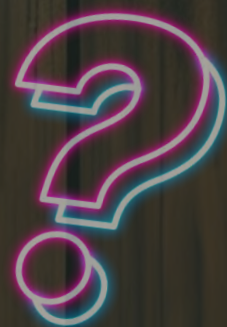


# LIGHT PARTY

## Escape Room



SOLVE THE  
PUZZLES  
FIND THE CLUES  
GET THE PRIZE!



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Dear Leader,

We hope you find this Light Party Escape Room fun. Below you will find the instructions and resource list. The challenges are pitched for children aged 7-12, but you could have family groups competing - as long as you explain to adults that they are only allowed to give support and guidance when children are stuck, they are not to give the answers away!

Many blessings,  
The team at BCFM.

## PURPOSE

The message of this escape room is that we are called to shine the light of God's love in this dark world.

The aim is to get participants to read Bible verses that focus on Jesus being the Light of the World, trusting in God and victory over darkness.

Practically the aim is to light up a darkened room gradually. This happens each time a team completes a challenge - once each challenge is solved they should be instructed to turn on a light source of some description for example a battery-powered candle (see note below). What you choose to bring the light will depend on your location and budget.

In an ideal world, it would be great to use the light sources to create the shape of a cross in the middle of your room but this may not be realistic - so go with whatever is possible for your space, group size and budget.

## SETUP:

If possible (and safe) try to make the room you are using as dark as you can, with enough light to ensure people don't trip over or get lost! There are 5 challenges in total, which should be placed around the edge of the room leaving space in the middle for the light sources to be placed as each team completes a challenge. A leader should be at each challenge station for support & guidance if a team is very stuck or not getting the right answers.

Teams use their Answer Sheets to write down the verses and the safe word from each challenge. At the end, their Ultimate Challenge is to use all the safe words gathered to find the final verse which is:  
***In God I trust, I will not fear. Psalm 56v11***

Each team should have no more than 4 people, or, if you only have a small group of children to work with, they can complete the challenges together as one. In the latter case however, you will need to ensure the 5 light sources they switch on after each challenge are bright enough to light the room.

For example:

- If you have multiple numbers of teams (more than 10), the light source each team switches on after each challenge could be battery-powered candles which are placed in the middle of the room to form a cross.
- If you have less than 10 teams you could use large torches or lanterns (battery powered) that can be placed in the middle of the room.
- If you only have one team, you could place table lamps on each station which they can only turn on when the challenge is complete.

## EQUIPMENT:

### For the challenges you will need:

- Printed copies of each challenge ideally laminated for durability.
- Printed Answer sheets for each team.
- Enough decoders for each team. (*You will need to print, cut and assemble these ahead of time - see instructions on the Decoder page*).
- 8 bottles of TONIC water (1 ltr).
- A ball (*sponge ball, football, basketball - as long as it can knock over the bottles but not wreck your room or break windows if you have an enthusiastic participant!*)
- 16 glow sticks.
- A bike lock or padlock that requires a **4-number combination** to open it (*make sure you know the combination number & test that it works!*)
- A box that can be secured with the bike lock or padlock.
- Smarties - one pack for every team.
- Torches - enough for every team or enough for teams to pass to the next group when challenges are complete
- Print out and cut up the heart verse from Challenge 5. Place into an envelope. Either one main envelope that stays on the table or one envelope for each team. If using only one heart verse for all teams we recommend you cut the pieces up and laminate them for durability.
- Light sources - see note on previous page re. Set Up.

### From the above list, you will supply each team with an **Escape Room Tool Bag** which will include:

- A torch
- An answers sheet (supplied below)
- A pen/pencil
- A decoder (assemble these ahead of time)
- A pot of Smarties (see instructions for Challenge 2)



## CHALLENGE 1

Teams have to find the secret key (**M12**) which they will use to set their decoder to the correct alignment. They then use their decoder to decode the letters (not the numbers) out the hidden message. They should end up with:

**“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overpowered the light John 1v5”.**

### Set Up:

Print out the Decoder - one per team - and follow the instructions to pin together. Move the wheels to ensure they are not set to the key.

Print out the Challenge Sheet and coded message, attach to a wall or table so it doesn't go missing! If you have several teams playing you might want to laminate it to ensure durability and so no one can write on it!

This is the most tricky of the challenges, so make sure you work out how to use the decoder yourself, and ensure there's an adult on this station who also understands the decoder in order to help guide the teams if needed.

**The safe word is: IN**

## CHALLENGE 2

Teams have to work out the number combination of your padlock in order to open the box and find the verse. The verse has a word missing which they need to guess - you can leave a Bible open on Genesis 1 to help them.

### Set Up:

Take the Challenge 2 page with the verse “Then ... said, “Let there be light!” And there was light...” place it into your box and secure it with the bike chain or padlock.

Take the smarties - for each team make sure they have the correct amount of coloured smarties to work out the code for the padlock.

So for example if your padlock code is 4.3.5.2 you will give each team:

4 blue smarties

3 green smarties

5 red smarties

2 yellow smarties

The team should (hopefully) divide the smarties into colour groups and look at the colour pattern on the Challenge 2 poster and thus work out how to open the lock.

