blessing and remember who you are in Christ!!

PATHFINDER DAY INFO

THEME: IDENTITY

• PATHFINDER DAY SHOULD BE A FULL DAY CELEBRATION INCLUDING:

- 1-SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY (MORNING WORSHIP)
- 2-OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (SABBATH AFTERNOON) / (GPS: GLOBAL PATHFINDER SERVICE)
- 3-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (AFTER THE SABBATH)

• 8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PATHFINDER DAY:

- 1-CHURCH SERVICES INCLUDING DIVINE HOUR CONDUCTED BY PATHFINDERS.
- 2-PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE ON SABBATH AFTERNOON.
- 3-COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE PATHFINDER MINISTRY.
- 4-BAPTISMAL SERVICE
- 5-STUDY OF THE HISTORY OF PATHFINDERS IN THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.
- 6-TAKE A CLUB PICTURE AND SHARE IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA #WPD18
- 7-MEMORIZE THE 2018 PATHFINDER DAY BIBLE VERSE (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17)
- 8-INVITE FRIENDS TO SHARE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY

• 17 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOU:

- 1-GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PATHFINDER DAY 2018
- 2-RECOMMEND OUTLINE FOR THE DAY (SABBATH SCHOOL AND DIVINE SERVICE)
- 3-SABBATH SCHOOL SKIT
- 4-PATHFINDER DAY PROMOTIONAL VIDEO
- 5-IDENTITY LOOPS
- 6-IDENTITY 5 MIN COUNTDOWN (CHURCH SERVICE)
- 7-IDENTITY WATERMARKS
- 8-IDENTITY TEMPLATES FOR KEYNOTE & POWERPOINT
- 9-SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOS
- 10-FLYER
- 11-SERMON
- 12-SERMON PRESENTATIONS IN KEYNOTE & POWERPOINT
- 13-PATHFINDER STORY PRESENTATION
- 14-GREETING VIDEO FROM DIVISION LEADERS
- 15-RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
- 16-RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- 17-YOUTH MINISTRIES STATISTICS



WHO ARE YOU?



WHO ARE YOU?

To that question one generally responds with a name. But many times, people expect to hear something more than your name. Sometimes the question refers to your job, your function or your status. Other times the question has more of a relational hint. In my case, I am a pastor, husband of Martha and father of Melany. However, if Martha asks me that question, the answer would surely be different.

As you can see, there are many ways to define our identity. In any case, what we believe we are determines our actions and our limitations. I would like to tell you about four aspects of my identity. I will share these with you despite our possible differences. These aspects are relevant because they are not as volatile as others and they provide me stability in a changing world.

WHO AM I FOR GOD?

I am part of His eternal plan. He chose me even before He created the world (Ephesians 1:4) to be an object of His eternal love (Jeremiah 31:3). I am the glory of His creation (Psalm 8:5), made in His image and likeness so that I could relate to Him (Genesis 1:26, 27). Above all, He loves me so much that He was ready to make the biggest sacrifice of all for me (John 3:16; Romans 8:32).

WHO AM I IN CHRIST?

I am a forgiven and redeemed sinner (Romans 3:23-25; Colossians 1:14). With His strength, I am more than a victor of all enemy attacks (Romans 8: 37-39). I am the object of His ministry of intercession (Hebrews 7:25, 8:1-2; 1 John 2:1). I am a part of His body on earth, that is the church (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:23). I am an exhibition of His transforming power (Ephesians 3:10). I am the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). I am someone whom God is determined to perfect (Philippians 1:6).

WHO AM I TO THE WORLD?

I am an ambassador of God (John 17:18), an instrument of influence and transformation (Matthew 5:13-16, 13:33), an alternative model of God to the satanic lifestyle (Ephesians 2:1-10), the reason for which the world still has hope (Revelations 7:1-3).

WHO AM I IN THESE END TIMES?

I am part of a special rescue team of God, the remnant (Revelation 12:17, 14:12), a possessor of a special relevant message of salvation (Revelation 14:6-12), one essentially called to be part of the final conflict between good and evil (Revelation 16:14-16), part of the people that prepares for His coming, a soon citizen of the city of God (Revelation 21:1-3).

I am telling you this; no matter what I am, what I have been or what I will be, while it's part of God's plan, I am a special person for Christ. I am a necessary soul in the world and someone very critical in this time, it doesn't matter what can change about who I am. Who are you?

