**Theme: I am Coming Back – Getting Ready**

John 14:2-4, Rev 21:4, Heb. 12:2; CS Lewis quote

**Resources:**

* Name labels
* Icebreaker questions PowerPoint
* Food
* Video countdown timer
* Game resources
* Prizes and tasks to do for whole group activity
* Ways to persevere options
* Prepared talk
* Video song

| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
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|  |  | **Doors open, Ice breaker questions on screen** | **15 min** |
|  |  | **Meal** | **25 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | [5 Min Countdown Timer (Roller Coaster) 🎢 (youtube.com)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml7nUcfxkkU) | |
|  |  | **Welcome** | **1 min** |
|  |  | **Game** - Noughts & Crosses or rings on pole (garden game) | **10 min** |
|  |  | **Notices / Encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Activity** | **10 min** |
|  |  | Have a 4-5 different ‘prizes’ on a table at the front with various tasks to do to ‘earn’ the prize. The better or bigger the prize, the more tasks one must do, of increasing difficulty and/or gross-ness, to ‘earn’ the prize. Invite people to come have a go. Some may decide that the prize is no longer worth it. | |
|  |  | **Table discussion** | **6 min** |
|  |  | What is something you or a group you were part of worked the hardest for and/or took the longest? It could be an object, an achievement, circumstances you aspire to. Why was it so important to you? Feedback. | |
|  |  | **Link** | **2 min** |
|  |  | We’ve been thinking about what lengths we would go to pursue something good. Before Jesus left this earth and sent the Holy Spirit, he told his followers, ‘I am going to prepare a place for you…. I will come back and take you to be with me that you may be where I am. You know the way to the place I am going.’ What will that place be like? In the Bible, it says, ‘there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,’ that God will live or dwell with his followers. He will be with them and be their God(/king/ruler). But it’s been over 2000 years since Jesus said that! Many times, in the Bible, it says to be ready, to be prepared for Jesus’ return. It says we need to continue to follow him, to obey his commands. Think about being ready for a friend who is coming to pick you up for a weekend away together. How long do you wait? How do you persevere when something seems too far away, too difficult or other things get in the way? | |
|  |  | **Walk around activity** | **8 min** |
|  |  | How do we persevere when it gets tough? Explain that there are options posted around the room. Ask people go around, writing down or remembering the ones they use. Then have them tell the leader at the front who has the list of options written on a whiteboard. They will tick the person’s top 3 methods. Give people the choice to write in, if their method is not shown. Feedback. | |
|  |  | **Talk** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Focus on CS Lewis quote and Heb. 12:2. See separate document. | |
|  |  | **Video song** | **4 min** |
|  |  | [What a day that will be (Lyric Video) - Jim Hill - O.M.B. performance by Geoff Allanach - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMvVsGVqJ84)  [Soon and Very Soon (Andraé Crouch) (Lyrics) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaYrh9yamUA) | |
|  |  | **Sum up and finish** | **2 min** |
|  |  | Mention that prayer is available | |
|  |  | **End** |  |