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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Halloween is a time for trick or treating. We go door to door to collect candy for ourselves, and it is really all about the candy, right?
- What about others who not only do not have candy, but do not even have enough food to eat?
- There are many poor people and families in need that could use our help.
- What if there was a way to go trick or treating for the poor?
- Instead of just collecting candy for ourselves, we could also collect can and box food for the poor at the same time!



HOW CAN WE HELP THE POOR BY TRICK OR TREATING?

OUR CALL TO SERVE

Let's organize a Trick or Treat for the homeless and poor! We will go door to door collecting not only candy, but also food for families in need!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p>Plan: First you need to plan the locations you will trick or treat. They need to be neighborhoods that do not have signs posted (no solicitation). Ideally it should be in neighborhoods where some of the members live or close to the groups regular meeting place.</p> <p>Decide: Investigate and decide what non-profit charity you will donate the food items too.</p>	XXXX
2	<p>Logistics: How many houses are in each neighborhood you will trick or treat in? Plan to have about 3-4 boys and a dad on each side of the street. You could send some boys and dads to different neighborhoods at the same time to be the most effective in handing out flyers (1 week in advance) and collecting food on Halloween night.</p>	XXXX
3	<p>Flyer: Make a half-page flyer for each house in each neighborhood that you will visit on Halloween night. It should state the charity you will help, and give the approximate time you will be coming through collecting non-perishable food items on Halloween night.</p>	XXXX
4	<p>Parish: You could expand the food collection by getting the parish involved. You would need to promote the food drive well in advance. See Special Ops section.</p>	XXXX

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5	<p>Print: Make sure to print enough copies of the flyer for all houses you will visit.</p> <p>Provisions: Assign boys things they will need to bring for the project on Halloween night (such as large totes/bins or paper bags to place food in)</p> <p>History of Halloween: Watch the YouTube video “History of Halloween” found on the 5th/6th grade Team Leader Resource playlist at www.YouTube.com/conquestclubs You could also have a discussion.</p>	XXXX
6	<p>Pray: Ask the boys to pray the next two weeks for the success of the project to help the most people possible.</p>	XXXX
7	<p>Flyer Route: The boys and dads hit each neighborhood to leave flyers on/in doors. Do not place them in the mailbox, as that is against the law.</p>	XXXX
8	<p>Trick or Treat!: Make sure to give the boys a talk on how they will be role models, young Christ-like examples to all residents of young men who care about others first, not just themselves – even when Halloween is all about the candy. Collect the food, and ideally try to have the whole group deliver it the following week to the charity in person.</p>	<p>Service Project: There is a short Gospel Reflection to help motivate the boys for this apostolic project.</p>

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LOCATION

- Neighborhoods:
 - Make sure to choose neighborhoods that do not have “No Solicitation” signs posted.
 - Ensure the neighborhood is well lit for safety of the boys
 - Choose a few close together for logistics of keeping the groups close (not across town)
 - When passing out the flyers the week before Halloween, make sure hit several neighborhoods at one time by breaking the boys and dads up into groups.

PROVISIONS

- Flyers for doors
- Storage bins or lots of bags for collecting and delivering the food items
- Costumes for trick or treating
- Vans / Trucks: Dads will need extra room for food items collected while going through the neighborhoods.
- Maps: Planned routes should be printed so all know where everyone is going to be. Cell phone numbers should also be put on maps of group leaders for each neighborhood.
- Wagons: Wagons work well, as they can be pulled house to house to collect food items, until the dad with a truck/van comes by to pick them up.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Flyers (one or two members)
- Maps (one or two members) print and highlight trick or treat routes for each neighborhood.
- Organize carpools (one or two members)
- Trucks/Vans: Food transport – one or two members should work with the dads to obtain a truck or two that could drive through neighborhoods and collect food from boys.
- Wagons: One or two members should be in charge of getting a few wagons for collection/trick or treating routes.

CONTACTS

- Charity: Find out when and where to drop off food collected in the project.
- Pastor: If expanding to a food drive for the parish as well.
- Parents: Should be asked to help and participate in this project, as lot of transportation and chaperones will be needed.
- Residents: People who you ask to donate food items, need to see you are mature (not fooling around) and genuinely concerned about others and want to help.

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SPECIAL OPS

- NEVER let boys enter into a house. Dads / chaperones should always accompany them and never let them leave their sight of view.
- Having a truck driving through the neighborhoods on a continuous route stopping and picking up food from the boys wagons works very well.
- Parish Food Drive project expansion option: You could easily promote at Masses and in the bulletin two weeks prior to Halloween. Ask people to bring a non-perishable food item to Mass the weekend before Halloween. Boys would need to be scheduled for each Mass to collect the food. This could possibly double the amount of food collected for the project.
- Encourage the boys to dress up like saints instead of ghosts, superheroes, etc. to spread the message of faith. They could even incite conversation by asking the residents who they think they are dressed as.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- This project is easy to do, and you can make it as small or large as you want.
- You could have the boys each donate ½ their candy for the homeless or other good cause, helping to teach them sacrifice.
- You could do a simple food drive at the parish or in a neighborhood anytime separate from Halloween.

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ROLL CALL

ORGANIZING THE TEAM

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