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ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES STATISTICS



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DIVISIONS	NUMBER OF AY SOCIETIES	AY MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER OF AMBASSADOR CLUBS	AMBASSADOR MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER OF PATHFINDER CLUBS	PATHFINDER MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER OF ADVENTURER CLUBS	ADVENTURER MEMBERSHIP
ECD	9,368	183,559	5,368	162,237	9,879	282,599	8,318	174,126
EUD	838	15,018	542	5,496	821	8,580	682	6,882
ESD	285	1,188	4	36	339	2,992	188	1,213
IAD	19,336	540,280	430	8,620	5,322	128,293	4,309	83,206
NAD	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A	2,380	56,625	1,660	22,530
NSD	673	28,817	555	22,060	410	7,959	49	437
SAD	22,297	737,275	TBD	TBD	9,770	258,103	5,442	98,976
SID	12,957	510,105	9,820	122,657	10,624	680,915	8,347	801,277
SPD	1,677	37,323	232	3,545	1,297	38,709	1,162	28,290
SSD	8,075	248,292	915	53,517	2,312	76,007	2,043	58,525
SUD	785	94,580	100	7,535	265	19,840	283	13,344
TED	427	11,778	13	178	331	7,890	256	5,733
WAD	1,922	19,229	636	7,412	3,559	56,737	2,741	33,351
ISRF	7	65	N/A	N/A	4	43	4	21
MENA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	190	11	128
TOTALS	78,647	2,427,509	18,615	393,293	47,325	1,625,482	35,495	1,328,039

SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Song Service

Welcome

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1

Prayer

Who am I?

Song who am I (Casting Crowns)

John: Who am I? Why am I really here? What's my purpose? I'm just a boy! No one special.

Voice: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

John: Chosen? Royal? Holy? Peculiar? Me?

Voice: Yes John. You! Before you were formed in your mother's womb. I knew you! I know how many strands of hair are on your head. I KNOW you! You are mine.

John: That all sounds good. But I'm not special and I'm so young so

Voice: You are special because I made you. Doubly special for I redeemed you. It might be easier if I showed you some practical examples. Let me start with the big Samuel.

Samuel: I'm Samuel. My name means God has heard. My mother prayed for me. I mean really prayed for me as she was barren. She promised God that if He gave her a child. She would give him back to God. And that's just what she did. So, I was raised in the temple. Set apart for God's use. I was taught to love God by my mother and learnt to spend time with Him. One night He spoke to me. Well I didn't realize it was Him at first. I thought it was Eli the priest. After two times He realized it must be God and told me to say, "Speak Lord for your servant heareth." So I became the last judge of Israel. God saw me as a child and chose me for holy service. Anyone can be used by Him.

Voice: You see what I mean John? Samuel was called as a boy and went on to judge Israel for 80 years.

John: Hmm. Ok. But Samuel was special. God answered His mother's prayer for a child.

Voice: You were the answer to someone's prayer. No child is born unnoticed. But what about David?

John: What about him?

Voice: Maybe this will make more sense to you than me saying it.

David: Hey. I'm David you might have heard of me. A shepherd boy turned king. When Samuel came looking for a king dad didn't think of me. But God did. He saw my potential. Though I was anointed king I was still just the person who watched the sheep to my family. I visited the war my brothers were helping to fight in and found my people scared of the giant Goliath. I had proven God time and time again. You see, working with sheep taught me patience and made me rely on God. How could a skinny youth protect all the sheep without God's help? Not very possible. I knew God was able to help me so with my sling that the Lord has helped me to use many times before and a stone, I was able to kill Goliath. It was proven that God was all powerful. Being God's turns a shepherd boy into a mighty king.

Voice: I'm sure it should be getting a bit clearer to you now.

John: Yes it is a bit.

Voice: Spending time in the Word helps you to understand Me more and to really get your purpose. I think we should pause for some quality time right now.

Prayer for lesson study

Lesson Study

Special Music

John: I can see clearer now the doubt is going

Voice: Great! Your circumstances and background has no impact on how special you are to me. Once you trust me and allow me to lead. Wonderful things can happen to and for you. Esther's story is all about that.

