

Introductory Programme for 3 weeks

OR

Term One, Week One:

Funky Mosaicz #1

Aim:

The purpose of this session is to get to know the girls in the group, to place them in small groups and help them to work together as a team and have some fun.

We will reflect on 1 Corinthians 12 v 12 -26, everyone in a community has a contribution to make, just as each part of the human body contributes to the body functioning properly, so each girl is an important and unique part of this I.F.G.

community. Each mosaic piece is needed to complete the pattern just as each one of you is an important team member of our I.F.G. club and your team.



Objectives:

1. To divide the girls into two or three separate teams depending on the number that arrive.
2. To introduce and play some short team building games / activities.
3. The whole group will learn about the importance of each member in a community/team.
4. Each girl will select and draw a design onto their placemat (tile or painted board) in preparation for next week.

Prior Preparation:

The I.F.G. logo (the butterfly) drawn on A4 card and cut up into pieces. The pieces are stored in snap lock bags with a felt pen. One bag per team.
(You may also like to draw a large logo of the butterfly, cut it into pieces, write each I.F.G. member's name on a piece. Reassemble and display on the wall - each piece could be velcroed and used as an attendance register).

MDF board or Plywood pre cut into squares. 20 cm x 20 cm
alternatively, a large tile 20cmx20cm to be used as a base. (ONE PER GIRL)

Equipment needed:

A whistle

Bible and/or a Children's Bible Story book

Balls and other sports gear

Mystery jigsaw pieces in snap lock bag.

A range of stationery: Pencils, felt pens, permanent markers, jovi crayons

Blank A4 paper for drawing designs

A completed mosaic or pictures of mosaics.
Photocopied Template designs for ideas
Acrylic Paint and brushes
Wooden board or large tile

Pre SetUP arrival time: 5 minutes

Have balls and sports equipment available for the girls to play with as they arrive prior to the formal part of the programme.
Have pictures, library books on making mosaics and designs available for girls to look at.

PreSet up Games: 10-15 Minutes

Using a Child's games book, introduce, demonstrate and play an indoor game, which will involve the whole group and has lots of action. One leader can run this satisfactorily while other leaders help with registrations and other things happening around the place.
See resource at the end of this booklet for some games ideas.

SetUp: 10minutes: The "SetUP" is the formal start to the evening's programme).
You could run your Setup procedure as follows:

1. Blow the whistle to get the girls to assemble at the Home Zone.
2. Pick a leading girl (Team Marker) to SetUp on a pre marked spot for each of the three teams (forming the horse shoe shape). Give the instructions of how and where you want them to form then say go or move now etc.
3. When all the teams are in place and quiet, you can begin the programme with an opening prayer, followed by a welcome, introductions of Unit leaders and announcements about the session.
4. Give each team the snap lock bag containing the mystery jigsaw pieces. Send them off to their team zone areas. First challenge is for each team to assemble the mystery jigsaw - make it a competition. Before returning to the Home Zone have each girl write her name on one of the pieces.

Devotion: 10-15 minutes at Home Zone

New Life Butterfly Devotional

Equipment:

For this devotional use a real or puppet butterfly, or the New Life Butterfly Snack or Coffee Filter Butterfly Craft (see below)

Message: Who knows what a butterfly is before it *changes* into a butterfly?
(Listen for answers.) Yes, a caterpillar. The word for "Change" in the Bible is the word "Metamorphosis". It is the same word we use to describe how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. The Bible says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;

the old has gone, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17. Becoming a new creation is a metamorphosis, or change, that God makes in our hearts and lives when GOD SAVES US.

When a caterpillar is living as a caterpillar, can it fly? Does it look like a butterfly? Does it act like a butterfly? No. But when the caterpillar's metamorphosis, or change occurs, it becomes a butterfly. So you see, the caterpillar can no longer look or act like a caterpillar, because it has become an entirely new creature! That's how it is when GOD SAVES US. We are forgiven for all the wrong things we do, and God no longer sees all our mistakes. He only sees Jesus living in us! The Holy Spirit then helps us to follow and obey God.

Would you like to have this kind of change or metamorphosis happen in your life? If you ask Jesus into your heart, God has promised that he will make you into a new creature, not a butterfly of course, but a Christian, His child, who will live with him for all eternity (See 2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

(Pray and thank God for making it possible for us to become new creatures and for giving us eternal life in His Son.)

You could make a new life butterfly snack with the girls or pre-prepare them:

You will need:

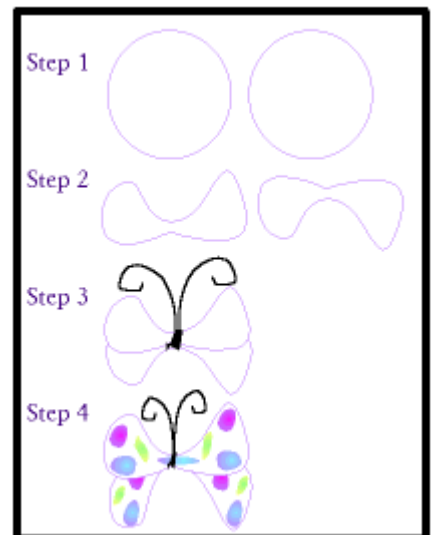
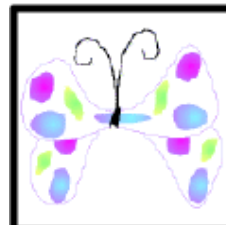
Celery sticks, Easy Cheese (comes in a can), pretzels, shoe-lace licorice.

What you do:

To make the butterfly body, squeeze the cheese into the celery stick. For the butterfly wings place two pretzels into the cheese. For the antennae, cut two pieces of the shoe-lace licorice, and place them on the tip of the butterfly. The girls can now eat them.

New Life Butterfly:

The butterfly represents new life. The Bible says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ..." 2 Corinthians 5:17-18



Equipment:

2 white, round, paper coffee filters, 1 black pipe cleaner, water color paint, paint brush, clean water.

Step 1: Flatten the two coffee filters.

Step 2: Scrunch the filters in the middle. Fan the outside edges.

Step 3: Loop the pipe cleaner around the two coffee filters. Curl the ends to look like the antennas on a butterfly.

Step 4: Hold onto the butterfly with the pipe cleaner. Dip your paint brush into your water colors. Dab the paint onto your butterfly. (Butterflies are symmetrical in their coloring.) Be careful not to let your colors get muddy. Keep your water clean! You may want to lightly wet the filter first, then apply the paint for a soft effect. Let the butterfly dry.

Options: You may want to hot glue your butterfly onto a hair clip and wear it in your hair, or onto a clothes pin with a magnet on the back, for your refrigerator. My daughter suggested using the butterfly on a wrapped Birthday present instead of a bow! You could even use it on your Christmas tree as an ornament symbolizing new life in Jesus Christ!

Introduction: Team time 15 minutes

Each team needs to have an adult leader and a Team Marker (one of the more responsible older girls in each team). Members of a team can elect their own Team Marker. The girl chosen needs to be responsible enough to set the example for behaviour and initiative for the group. Nominations by the adult leader could eliminate problems of unsuitable team markers being elected.

1. Before dismissing the teams to return to their team zones, instruct them to carry out the following within 15 minutes:

- To elect a Team Marker from their own ranks.
- Come up with ideas of a name for their team.
- Vote/decide on a team name
- The (adult) leader can then write their new team name on the body of their I.F.G. Butterfly or on a team card. (Copy in Resource in back of this book).

2. Reassemble in Home Zone to view pictures of mosaics and look at different templates. Girls move to team zones to paint wood (including back and edges) with a white or black acrylic paint.

On A4 paper create an original design or select template. Each girl can decide on the colours of their design from tiles available.

Keep designs simple - definite simple shapes - no clutter.

If you have chosen to make the mosaic on a large tile draw the design onto the surface in sharp, clear lines.

Template ideas: *(Some ideas are included at the end of Week 3)*

Butterfly, turtle, fish, snail, starfish, palm trees, cacti, flowers, ladybug, teddy bears, name, Koru, house, patterns, heart, star, rainbow, birds...

Conclusion and Notices: Home Zone

Clean up their team zones, move into the home zone.

In preparation for next week explain to the girls the next step for making a mosaic. Show them different types of tile shapes. The girls could also bring glass buttons, glass tiles, mirror tiles, paua pieces or even shells which may also be incorporated in their designs. The girls need to bring an old tee shirt to cover clothes for the next two sessions.

Close in prayer and hand out any notices after prayer. After this release them to their parents.

If time is short get the leaders to close in prayer then hand out notices and release the teams separately.

NOTE: Make yourself available to talk to parents at this time, try hard to get to know their names. Parents are valuable resources when you have made the effort to get to know them. They have skills that they are willing to share if given the opportunity. They are also potential future leaders and helpers, maybe even the future Senior Leader.

Coach's Tip

Look for VIPs, VRPs & VTPs!!!!

Very Important People to help you run events

Very Resourceful People for ideas

Very Trainable People who are your future leaders & helpers.

Aim:

- The purpose of this second session is to further get to know the girls in the group. When playing games reshuffle the groups, so that the girls may get to know others or be with their friends.
- The girls will continue working on their funky mosaics.
- They will learn more about the nature of God and God's creative power in the Universe.

Objectives:

Each girl will tile their design ready for grouting next week.

The whole group will learn about God's power in creation, the magnificence and beauty of God's Universe.

That the girls build new friendships and have fun together.

Prior Preparation:

A variety of coloured tiles pre cut into squares (1.5x1.5cm approx) or triangles (halve the squares).

Equipment

Plenty of newspaper

Old rags

The girls will need to bring on old tee shirt to cover their uniform.

An old kitchen knife per girl - plastic knives or plastic spatulas will do.

Balls and other sports gear for games

Adhesives - non water-soluble PVA. (I use Surefix, an adhesive that is good for indoors and outdoors).

Preparation

Have sports equipment and games available for the girls to play with when they arrive prior to the formal part of the programme.

Notices, Introductions and Team Time: Games 15-20 mins

Blow the whistle and get the girls to assemble in the Home Zone.

Assemble, welcome any new girls and briefly outline the nights programme.

Organise some team games.

After games reassemble in the Home Zone for devotions.

Devotions: 10 mins Read Psalm 8:1.3-9

Possible topics related to the theme of God's creativeness reflect on the uniqueness of snowflakes, nature, His universe

Move into Team Zones for the main activity session.

Main Activity session: 40-45 minutes

Tiling:

Try one shape (eg squares) for the inside of your picture and for the border, and a different shape (e.g. triangles) for the outside. You should leave enough room so you can fit a row of background colour between your picture and the border.

Lay your tiles out roughly to ensure you have enough of each colour, and then remove them to start gluing each tile. Using your knife, spread a small amount of glue onto the back of each tile and place in position. Start with the picture first, then the border and finally the background. Keep to the lines you have drawn. Apply tiles to the outline of your design first, then fill in. You may need to use a tile nipper to round some edges or use thinner pieces for curves.

Once glued leave your mosaic to dry.

Clean up: 5-10 minutes

Get the teams to stop work and to clean up. This is important so that leaders are not doing this job after all others have gone home.

Notices & Home time:

Assemble the whole Unit together as one group. Remind the girls to bring old tee shirts again next week for the final session - grouting the mosaics.

Close in prayer and hand out notices after the prayer.

After this, release them to their parents and they are free to go home.

Aim:

The purpose of this third session is

- To complete the funky mosaics.
- To get to know further the girls in the group and to have fun and competition in their team games.
- To learn more about *God's* greatness in creation and the way in which human beings have spoiled the beauty of *God's* universe and disobeyed His teaching.

Objectives:

Each girl will complete their mosaic by the end of the evening.

The girls will work together to help each other achieve completion.

Any new girls attending can make smaller mosaic coasters using the smaller tiles as bases or other wooden bases.

The whole group will hear about ways in which human beings have broken the relationship between *God* and mankind through Adam and Eve's disobedience, through our own disobedience and have marred the beauty of *God's* creation.

Prior Preparation:

Have some pre-painted wooden bases available to new members. Rectangle, round, star and daisy shaped bases can be bought at Spotlight or Bunning Warehouse Stores (60-90 cents each). These are small and so can be completed within a night.

OR

Have smaller tiles available as bases.

Equipment

Plenty of newspaper

Old rags

The girls will need to bring on old tee shirt to cover uniform.

Soft plastic spatulas or you could use ice block sticks.

Balls and other sports gear for games

Grouting powder- white or black

Plastic gloves (white latex gloves will do)

Mixing bowl -i.e. ice cream containers or large yoghurt containers

Buckets for cleaning utensils

Preparation:

Just like last week begin with assembling in the Home Zone, welcome any new girls and outline the evenings programme.

Begin with the main activity first so the grouting has time to dry a little, then games, devotions and then complete the grouting process by rubbing the grouting off the tiles to expose the pattern underneath.

Clean up

Notices and Home time

Main Activity 40 mins

Grouting

- Make sure there is no glue on the tile surface.
- Wear gloves.
- Ensure you have plenty of newspaper down and a good supply of rags also close access to water.
- Pour some grout into your mixing bowl add small amounts of water to your grout and mix well to a consistency of icing or cake batter.
- Allow the grout to stand for a few minutes after mixing to ensure there are no lumps.
- Spread generously onto the mosaic with a soft rubber spatula working in all directions to ensure the grout fills all the spaces. Scrape off grout with the side of the spatula and spread to another part of the mosaic.
- Wipe off excess using a damp cloth.
- ***Leave to dry for about 10 minutes - have a game while waiting and/or devotions.***
- Use a rag to scrape away the grout on the mosaic pieces. Make sure you don't scrape grout from between the mosaic pieces.
- Leave your piece to dry for a least a week before you seal with grout sealer. (Sealant helps protect your mosaic from water, dirt, weathering and discoloration and is usually used for outdoor projects so is optional in this case).

Cleaning up:

Scrape any unused grout into some newspaper and throw away. Wash all utensils in a bucket of water. Throw your dirty water into the garden. **NEVER POUR GROUTY WATER DOWN DRAINS - THEY WILL BLOCK!**

Games:

Choose some from the resource at the back of this booklet.

Devotions: 10-15 minutes

We are Gods Masterpiece

Scripture: Ps 139:13

Read the scripture and then show the girls a picture of a skeleton and talk about how the bones are put together so that when the muscles and nerves are attached and the skin on the top everything works pretty well.

Do you realize God made us just like when you made the mosaic picture? We were given all sorts of different features, like eye colours, dimples, skin colour, hair colour and style and also different sizes, different characteristics, different laughing styles, different academic levels, different emotional and physical skills. There are so many things we have been given according to God's plan for us.

I am going to give you an outline of a girl and I would like you to take a minute to think about all the features and characteristics God have given you and then write them on your outline. After this talk to the girl next to you and ask her if she agrees with what you have written.

Always remember God doesn't make Junk. He has plans for you Jeremiah 29:11

Finish with Prayer.

Games:

Notices & Home time:

- Assemble the whole club together as one.
- Next week is the **first week for Wheelz Award**, so notices should be sent out to remind people of this event.
- Make announcement about the next session.
- Close in prayer & hand out the notices after the prayer.
- Release the girls to their parents.



Other Funky Mosaicz Projects

The following list of wooden items can all be purchased through Spotlight stores.

Pencil box holders

Mirrors

Tissue box holders

Bedroom Plaques

Heart shape

Coasters

Bunnings Warehouse sells:

Pencil holders (\$5.32)

Coasters (60-80c)

Trays

Jewellery Boxes

Equipment Costs

Tiles cutters -\$20.00

Tile Nippers - \$20.00

Rubber spatulas - source from \$2.00 if you can.

Grout - 1kg - \$6.00 approx. Makes approximately 4 mosaics per 1kg. Spacing between pieces affects the quantity used. (Quantity required depends on number of girls.)

Glue - Surefix - \$12.00

Tiles - prices vary



These pictures are the result of a trial butterfly mosaic

Ideas of outlines you could use for mosaicz

