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Large Group Time

Needs:

- 2 volunteers to be “television commentators” for the opening ceremonies
 - 1 volunteer to be the “field reporter” and host/leader for the event
 - poster board or butcher paper for each small group
 - markers and decorating supplies
 - space to hang up finished banners (on stage, on walls, etc.)
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Skit set-up:

- For the stage, you will need a “news room” set-up
 - A table with two chairs behind it, clipboards with the skit lines printed
 - A “news show” type of logo hanging from the table or behind it
 - Skit actors should be in newsroom attire - think suit or tie
 - For dramatic effect, intro music can be played before and after the skit, similar to a major news show
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Scene opens

Anchor 1:

Hello and welcome to a special edition of your evening news broadcast. My name is _____ ...

Anchor 2:

and I'm _____. Thanks for joining us for our special look inside the Snow-lympics.

Anchor 1:

Tonight is the official start of the Snow-lympic games with an event that everyone looks forward to, the opening ceremonies. We will be giving you insight on the games themselves as well as an in depth look at the parade of nations.

Anchor 2:

That's right, _____. This year we have an unbelievable opportunity to go behind the scenes for the parade of nations and actually get a look into how the flags are created for this special event.

Anchor 1:

It's true, and I am so thrilled to see the hard work that goes into these banners. Did you know that they are actually designed by the teams themselves?

Anchor 2:

I did not know that, but that is absolutely incredible. How special for these individuals to not only represent their team by competing but also to create something that will be a representation of their team for a lifetime.

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Anchor 1:

It is incredible, _____. And now, let's turn it over to our field reporter, who is with the teams as they receive their colors and instructions for banner creation. Over to you!

Field Reporter:

Thank you _____. Indeed, we are excited out here for these Snow-lympic games! We've learned some important facts today. It appears that, while each nation is made up of many diverse people, they all represent just one kingdom! So this year, they will all be representing one nation!

Anchor 1:

Well this is an interesting turn of events!

Field Reporter:

That's right, _____! Philippians 3:20-21 says that "our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Anchor 2:

Well this should shape up to be quite some competition in that case!

Field Reporter:

I'm not so sure about that, _____. These competitors all play from the same rule book - the Holy Bible! Colossians 3:15 says to "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." I wouldn't be surprised if we see teams working together here this year! Back to you at the desk!

Anchor 1:

Thank you _____. We will be checking in with our Field Reporter throughout the events.

Anchor 2:

We'll let you take things over in the field. Keep us posted!

Fade out the stage lights after the closing lines from our "anchors"

Field Reporter now takes over to interact with family groups, opens Bible to 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

Field Reporter:

God's word tell us even more important things about the Kingdom! Let's hear another one of those things from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27:

"There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.

We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink.

So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts.

Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body.

And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell?

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God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be.

If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? 20 As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body.

The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you!" The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

In fact, it is just the opposite. The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do without.

The parts that we think are less important we treat with special honor. The private parts aren't shown. But they are treated with special care.

The parts that can be shown don't need special care. But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any.

In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another.

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy.

You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it."

The Kingdom is made up of the all its parts. That means that each part is important, and it isn't complete without ALL the parts! One part cannot try to be another part, or something that it isn't created to be. Every single part is important to the Kingdom. None are better than any others. They also need to work together in order to accomplish their mission. This is a perfect reminder about how we should look like as part of the Kingdom of God!

Large Group Time Activity

- Invite each family tribe to create a banner and headbands, as instructed below. You can give them ideas like spiritual gifts or fruits, abilities with kingdom purpose, a name that reflects the heart of God.
- Give each family a poster board or section of butcher paper and markers. Invite the groups to create a banner to represent their "tribe". These banners will then be used to have a "parade of nations" once each group has completed them.
- To make team "uniforms", provide each group with a different color strips of paper to make headbands to wear throughout the activities. Have each family choose one symbol on it that best represents who they are in the Kingdom.

Large Group Time Closing

When each tribe has completed the activity, return the stage lights up and direct attention to the anchors as they continue.

Anchor 2:

Now that our teams have completed their banners and gotten into uniform, we are ready for the parade of nations. I can't wait!

Anchor 1:

You can feel the excitement in the air as the nations line up. They're getting ready to walk right in front of us here, wave to the crowd and show off their banner for this year's Snow-lympic games!

