**Session 4**

**Theme: Jesus shows us what Church is**

John 2:14-16 / Luke 19:45-47

**Resources:**

* Name labels
* Pens
* Ice breaker PowerPoint questions
* Prayer cards
* Video countdown timer
* Game resources
* ‘Smash’ video clip
* A5 sheets of paper & pens for Alien explanation
* Washing line
* Pegs
* A6 pieces of paper
* ‘Son of God’ video clip
* Prepared ‘summing-up talk
* ‘Jesus, lover of my soul’ video song

| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
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|  |  | **Doors open and ice breaker questions on screen** | **25 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **The secular game** | **10 min** |
|  |  | **Notices & encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Video clip** | **2 min** |
|  |  | Show the Aliens ‘Smash’ advert. URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4MTgjNkfyI> | |
|  |  | **Group discussion** | **8 min** |
|  |  | Ask the groups to think about how they would explain what this building (church) is, to an alien. They can’t just say, “It’s a church!” In fact, they are not allowed to use the word ‘church’ in their answers! Then feedback. | |
|  |  | **Whole group activity** | **8 min** |
|  |  | The table groups choose ideas that explain what a church is, from the previous activity, and they write each idea on a separate piece of paper. Then they come up and hang their ideas on a washing line using pegs, according to whether or not the idea is a most important or a least important one. Then feedback. In the feedback, see if the guest’s ideas can be grouped into the following categories: (1) Social / Friendship, (2) Service, (3) Glorifying God, (4) Encountering God. | |
|  |  | **Video clip** | **3 min** |
|  |  | Show clip from the film ‘Son of God’, when Jesus clears the Temple.  URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6PVWlih2FI> | |
|  |  | **Led from the front discussion** | **6 min** |
|  |  | What did guests think of the video? Were they shocked? Why did Jesus behave in that way? | |
|  |  | **Summing-up talk** | **4 min** |
|  |  | Focus on the different categories from the whole group activity, particularly Glorifying and Encountering God. This is because Jesus said that his Father’s house (church) should be a house of prayer, and prayer is one of the main ways that we glorify and encounter God. | |
|  |  | **Video song** | **5 min** |
|  |  | ‘Jesus, lover of my soul (It’s all about you)’ URL: <https://youtu.be/Ol6H3LAb72w> | |
|  |  | **Sum-up, final prayer and finish** | **2 min** |
|  |  | **End** |  |