



GETTING READY

1. Welcome/Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- Two sets of Burger Time game props (See "What You Do")
 - Two big hamburger buns made from craft paper to be worn sandwich-board-style
 - Tomato from fabric or paper
 - Cheese from fabric or paper
 - Lettuce from fabric or paper
 - Burger patty from fabric or paper

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Burger Time Video Game Screen Shot

Optional Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop Video
- Countdown Video
- Theme Video

2. Communicator Script

What You Need:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Stand mixer covered by a wrapped box that can be lifted up (if using the Introduction story)
- Three bad gifts (wrap up anything that makes for a bad gift: a rock, an empty tape dispenser, etc.)
- Three pre-selected volunteers

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Key Question Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Choose three leaders/volunteers to give presents to. Prep them ahead of time that the gifts will not be good gifts.

3. Worship

What You Need:

- We are Royals
- Who You Say I Am

Back 2 Good

Bible Story: Back 2 Good (Every Good and Perfect Gift) • *James 1:17a*

Bottom Line: Show God's goodness to others.

Key Question: How can you show God's goodness to others?

Memory Verse: *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6, NIV

Life App: Life App—What God is doing in you to change the world around you

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: *Play high-energy music as kids enter.*

CG: *Theme Slide*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Theme Loop*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Countdown*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Theme*

Host enters.

Welcome

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening (Spider-Man: Far From Home, The Lion King), a viral video on YouTube, or July holidays (Canada Day, Independence Day, Chocolate Day, Cow Appreciation Day, National Cheesecake Day, etc.). Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Hey everyone! I am so pumped for another month here at [Name of Environment]. All summer long we've been discovering what God is doing in us to change the world around us with a little help from some classic video games! That's right . . . we've looked at *Asteroids* and *Joust* and everybody's favorite Italian plumbing brothers. And to kick us off today, we start with a true classic. Now, in games you play in 2019 you might (*flippantly*) rescue a princess from an oversized fire-breathing monster or lead your squadron overseas to carry out a top-secret mission. But in my day . . . our quest was simple. Build the perfect burger. Yes, I'm talking about the classic game *Burger Time*.

CG: *Visual image of Burger Time*

HOST: “Amazing, right? So we thought we’d play a little *Burger Time* up in here, and I need four volunteers who think they have what it takes to build the perfect burger. Who’s in?!”

Host chooses four volunteers and brings them up on stage.

HOST: “Alright, so here is how the game is played. In just a moment, you’ll work as teams of two to build the perfect burger first. But to build the perfect burger, it starts with the bread! That’s right . . . every hamburger needs a great hamburger roll. Let’s get you suited up.”

Host slips paper bun costume over the head of each volunteer.

“Perfect. Now, as partners you will line up across from one another with all of the ingredients for the perfect burger in between. When I say go, one burger bun will lie down, while the other races down to collect each ingredient ONE by ONE, placing them on his or her partner. Once you have placed the last ingredient, you need to finish the burger as the top bun by jumping on. The first team to make the perfect burger wins. Got it? Ready, set . . . GOOOOOOO!!!!!!”

Host commentates throughout the game.

“(After the game) Well done! Get it? WELL DONE . . . like a burger . . . never mind. Awesome job. Some classic *Burger Time* action! Now let’s stand and worship together!”

Announcements

Use this as an example of what to say. Make it your own and help the kids feel welcomed. Then take a moment to share any/all announcements.

HOST: “I’m so excited to be here with all of you today and get a little crazy! If it’s your first time here, I want to welcome you and I would love to have a chance to meet you and get a high-five! Your group leaders are here almost every week... they’re pretty amazing. Here at Mission, we believe that this is a place for you and you belong here no matter who you are or what you believe. At the core of who we are as a church, we believe that **JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!**

“I have just a few announcements for you all today...”

Share any/all announcements.

Worship Leaders enter. Host exits.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Thank you, *[Name of Host]*. Let’s get up and get loud as we sing and dance for who God is and what he’s done for us!

We Are Royals

WORSHIP LEADER: “That was amazing! (*Take a moment to say something about the next song*). So let’s give everything we have and worship God together!

Who You Say I Am

WORSHIP LEADER: *PRAY*

Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: “Hey everybody! Great to see you. As we get started, I have a question for you: have you ever received a gift that, at the time, you couldn’t see how it was a good gift, but then later on it turned out to be something you loved?”

Tell a personal story similar to the one below or consider using an “imagine that” scenario.

Communicator walks towards wrapped stand mixer.

“There was this one Christmas where I was shopping for my wife and saw what I thought was the ultimate Christmas present for her. It was something that she liked to do a lot and would help her to do it more efficiently. It was expensive, but I believed it would be worth it. So I bought it, wrapped it up, and put it under the tree. On Christmas Day, I couldn’t wait to give my gift to my wife. She unwrapped it and . . . (*pause*) let’s just say she wasn’t as excited as I thought she’d be. Why? Well . . . maybe it was because . . . (*lifts the box off of the present*) I had bought her a mixer. That’s right. Now, before you start judging me, it was a REALLY nice mixer! This was a top-of-the-line stand mixer with the bowl that they sell in all of the colors. My wife loves to bake, and I thought it would help her to bake a lot easier, but well, I guess it wasn’t that exciting of a gift . . . at first. See, after a while, my wife would tell you that she began to really love and appreciate the gift, and to this day, she says that it is one of the best gifts she has ever received.”

