

Festival Teesside Youth Lesson on Praying for your 'one'

Opening Game:

Hidden Treasure:

Supplies:

- A “treasure” (something like enough sweets for the winning group)
- Clues written down to the location of the treasure: both true and false

Before the game starts, hide the treasure somewhere in the building, or outside, if that works with your location. It needs to be hidden well enough that people can't find it without help. Split everyone into two groups.

Choose one person from each group and pull them aside. Tell them where the treasure is but tell them that they cannot give their teammates any hints at all.

Send them back to their groups and tell everyone to start looking for the treasure—without giving them any rules or hints to where it may be.

After teams have been looking for a while, start passing out clues. For every true clue you give them, also give them a false clue.

After everyone runs around confused for a few minutes, eventually give them enough true clues to allow one of the groups to find the treasure.

Ask:

- Wasn't that a confusing treasure hunt?
- Did the false clues make it a lot harder to find what you were looking for?
- Wouldn't it have been easier if I had given you directions at the beginning of the game?
- What if I told you that (say names of the people you told them where the treasure was) knew the whole time where the treasure was? How would that make you feel?

Well, this leads us into what we are talking about today. When it comes to the real treasure in our lives it is something better than (whatever sweet you used). The real treasure is Jesus! Now I know that this is something you all probably know and that you can probably even guess the link I am trying to make here with the game we just played. When we don't tell our friends about Jesus it's a bit like (names from the game) not sharing with you where to find the treasure. But I also recognise that it's a lot harder to share with your friends who Jesus is than to tell them how to find the sweets.

You may have heard of Festival Teesside and that there is going to be extreme sports displays, food vans, live music, & fairground rides. Plus, a youth zone that will have a graffiti

art area, sports, giveaways, and much more! The thing is to get young people there we need YOU!

PLAY 'ONE' VIDEO

We recognise that it is more challenging than ever before for our young people to invite their friends to Christian events. But what if everyone brought ONE? And what if we all saw ONE friend come to faith? We would double in number! We are therefore trying to make this more manageable for you by inviting you to:

PRAY for ONE friend

BRING ONE friend to Festival Teesside

SEE ONE friend come to know Jesus!

Discussion in groups or in one group depending on the size of the group:

- Can you think of one friend who doesn't know Jesus that you can invite to Festival Teesside?
- How does the idea of asking your friend to come with you make you feel?

Prayer is powerful!! When we look at the Bible even Jesus prayed before He had to important things. Look at what Jesus did before he chose his 12 Disciples.

Luke 6:12-16 NIV

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Sometimes asking our friends to come to church or to an event can be scary. We are worried about rejection from them. But a tool that can help us not only have confidence in asking our friends but to also help them come around to the idea of coming along is simple—pray for them! Jesus did it time and time again during His life on earth and if it worked for Him it'll also work for us!

We are inviting you all to pray for your ONE friend at 1.09pm every day, and remind themselves of Colossians 1:9

'Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you'.

Finish off with passing around the cards with the Bible verse on them and ask your young people to write down the name of the person they are going to pray for. Encourage them to put it somewhere they will see every day.