Esther: A young orphan girl, a captive on a strange country; many persons would expect little to nothing for me. But Yaweh has bigger plans for my life. My cousin Mordecai adopted me and taught me the way of the Lord. When the king wanted a new queen. I was brought to the palace because of my beauty. God cause me the gain favor with first the eunuchs and then the king. While queen I faced a crisis when Haman tried to plot to kill my people. My cousin Mordecai. Reminded me that I might have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. After prayer and fasting I approached the king. Hanna's plot was found out and he was hung on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. I saw an orphan girl. God saw a queen. I thought I was just a young woman. God saw a potential deliverer. God can use anyone.

Voice: I could tell you many stories of youth that have been used. From Joseph. To Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. To countless other persons.

John: Yes. I see! I am special because I am yours. You made me and then redeemed me. Who am I? I am a child of the king. I am special. I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Who am I Lord what do you see
What comes to your mind when you look at me
I see a bit of rock rough and tough
You see a diamond in the rough
I see a boy that doesn't quite measure up
You see potential
Others saw a shepherd boy but you saw a king
With you scrambled notes become a song to sing
My true potential remains to be seen
But all will be well as on you I lean

Voice: Now you are seeing it. Go forth knowing that you have your identity in me. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

Special Music
Closing Prayer

PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE SUGGESTION



- INTRODUCTION
- SABBATH SCHOOL
- COUNTDOWN VIDEO
- ASSEMBLE FOR PROCESSIONAL ENTRANCE
- PROCESSIONAL ENTRANCE
- PATHFINDER SONG
- PLEDGE, LAW
- WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- WORLD & DIVISION DIRECTORS VIDEO MESSAGE
- SONG SERVICE
- PRAYER
- OFFERING
- SPECIAL ITEM (IT CAN BE MUSIC)
- SCRIPTURE READING
- SERMON: WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
- SPECIAL ITEM (IT CAN BE MUSIC)
- CLOSING SONG
- CLOSING PRAYER
- LUNCH
- GPS: GLOBAL PATHFINDER SERVICE (COMMUNITY SERVICE)
- AFTERNOON PROGRAM
 - CONCERT / DRAMA PRESENTATION OR COMMUNITY REPORT
 - PATHFINDER HISTORY VIDEO
 - BAPTISMS (CAN BE DONE DURING THE DIVINE SERVICE)
 - CLOSING PRAYER
- SOCIAL ACTIVITY (INDOOR OR OUTDOOR GAMES)
- FAREWELL



WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

1-Introduction

A - Jacob and Esau are the most famous twins of history.

- Jacob and Esau were two bothers that were born in the same birth since they were twins (Genesis 25:24).
- When we think of “twin” brothers, we think about people who are close and have a special bound with each other.
- However Jacob and Esau were not friends. In reality, the Bible says that they would fight even within the womb of their mother (Genesis 25:22).
- That battle would continue between them, not only until the end of their lives, but even after their death with the nations that descended from them (Genesis 25:23).

B - A cursed name

- The youngest of the twins was “Jacob.” Traditionally, the name Jacob was interpreted as meaning “deceiver” (Genesis 25:26; 27:36; Jeremiah 9:3).
- Can you imagine your parents naming you “deceiver”? I would change my name the first opportunity I had!
- Jacob tried to do something similar. He always wanted to be who he wasn’t, have a name that wasn’t his.
- I am telling you this story because it is possibly that it relates to something that is happening in the depths of your life.
- In Bible times, a name was related to the identity of the person, to their future and destiny (Genesis 4:1, 25; 5:29; 16:15; 17:5, 6; 1 Samuel 25:25).
- Many youth and children, regardless of what they say or even portray, aren’t really happy with who they are, or with who people think they are.
- In reality, in the depth of our souls, when we are conscious of who we are, a desire to be different awakens. A desire to liberate ourselves from that identity that enslaves us and sets our destiny.
- Today, in the story of Jacob, a “deceiver”, you will discover how to deal with that aspect of yourself that you detest. You will learn how God can help you to be who you always wanted to be.

- Even more important, God can transform you into the person that He always wanted you to be, the being that He planned before the foundation of the world, and you will become that person.

2-Who are you?

A - Jacob always wanted to be his brother.