“How about you? Take a quick moment and TURN and SHARE with the person sitting next to you about a time you received a gift that you didn’t really like or understand at first but maybe came to appreciate later on.”

If you overheard any good examples, share them with everyone.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: “Judging by the conversation, I’m thinking the answer is going to be yes . . . but do we ever have moments like what happened with my wife and me? Where we can’t see the good gifts we have been given? And what if those gifts in question are from God? We might be missing out on enjoying all sorts of

things because we're not seeing all of the amazing things God has been doing in our lives. And we wouldn't want that to happen, right? That would be bad. But how can we tell which gifts are good and from God?"

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: "That's a big question! But one that actually has an answer! Let's dig into something found in the pages of the Bible. It comes from the New Testament in a letter called James. James was the brother of Jesus. Now you might imagine that being THAT close to Jesus would give you plenty of opportunity to see who Jesus is and believe that He was sent by God, but James, as well as Jesus' other siblings, did not believe Jesus was who He said He was. At least not at first. But sometime later on, after Jesus' resurrection, James put his faith in Jesus and actually became a very important leader in the early church. He wrote a letter to Christians who were being persecuted because of their faith in Jesus. James writes these simple yet powerful words."

"(Read directly from James 1:17a NIV) 'Every good and perfect gift is from God.'"

"Seems pretty straightforward, right? But as I was thinking about this, it made me think about gifts. I know we're not anywhere near the Christmas season, but I brought a few gifts with me today for some of my friends."

Give three bad gifts out to three pre-selected leaders. Allow for reaction and interact.

(After gifts are opened) "Okay. Let's be honest—those were some pretty bad gifts. But I did that to make a point. See, I was thinking about what James was saying here, 'Every good and perfect gift is from God.' Now that is a true statement . . . absolutely . . . but it made me wonder if he got that idea from something Jesus had said. See, in one of Jesus' most famous teachings, Jesus talked about gifts."

"(Read directly from Matthew 7:9-11 NIV) 'Suppose your son asks for bread. Which of you will give him a stone? Or suppose he asks for a fish. Which of you will give him a snake? Even though you are evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!'"

"Jesus says that even though as humans we get it wrong a lot, we are able to give good gifts to those we love . . . how much more should we expect that God, who NEVER gets it wrong, should be able to give good gifts to those He loves! In other words, James says every good and perfect gift is from God, and we can trust that is true because God is good and perfect."

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "Now, like the stand mixer *(or the illustration you used in the Introduction above)*, sometimes we don't know a gift is good at first. Sometimes it takes some time before we truly see the gift for what it is."

"Maybe you had your heart set on a certain part in the school play. You worked hard at memorizing the lines for the auditions and imagined yourself on stage taking the lead. But then you didn't get the part. Instead, you got a supporting role, which you really hadn't thought much about. At the time, that certainly didn't feel like a

gift. Not getting the part you wanted in the play is a gift? I don't think so. But over time, you began to love the part you were cast in, and you met some really great people who became good friends. What at the time seemed like a *(reference one of the bad gifts you handed out earlier)* was actually a good gift in the end."

"Or maybe your family had planned to go away for spring break but because of some budget cut backs, your parents just couldn't afford it this year. And so, while your friends were all posting pics from sunny beaches, you were stuck in town for the week instead. During that week, however, your family was able to hang out with some other families who were still in town and even served together at a local ministry for a day. You laughed a lot together and really enjoyed some quality time together. Looking back on the week, you realized that what at first seemed like *(reference one of the other bad gifts you handed out earlier)* was actually a good gift in the end."

"Or maybe right now, you find yourself envying other people because they have talents and abilities that are really obvious and praiseworthy. They are always getting complimented or encouraged for their gifts, while you aren't so sure what your gifts are yet or how they might be used. What if God is already preparing to use those gifts in a really powerful way in the future? What if what right now seems like *(reference one of the other bad gifts you handed out earlier)* is actually a good gift in the end?"

"And the beautiful thing about all of these good gifts from God is that they ultimately point us back to the good God who gave them. Every good and perfect gift comes from God, and when we see it, we are reminded about our good and perfect God!"

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "On top of those situations, God has given us the most incredible gift ever—Jesus! When we were still far from God, God loved us and sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die on cross, and come back to life to conquer death to make a way for us to have a forever-relationship with God. When we believe that is true, God gives another gift, the Holy Spirit, to guide us and give us power to show others how much God loves them, too. Goodness is one of those things. We get to show others God's goodness by how we treat them.

"So today as you go to groups, I want you to talk about this question . . ."

CG: Key Question Slide

"How can you show God's goodness to others? From friends to family members, how can your actions point them to God and show them how much God loves them. If you're having trouble thinking of a way, don't worry! You'll talk more about it in small group. Before you head there, let's thank God for giving us good and perfect gifts, like Jesus! Let's pray."

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop