

# Looking for a way to reach your community this Christmas season?

## ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

### Everyone loves a party!

Child Evangelism Fellowship has developed an extraordinary outreach opportunity, a fun, evangelistic and innovative event for kids! Hosting an Ultimate Christmas Party will provide a meaningful way to celebrate one of the most amazing events in all of history—the birth of Jesus!

### How can this help my church grow?

Many children are not regularly going to a church where they are hearing the Gospel. It is imperative that we share the true meaning of Christmas and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children in our communities. As you reach out to your community, you will have the privilege of watching God work in the hearts and lives of children and adults alike. It's a perfect opportunity to make connections with unchurched children and their families.

### What kind of commitment is needed?

- Establish the Christmas party outreach on your prayer list. Ask others to do the same.
- Form a team of three or more volunteers.
- With the help of CEF identify an area for outreach.
- Receive CEF training and background screening according to CEF Child Protection Policy.
- Contact your local CEF chapter for Christmas party material.
- Follow up with the children & families, connecting them with your church family.
- See lives changed at your Christmas party!

### Making a difference is easy! Here's how...

**Pray!**

**Plan!**

**Promote!**

**Participate!**



**Child Evangelism Fellowship of Georgia**

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# Making the Commitment

Next Steps for Churches Ready to Host an Ultimate Christmas Party

## Contact your local CEF Chapter

Not sure how to get in touch? Head to the [CEF of Georgia website](#) to find contact info for areas throughout the state. They will help you order the Light of Life party kit, answer questions, and help you strategize.

## Utilize our tools and resources & take advantage of our partnership to plan & promote

- Use our Strategic Planning Guide, Party Planning Guide and Party and Promotional Resources to help you get planning and praying!
- Utilize powerful promotional video, customizable invitations and more!
- Identify and secure a location, date and time for your event

## Recruit your team

- A team of prayer warriors committed to cover the planning, promotion and execution of your church's Ultimate Christmas Party.
- Party volunteers- teachers, game leaders and helpers
  - Complete screening and background check according to CEF's Child Protection Policy
  - Volunteers new to CEF are required to attend a free two hour workshop preparing them to share the Gospel and lead a child to Christ. Returning volunteers are welcome to join in for fun and creative ideas
    - Training Options:
      - Thursday, November 18, 7-9pm via Zoom
      - Tuesday, November 30, 10am-12 noon via Zoom

## Host your Ultimate Christmas Party

- See lives changed through your outreach!
- Follow up with children and families, connecting them with your church family.
- Report attendance, participation, salvations & other exciting testimonies and answers to prayer to your local CEF chapter



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# Strategic Planning Guide

Use these questions to help you brainstorm. We gave you a headstart with some ideas!

## Who do I know that would love to be involved in impacting our community?

- Friends, family & neighbors who already invest in the community in some way: food pantry, scouting, outreach, etc.

## What existing volunteers would love to be involved in planning & promotion?

- Consider the skillset and time investment needed

## What friend, church, or community business would help sponsor financially or donate?

- Christian-owned businesses
- Church members
- Family members
- Friends who love to support projects
- Your church's missions or outreach budget

## Name two people whose giftedness would help and encourage in the success of this event:

## Where are the children? Afterschool? On the weekends?

- Apartment complex, trailer park, housing projects
- Daycare centers
- Battered women's shelter or group homes for kids in foster care

## How can I creatively and effectively promote the event?

- Utilize social media
- Community calendars- online and in local newspaper
- Groups that use your church building- scouts, homeschool groups, people using food pantry, etc.

## How much am I willing to pray for this event?

"The Lord is close to everyone who calls out to him, to all who call out to Him sincerely." — Psalm 145:18

Let's call out to Him to provide fruitful opportunity to share God's love with a hurting world!

## You aren't limited to these ideas... Ask God for creativity to make a big impact!



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# Party Planning Guide

Don't neglect these party details. Here's a few ideas to get those creative juices flowing!

## How can we make it LOOK like a party?

- How do you invite people to your party?
  - fun invitations set the mood
- What do you usually wear to a Christmas party?
  - Christmas colors or sparkles
  - Christmas themed t-shirts or ugly Christmas sweaters
  - silly holiday headbands or hats like Christmas trees, candy canes, reindeer antlers, etc.
- How do you decorate for a Christmas party?
  - lights and decorations
  - tree, garlands, wreaths

## How can we make it FEEL like a party?

- Parties are FUN, so we need to make sure kids have a great time and it doesn't feel like school or a class
- Schedule plenty of time for games and fun
- Prizes and special treats
- Photo booth., holiday crafts and other party elements
- Fun, positive reinforcements for the behavior, participation, and engagement you want to see
- Accommodate your guests
  - Give them the benefit of the doubt
  - Understand that new places, routines, big sounds, chaos and even the disappointment of something not going their way can be overwhelming for some kids

## How can we make it SMELL & TASTE like a party?

- Parties are a time for special snacks, desserts and meals
  - Why serve cookies and candy when you can combine the two and make melted snowman cookies?
  - Go that extra mile to have some super special party food
  - Don't forget to consider kids who have food allergies to dairy and/or gluten

## How can we make it SOUND like a party?

- Don't forget the party music
  - setting the tone as kids arrive
  - building fun during games
  - engaging kids to sing and dance
- A party isn't quiet- you hear people talking, reacting and responding, laughing and enjoying themselves. If kids aren't allowed to make any noise, wiggle or move, is it really a party?

**All of these party elements are awesome & fun, but they can never replace the PURPOSE of the party... sharing the Light of the World, Jesus!**

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# Party & Promotional Resources

Here are a few more resources to help you plan and promote your party!

## Promotional Videos

- [Click here](#) or scan to download "Christmas- The Missing Piece" video to promote to your church and potential volunteers



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- [Click here](#) to download "You're Invited to an Ultimate Christmas Party" video for parents



## Customizable Invitation Template

- [Click here](#) or scan
- Two options
  - Full color for sharing digitally
  - White background for printing



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- Parents can scan the QR code on the invitation to watch a video about the party. [Watch it here!](#)

## Additional game and activity ideas

- Check out the game, craft, and activity ideas in the lesson and decide what works for you and your team.
- Plan for a variety of games and activity levels
- [Check out Pinterest here](#) or scan for more ideas
- Minute to Win It games are great for "stage games", but be sure to have an "emcee" engaging kids who aren't participating



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