- Giving honor to his name, he engaged his brother in a deal which stripped him of his rights as the “first child”, in exchange for food that he could have very well offered for free (Genesis 25:29-34).
- Many of us have grown up with someone that has been our shadow; someone who we consider better than ourselves, or that receives more privileges. It’s possible that someone has robbed the opportunities that you always believed were yours. There is someone that has what you wanted to have or is who you wanted to be.
- However, it is always a tragedy when we pretend, or deny who we are to become someone else.
- The path to personal transformation passes by recognition of who we are, not its denial. If we don’t accept who we are, we will never have an idea of what we need to do to be who we always wanted to be.

B - God has a blessing for Jacob. However his father had a blessing for his brother.

- From before he was born, God had determined that Jacob, although younger than his brother, would receive the blessing of the eldest (Genesis 25:23).
- This indicates that the blessing of Jacob was assured in the promise of God.
- The Bible says that we have been chosen “before the foundation of the world” to receive “all the spiritual blessings, in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3, 4).
- Due to how things occurred, we will never know how God proposed to reach His plan.
- The fact is that Jacob was not thinking of the blessing that God had for him. He was concerned about the blessing that his father planned to give his brother.
- You don’t have to rob a blessing. God has one for you. You don’t have to be another person to be blessed. Just as you are, God wants to bless you. It’s precisely that blessing that will transform you into the person that God wants you to be.

C - You receive the false blessing only after you change; the real blessing occurs before and it's the foundation of the transformation.

- The moment came when the father, Isaac, was to give his eldest son the blessing he had for him.
- Esau had exchanged his blessing for food; now his father requested food to bless him (Genesis 27:1-4).
- While Esau went out to prepare his food, Jacob presented himself before Isaac with his brother's clothes and fake skin like his brother (Genesis 27:14-18).
- To receive the blessing of his father, Jacob had to take on a false identity, pretend to be another person, his brother. But taking on a false identity would cause him to lose the real blessing of God.
- When he presented himself before his father, he was asked: "Who are you?" (Genesis 27:18)
- Isaac had a blessing for Esau, but not for Jacob, and he wanted to make sure that he was blessing the correct person.
- That was the decisive moment for Jacob: Would he speak the truth, accepting his identity, would he confess to his father that he wasn't who he was pretending to be?
- Jacob decided to do the opposite and responded: "I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done all that you have asked of me" (Genesis 27:19).
- By Jacob saying that he was "Esau", his brother, he was deceiving his father; and by doing so he was giving honor to his name "Jacob", which means "deceiver". Thus, by denying his identity Jacob achieved the opposite, he reaffirmed it.
- There will never be a real transformation in our lives while denying who we are. No matter how negative our experience, our past or our present, we cannot pretend to be who we aren't.
- Whatever benefit that you receive denying who you really are is a false "benefit."
- Blessings cannot be received when denying that you are a sinner, that you have addictions, that there are habits that control you, that you conceal your traumas, that you are a person in need of help.
- Benefits should not be received, denying your faith and your principles for a temporary advantage. All the benefits that you receive while denying who you are is a satanic trap.
- In appearance, Jacob received the blessing. But that wasn't his blessing, it was his brother's blessing.

•Many believe that they have been changed and transformed when they are living other people's blessings; taking on the behavior of others, pretending to be who they aren't. This is the foundation of spiritual hypocrisy, not divine transformation.

3 - Bless me

A - Jacob had to encounter his past.

- A long time passed, Jacob was an adult, with many children and he was concerned about his future.
- He knew that his brother was looking for him and he feared for his life (Genesis 32:6-8).
- Ellen Whites says, "Jacob's wrong, in receiving his brother's blessing by fraud, is again brought forcibly before him, and he is afraid that God will permit Esau to take his life."¹
- He had deceived his brother. Would Esau get revenge?
- He had taken away his blessing. Would his brother now curse him?
- God's plan for you and for me always includes an encounter with the past. The blessing of the divine transformation always begins, not only with who you are but also with who you have been.
- Jacob had to confront his brother; he had to confront his false identity.
- It was during this time of fear and emotional instability that God appeared to him.
- God appeared to Jacob as if He were a man.
- The Bible says that "a man" fought with Jacob (Genesis 32:24).
- Perhaps Jacob thought that it was his brother who had come to kill him, but it was God.
- Kent Hughes clarifies that Jacob did not see the wrestling for what it was—a parable of his entire life. He says, "Throughout the long narrative, Jacob's life has been characterized as a grasping struggle. Jacob had wrestled with his brother (25:22), and then with his father (chap. 27), and then with his father-in-law (chaps. 29-31), and now with God (chap. 32). Jacob had always struggled with both man and God."²

¹ 1SP118.1

² R. Kent Hughes, *Genesis: Beginning and Blessing, Preaching the Word* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2004), 397-402.

- Ellen White points out that “It was Christ that was with Jacob through the night, with whom he wrestled, and whom he perseveringly held until he blessed him.”³

- As you confront your past, as you unmask the forged identity, although it is a painful process, you will discover God. God is who is guiding us through this stage of pain and discovery. ³

B - Bless m

- When Jacob discovered that God was fighting with him, he told him: “I will not let you go, except you bless me” (Genesis 32:26).

- He realized that he had robbed the blessing of men, but he lacked the blessing of God.

- He had changed his identity to please others, but he still did not please God. It still wasn’t what he wanted to be.

- This encounter with God provided him the opportunity to rectify his past and restore his future.

- Will God give him the blessing his soul desired?

4- What is your name?

A - There is no blessing if you don’t recognize who you are.

- Jacob asked for the blessing and God asked for his name.

- The Bible says that God asked him: “What is your name?” (Genesis 32:27)

- That was the question equivalent to the one that his father had asked when he was impersonating his brother.

- In the context of the Bible, to disclose your name could be an act of self-disclosure, a revelation of your character, your deepest identity.

- At that moment, Jacob forged his identity, he pretended to be someone else and the only thing that he received was a false blessing based on a fraud, that at the end reaffirmed that he would always be the same, Jacob, a “deceiver”.

- Would Jacob commit the same error?

B - I am Jacob

- Fortunately, the Bible says that Jacob responded: “I am Jacob” (Genesis 32:27).
- Here it was a confession of guilt—“I am fraud. I am deceiver. I am supplanter. I am rightly named Jacob, for I cheated my brother twice!” (cf. 27:36). ⁴
- Jacob decided to recognize who he was and, discover his true identity.
- That was his opportunity to redeem his past and secure his future and Jacob made the best decision.
- This confession evoked amazing, transforming grace, because instead of merely blessing him, his assailant changed Jacob’s name, announcing his new character. ⁵
- When Jacob confessed that he was a “deceiver,” he spoke the truth, and that is contrary to being a “deceiver.”
- In other words, at the point of accepting that he was “Jacob,” Jacob stopped being Jacob. At the moment of confessing that he was a deceiver, the deceiver stopped being a “deceiver.” At the moment of accepting who were, we become free from who we are, to be who we wanted to be.

5 - A new name

A - God changed my name

- The story says that God told him: “Your name will be called Jacob no more, but Israel; because you have fought with God and with men and have prevailed” (Genesis 32:28).
- Recognizing who he was, prepared Jacob to be who he wanted to be.
- When he said his name, he was given the right to have a new name.

B - Your new name doesn’t have anything to do with your past, but with your future.

- The name “Israel” means “the one who fought with God (and prevailed)”.
- Jacob will not simply be a deceiver but a “victor.”

⁴ Ibid, 397–402.

⁵ Ibid.

- His prior name attached him to his past; his new name assured him that no matter the battles that he would have to confront in life, he would be a victor.

- God is the most powerful being in the universe, when you fight with him and win, you will never confront a bigger challenge. If you win with God, your future will be victorious.

- And the only way to be blessed in our dealings (dispute) with God is recognizing who we are. When we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse all wickedness.

6 - Conclusion

A - Jacob's life is the story of relentless grace—tenacious grace, contending grace, intrusive grace, renovating grace.⁶

Tenacious in that it would not let him go.

Contending as it was always battling for his soul.

Intrusive because it would not be shut out.

Renovating because it gave him a new limp and a new name.

B - Inside of you, a discomfort exists with the person that you are today. In the depths of your soul, you want to change. If you recognize who you are, and put yourself in the hands of God, He is powerful to forgive you, restore you and make you a wonderful soul...who you always wanted to be.

C - Jacob lived his life with a false identity. Detesting who he was, and even worse, pretending to be who he wasn't. But Jacob had an encounter with God and found his true self, his true identity and calling. He was not calling him to be a sinner anymore, but a victor in the name and power of God.

D - You also can have this wonderful encounter. You don't have to be a hypocrite. You don't have to pretend or simulate what you are not. God will really transform your life and make of you an exhibition of His power.

E - God is waiting to find you alone, like Jacob, to have this encounter, His battle with you. It may be painful, but it will surely be transforming and emotional.

F - Do you want to have this encounter? God is here today. This battle can begin now. Confess to Him who you are and let Him transform you in the wonderful being that He planned for you to be before the foundation of the world.

7 - Altar Call and Prayer

⁶ Ibid.

GLOBAL PATHFINDER SERVICE (GPS): COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS



"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
— Mahatma Gandhi

NOTE: Community Services should be adapted to your own area. However, be creative and serve your community as needed. In addition, remember to work together with the Community Service Director of your local Church and also get approval from the local Church board.

NURSING HOMES

- 1-Visit a nursing home
- 2-Deliver fresh flowers
- 3-Do a musical performance at a nursing home.
- 4-Host a regular church service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)

HOMELESS

- 1-Prepare a home-cooked meal for the residents of a nearby homeless shelter
- 2-Provide Clothing
- 3-Prepare a care package

HOSPITAL

- 1-Deliver small gifts to patients and families
- 2-Sing, share the Bible and Pray for the sick

GENERAL IDEAS

- 1-Giveaway free water
- 2-Organize a community blood drive
- 3-Deliver groceries and meals to elderly neighbors or someone in need.
- 4-Donate art supplies to kids in a homeless shelter
- 5-Organize a health fair that offers free checkups
- 6-Organize a March or Parade for a Cause
- 7-Create thank you card or bring a fruit baskets to fire house or police station.

"I don't want my life to be defined by what is etched on a tombstone. I want it to be defined by what is etched in the lives and hearts of those I've touched." — Steve Maraboli

15 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IDEAS



"It's ok to have fun, as long you please the Lord."
— Andres J. Peralta

NOTE: Be creative in your social activities, adapt these ideas to your own area.

1-WHO AM I:

You Will Need:

- Sticky notes
- A pen

How To:

- Write down a famous character or celebrity name on the sticky note.
- Stick a note on each player's forehead without them seeing what is on it.
- The player then asks questions with a yes or no answer to their group members.
- They should try to guess the character based on the answers received.
- Each player gets a maximum of three attempts to guess the name.

2-SING THE LYRICS:

•You Will Need:

- Paper
- Pen
- Song lyrics (We recommend using Camporee songs)
- You can also use projection (Computer and Projector or TV) for this activity

How to?

- Write down (or project) one or two verses of the songs. Ensure you leave a few words missing here and there and leave it as a blank.
- Write down the name of the song beside it so that you know the right answer.
- Divide the pathfinders into teams.
- Give each team a chance to guess while you read out the clues that you wrote down as a verse. Set a time by which the players have to guess. If the team or player cannot guess the lyrics, pass it on to the next person or team. The team that gets the maximum answers right is the winner.

3-ORGANIZE SPORTS GAMES SUCH AS:

- Basketball
- Soccer/Football
- Volleyball

4-FOOT VOLLEYBALL

You Will Need:

- Balloon
- A volleyball net

How To:

- Ask all teens to remove their shoes and form two groups.
- Hang the net in such a way that it is at least three to four feet above the floor. Let both the teams take their positions, on each side of the net.
- Your teen and their friends now need to play volleyball with the balloon using their feet instead of their hands!

5-THE ORANGE WAR:

You Will Need:

- Oranges
- Plastic spoons to hold the oranges

How To:

- Place the oranges in the spoons and give them to two players at a time.
- The players have to tip off the orange of their opponent without touching them and while trying to keep their orange in their spoon.
- As soon as someone loses their orange, they are out of the game. The winning player may stand on one side.
- Keep repeating the competition until all players get a chance.
- Now give a spoon and an orange to each winner and ask them to play for the winning title. The player who has the orange in the spoon until the end wins.

6-THE HUMAN PRETZEL:

How To:

- Ask all players to stand in a circle.
- Each player has to grab the hands of another player, except for the players standing on either side.
- Now everyone has to try and untwist themselves in such a way that they end up making a circle.

7-BALLOON HITTER

You Will Need:

- A balloon for each player
- Some objects that will be the target

How To:

- Hand out a balloon to each player and ask them to inflate it.
- Place the targets at a considerable distance on the floor and ask all players to stand on one side. At the signal, the players have to hit their target with their balloon. You can decide the amount of tries the players are allowed or base it on time.
- The player who can hit the target first with the balloon is the winner.