Anchor 2:

Let the games begin with our first group!

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A member from each family tribe calls out their tribe name as his or her tribe walks in front of the stage, waving to the other groups and cheering for each other. If time permits, have the tribe explain their banner.

Anchor 1:

And that is our parade for this year, folks. Thanks for joining us, and enjoy the 2018 Snow-lympic games!

Field Reporter:

As you can see, this truly is a remarkable nation, so diverse, yet so complete when unified to celebrate the One True God! They are sure to take our Snow-lympics by storm!

Invite all participants to “quilt” together their banners to make one giant flag. They can discuss the order/placement and decide as one Kingdom how to make it “fit” together. Provide tape, glue, scissors, ribbon... whatever it takes to “stick together”. Find a place to hang the unified banner as a reminder!

Dismiss the group with instructions on how to rotate through the family fun stations as it works for your size group and facility.

Family Fun Stations

Family Fun Stations Intro

Field Reporter:

We'll be traveling through stations that help teach us what the Kingdom of God is like. Snow is a great reminder of God's creativity in His kingdom! While no two snowflakes are alike, neither are we as people. We each have a role to serve in, and were created with a Kingdom purpose that no one else can fulfill. Without you, the Kingdom is incomplete. It's the diversity of many snowflakes that make it so

beautiful and fascinating! In the same way, it is the diversity of people that makes the Kingdom of God so exceptional. Let's have some family “Snow-lympic” fun while we remember how marvelous it is to be a part of God's Kingdom!

Explain to groups that there will be chances to earn points at each station. You can adjust these stations and/or points to fit your context.

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Station 1 – Shovel the Snow

Each tribe's designated snow shoveler can only use their spoon to shovel the pile of snow into the bowl. Challenge must be completed under 1 minute. Allow other family members a turn to try with remaining time.

Needs:

- 1-2 Volunteers
- Cotton balls (the snow),
- Plastic Spoons (the shovels)
- Bowls
- Tables (for cotton balls to sit on)
- Minute Timer

Instructions:

Gather a large pile of snowballs (cotton balls) onto a table. Give each tribe a plastic spoon and a bowl.

Race to see which tribe can scoop the most cotton balls off the table into the bowl in a minute or less. Only your spoon may touch the snowballs. No hands!

Award a point to the tribes that fill their bowl with a designated number of cotton balls.

Station 2 – Igloo Building

Families will work together to build an "igloo"

Needs:

- Marshmallows (jumbo and mini)
- Toothpicks
- Paper plates

Instructions:

Make sure that every family has a paper plate, a handful of toothpicks, and a variety

of marshmallows. This activity can be done either on a table or sitting on the floor.

Instruct tribes to work as a family to make one freestanding igloo. They have 5 minutes to build an igloo as large as they can, that stands on its own. Set a timer to 5 minutes and let them build!

Give each tribe a point when their igloo stands on its own.

Station 3 – Snowball Toss

Families will work together to knock down a pyramid.

Needs:

- Artificial snowballs (can be purchased at a craft supply store), foam balls, or white socks rolled in a ball shape
- Solo cups
- Table(s)

Instructions:

On a table, set up pyramids made out of blue solo cups. Use tape to mark lines on the floor at different distances for different ages. As tribes arrive, have a member from each stand at the appropriate line. Give them a "snowball" to try to knock down their pyramid. Give the next family member another "snowball" for them to throw at the tower. Continue until each person has had a try. If the tower gets knocked down, reset it and let them try another time!

Give each tribe a point when they knock down their pyramid.

Station 4 – Build a Snowman

Families will work together to build a “snowman” by wrapping someone in toilet paper.

Needs:

- Rolls of toilet paper
- Scarves, hats, gloves
- Construction paper circles for buttons
- Any other decorations you have on hand that can be used for you “snowmen”

Give teams 5 minutes to turn their designated tribe member into the best snow-person that they can! Encourage them to use toilet paper and decorations and do as much as they can in the time you give them.

Award each tribe a special designation for their snowman creation. Use categories such as:

Best use of decorations, Best wrapping, Best hat, Best snowman face, Best use of color, or any others you might think of! Make sure that every tribe gets a point and award.

reach the end, they can put the snowball in the cup, and walk back with the popsicle stick. They give the stick to the next tribe member, who takes a new snowball and repeats the walk to the end and back.

Great teamwork and collaboration will be necessary to help family members to balance the snowball!

Award a point to each family who gets snowballs into their cups.

Family Fun Stations Wrap-up

After every family has moved through all the stations, gather them back into one area. Have the “Field Reporter” ask each tribe to tally their points. Call on each tribe to share how many points they had (if you follow the station instructions provided, they will all have the same number of points). If you choose to award different point values, communicate to the group that having a particular team win is great. Having the entire Kingdom cheer on the winner is the best. When one part of the body wins, we all win! Offer a big congratulations to the entire group for their amazing teamwork!

Print the award medals and sting onto ribbon to give to everyone in attendance.

Optional: have small winter-themed prizes that they can choose from. After the stations and awards are done, offer a craft station or stations to make something to take home with them!

Station 5: Snow for a Walk

Needs:

- Popsicle Sticks
- White craft pom poms or small wadded-up paper balls (snowballs)
- Paper or plastic cups
- Start and End lines marked on a designated pathway

Have each tribe line-up at their start line. Give the first tribe member a popsicle stick and “snowball”. Instruct them to balance the snowball on the end of the popsicle stick, and walk it to the end of the path. When they

Crafts

Craft 1 – Popsicle Stick Snowflakes

1 Cor 12: 18-20:

God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body.

Needs:

- A variety of large and small craft sticks,
- Craft glue
- Markers
- Small decorations: stickers, pom-poms, sequins, jewel stickers, small gems, etc.
- Jute or yarn to tie a loop for hanging;
- Reproducible Scripture squares (see page 11)

Instructions:

Glue four craft sticks into a snowflake shape - one stick vertical, one horizontal, and two criss-crossing like an X. Invite kids to decorate this shape however they would like with the supplies you have! When complete, glue the jute or yarn loop onto the back of the snowflake.

Put a small dot of craft glue in the center of the back-side of the snowflake. Place the Scripture square on the glue.

This can be hung like an ornament.

Craft 2 – Snowmen Puppets and Stage

1 Cor 12:24-26:

But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any. In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy.

Needs:

- White card-stock cut into three different sizes of circles
- Large craft sticks
- Paper and stickers to decorate (yarn could also be used)
- Craft glue
- Large white paper plates
- Scissors
- Reproducible Scripture squares for Craft 2 (see page 12)

Instructions:

Invite each family member to glue three circles, from large to small, onto their popsicle stick, leaving some stick at the bottom to be held on to. Decorate their snowman with paper hats, scarves, arms, buttons, and faces.

Cut a slit in the center of the paper plate. Do not cut straight through the sides of the plate. This will allow the puppet sticks to slide through the plate, and form a "stage".

Glue the Scripture square to the bottom front of the plate "stage"

Craft 3 – Snow Slime

1 Cor 12:12:

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.

Needs:

One set for each family (ingredients below makes one container of snow slime)

- One bottle Elmer's School Glue
- 1/2 tbsp. baking soda
- 1 tbsp. contact solution
- Iridescent glitter
- Mixing bowl and mixing spoon
- Strong zipper bag
- Scripture squares for craft 3 (see page 13)
- Tape

Instructions:

Tape the Scripture square to the zipper bag.

Pour one bottle of Elmer's White School Glue into the mixing bowl.

Add 1/2 tbsp. of baking soda and then mix together

Add some of your iridescent glitter and stir to incorporate it.

Add 1 tbsp. of contact solution to the mixing bowl

Mix together until the mixture gets harder and slime begins to form

If needed, add more glitter to the slime. Then take the slime out and begin kneading with both of your hands. If needed, add 1/4 tsp more contact solution to make the slime less sticky

Put the slime into a zipper bag to take home.

Craft 4 – Snow Globe

1 Cor 12:27

You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

Needs:

- Clear plastic plates
- Black cardstock
- Cotton balls
- Snowflake stickers or confetti, glitter (if you choose)
- Markers
- Scripture square for craft 4 (see page 14)

Instructions:

Cut black card stock paper squares to form the base of the snow globe.

Glue the Scripture square onto the center of the base.

With one plastic plate, glue cotton balls and other decorations to the BACK of the plate. When dry, glue a second clear plate onto the decorated one, so that the decorations are compressed in between the layers.

Attach the paper base to the bottom of the plates and let dry.

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