

SERVES: FAMILY

TIME: ANYTIME

#### PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Does your family get excited about their faith and want to share it with others?
- Would they be able to explain it?
- Could they defend it if attacked?
- How can you bring your excitement about the faith to your family?
- Jesus has given you a great gift in Conquest.
- Now it is time to share your excitement with those closest to you.
- You need to pass on the message of the Gospel to them. Only you can do it.
- Jesus depends on you alone.
- Together as a team, lets help our families grow in our faith and become more excited about it.



# DOES YOUR FAMILY GET EXCITED ABOUT THEIR FAITH?

#### OUR CALL TO SERVE

We will visit the home of each boy on the team to pass on the message of the Church!

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WEEK	STEPS	WEEKLY THEME
1	Discussion: Introduce the project and determine a few items that you may want to discuss: confession, family prayer, the reality of the Eucharist, the rosary, etc.  Let's Talk: Each team member is responsible for mentioning these issues at home to see what items the parents and siblings do not know much about.	
2	Get Results: Tally the results from each boy on his family's needs and pick two themes to transmit.  Summarize #1: Find the proper answers from the Catechism or other faithful books on the first theme. Write out a short summary of the points to be covered. Have the adult leadership review it.	
3	Summarize #2: Find the proper answers from the Catechism or other faithful books on the second theme. Write out a short summary of the points to be covered. Have the adult leadership review it.  Plan visits: Make appointments with the families ahead of time. Try to schedule 15 minutes with each family if possible for the upcoming weeks. Have the adult leaders organize carpools between homes.	
4	Begin Visits: You can begin visits this week or next based upon how many boys homes there are. You can do ½ meetings and ½ visits for example over the next few weeks.	

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7	Discuss: Discuss the highlights of the visits, and share stories.  Compile Presentation: Work as a team to make a presentation in power point or other program. Include pictures, names and stories about the visits and points on the themes. Encourage families to pray together moving forward.	
8	Finish up: Finish and review the final presentation. Make sure to email it to all families.	

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#### LOCATION

**Option #1:** Each of the boy's home. The team visits them individually over the course of several weeks. Ideally they should do each visit quickly so as to be able to visit most of the team in the proper time frame.

**Option #2**: All families invited to one location for a presentation on the two chosen and prepared themes. This is much easier to organize than individual visits / carpooling, but much less personal.

#### **PROVISIONS**

**Transportation:** You will very likely need transportation if you do choose to visit each individual family to make it very personal. Have the adult leaders work with the parents to organize carpools for the dates of the visits.

**Camera:** A digital camera or smart phone will be need to take pictures for the final presentation.

**Software:** Power Point or other software to compile the presentation at the end (including pictures).

**Snacks / Drinks:** If you choose option #2 above and invite all families to one location, the team should provide snacks and drinks for all the families during the presentation of themes.



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#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- If you prepare a skit, include all of the boys in some fashion, even as inanimate objects. You may want to have one boy be the director who can take the role of any boy that happens to be absent.
- If you tell a story, try to get different boys to tell it at each house or get boys to be certain voices in the story (like the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday).
- Two boys should be responsible for making the appointments with the families. They should work closely with the adult leaders to schedule transportation carpools.
- The adult leaders should be responsible for transportation and provisions.
- One boy should write the catechetical points (take notes) for the families that you address with your skit or stories.
- Some boys can prepare a little game to distract little kids if needed.
- A photographer to prepare a PowerPoint Slide show presentation for the end.

#### CONTACTS

- The boys' families are usually open but the important thing is to make this formative, not a party. The boys need to have the game plan prepared almost word for word to make it happen. They should always ask for questions at the end and maybe have a few trivia questions as review to ensure the family is learning what the boys are teaching.
- If a family is not open, you can try and make it less formal like a backyard barbeque or something to help them be more open to it.
- If you have one event at a parish, you need to work with the pastor to show
  how this will help the families in his parish. You may need to present your
  catechetical presentation to him for approval first.

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#### SPECIAL OPS

- The only boy allowed to be exempt from any visit is the boy whose family it is; this can avoid family issues from overshadowing faith issues.
- This apostolate is entirely dependent on having a team leader under 25 and the adult leaders should not contribute during the visits. It should all come entirely from the boys.
- Always keep a family setting, even if one member of a family becomes confrontational, treat them calmly and in friendly manner.
- This project works best for middle school teams, so as to make the families more comfortable, and the boys more eager and excited.

### CONTINGENCY PLAN



- This project could be a planned activity for all the families at a parish hall.
   The boys would need to organize instructions to present to the families as a group.
- The boys could go to visit a poor parish and do this as a mission, but this
  would be less fruitful because the parents need to see how Conquest is
  helping their son and what the program is all about (formation and
  apostolate)
- If your team is really big, it may be better to split it in two or four (by squads so that you can actually reach every family.



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