8-ASA:

It is one of the fun indoor games for pathfinders where all the players maintain a rhythm by tapping legs, clapping hands or clicking fingers (twice – right and then left).

Each player takes their name and motion. You should pick such a motion that syncs with the name.

How To:

- One person will begin the game by taking his/her name and a rhythm, followed by the name and motion of another teammate.
- The next player will be the one who was named by the previous player. He will now take his name and a rhythm followed by someone else's name and motion.
- You can also play a variation of the game by just pointing out two players with your finger saying 'you, you'. These two will at a time start saying their name with some motion.
- To make the game harder, you can pick more than two players or say, everyone. Here everyone will start saying out their names with motions.
- The hardest variation will be when players stop saying names but only perform motions, and the other players need to recognize the motion and relate it to their name.

9-THE MUTE ORGANIZATION

You Will Need:

- Nothing

How To:

- Announce to all the pathfinders to make a queue/line by their birth date. But the catch here is that they cannot talk.
- Once the players have lined up, ask them their birthdays.
- You can play the same game with the height, birthday month or shoe size.

Variation:

- Give each teen a number and tell them to arrange themselves in the numerical order without talking to each other.
- Neither can they hold up the fingers. But do not prohibit them from using or making up their sign language or sublanguage.
- The game will improve the communication skills within the pathfinders.

10-BALLOON FRENZY

You Will Need:

- Balloons in two different colors (the number of balloons depends on the strength of the team).

How To:

- The objective of the game is to knock down or burst the opposition's balloons while keeping your own in the air.
- Divide the teens into two teams.
- Handover a balloon to each player and tell them to blow it up.
- After they have blown up the balloons, have the teams to stand at the opposite ends of the room.
- At the call of 'go', the players have to launch the balloons into the air by hitting it.
- The balloon will be eliminated if it hits the ground. Make sure the team members collect the sunken balloon.
- The first team to knock down the opposing team's balloons will be the winner.
- We'd recommend you play the game in three rounds as its super fun this is a super exciting team building games for your teenage son or daughter.

11-HUMAN KNOT

You Will Need:

- Nothing

How To:

- Have the teen make a circle.
- Now tell them to put their hand in the middle and grab two hands without looking at each other.
- Now the teens have to talk to each other How To untangle without letting go of the hands. It may involve climbing over arms or crawling under.
- The players will become more tangled if they don't communicate with each other.
- The human knot is an excellent team building activity for pathfinders. It will help teens express their ideas and opinions and listen to others.

12-TRUST ME:

You Will Need:

- Scarf to blindfold the pathfinders
- Objects to create the obstacles.
- Stopwatch.

How To:

- Divide the teens into groups of 5.
- Now let the kids create an obstacle course. They can create either one or two obstacle course.
- Blindfold a pathfinder and let one member of the team guide the blindfolded kids around the course.
- Assign a time for this activity, the maximum should be 3 minutes.
- When they get back to the starting point, either let them swap or select another pair.
- This game will help the pathfinders develop trust in each other.

13-TUG-OF-WAR:

You Will Need:

- A rope

How To:

- Divide the teens into two teams.
- Hand each team an end of the rope.
- At the blow of the whistle, the teams have to pull the ropes to bring down the opposing team. Or you can even mark a distance where the teams have to bring the rope against the force of the opponent's pull.
- You can even team the strongest against the weak.

14-WHEELBARROW RACE:

You Will Need:

- Nothing

How To:

- Divide the team into pairs.
- One teammate will play the role of the driver, and the other has to play the role of the wheelbarrow. The driver needs to hold the 'wheelbarrow's ankles as they walks with their hands.
- This classic game will not just get the teens moving but moving together to reach the end of the race.

15. SEATED BASKETBALL:

Basketball team building ideas are a fun way to interact each other.

- You Will Need:
- Basketball
- Laundry basket
- Chairs

How To:

- The game will be played in rounds.
- Divide the participants into two teams.
- At the beginning of round one, the players will get just a short amount of time to place their chairs in a position. They cannot move their spot after placing the chairs.
- Then the teammates have to pass the ball to each other, without being intercepted by the opposing team.
- After making the pass, the player has to toss the ball to the basket.
- The team that makes the maximum baskets will be the winner.

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