**The safe word is: GOD.**



### CHALLENGE 3

Teams have to knock over the bottles to reveal the words glued to the bottom, then put them together to form the verse **“I trust in your love” Psalm 13 v 5**

#### Set Up:

Take your tonic water bottles (Why tonic water? The quinine in tonic water makes the glow stick shine bright).

Print out the Challenge 3 verse and cut into separate words.

Stick one word on the bottom of each bottle.

Open your bottles and place one or two glow sticks inside (make sure you’ve cracked them properly so they glow but don’t do this more than an hour before you begin the Escape room otherwise they may no longer be glowing by the time the children arrive!)

Line the bottles up so they look like bowling pins as per the image.

Place the ball next to the printed Challenge 3 instruction page.

***The safe words are: I TRUST***

### CHALLENGE 4

Teams need to find the missing words of the verse hidden in the word search. The verse is taken from the New Century version of the Bible and should read “Even if I walk through a very **dark valley**, I **will not** be **afraid**, because **you** are **with me**.” **Psalm 23 v 4**.

If you feel your teams will need extra help you could have the verse printed out and placed close to but not next to the word search. The word search answers are on the next page.

#### Set Up:

Print out enough copies of the Challenge 4 word search page for each team, and ideally also have one laminated and taped to the table/wall for reference.

As mentioned above, you might want to have the full Bible verse written out and placed somewhere close by as additional help - but make sure you use the same version as in the Challenge page otherwise, they won’t be able to find the words or get the correct safe words.

***The safe words are: I WILL NOT***

### CHALLENGE 5

Teams have to piece together the cut-up pieces to create the heart and read the verse to find the safe words.

#### Set Up:

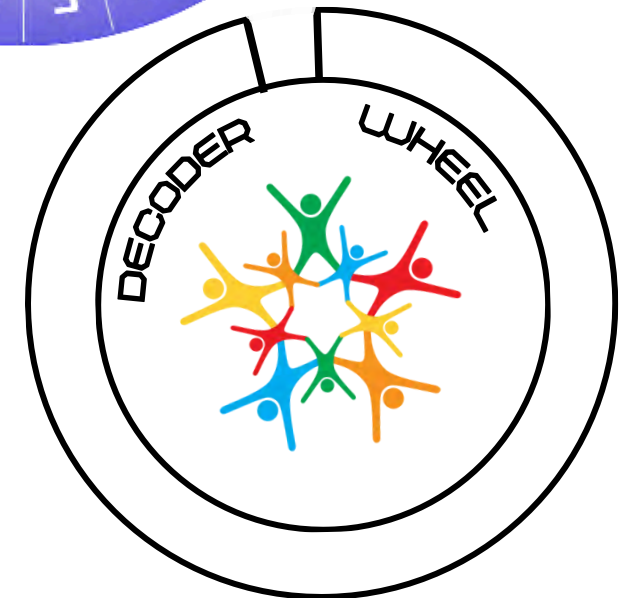
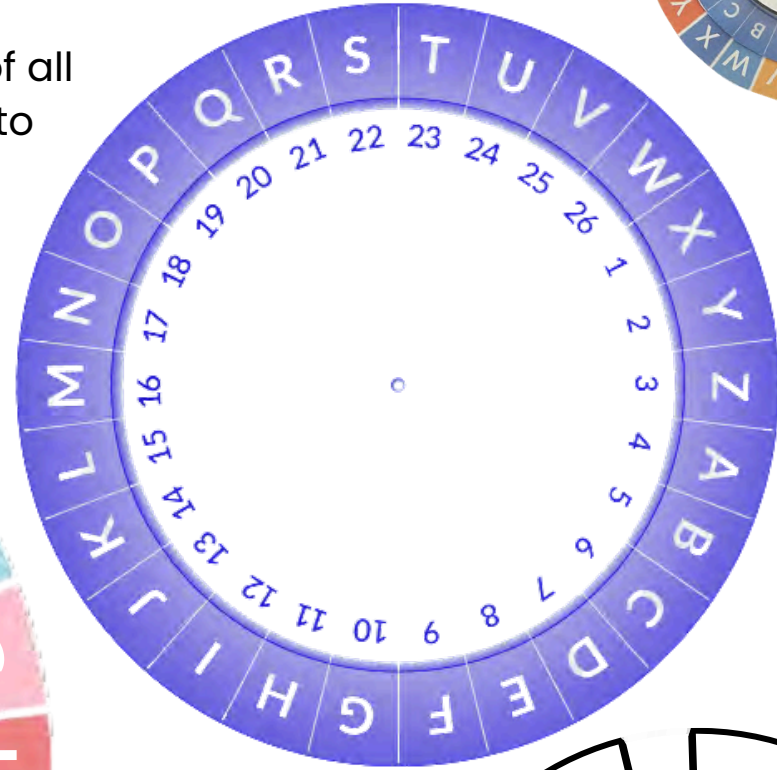
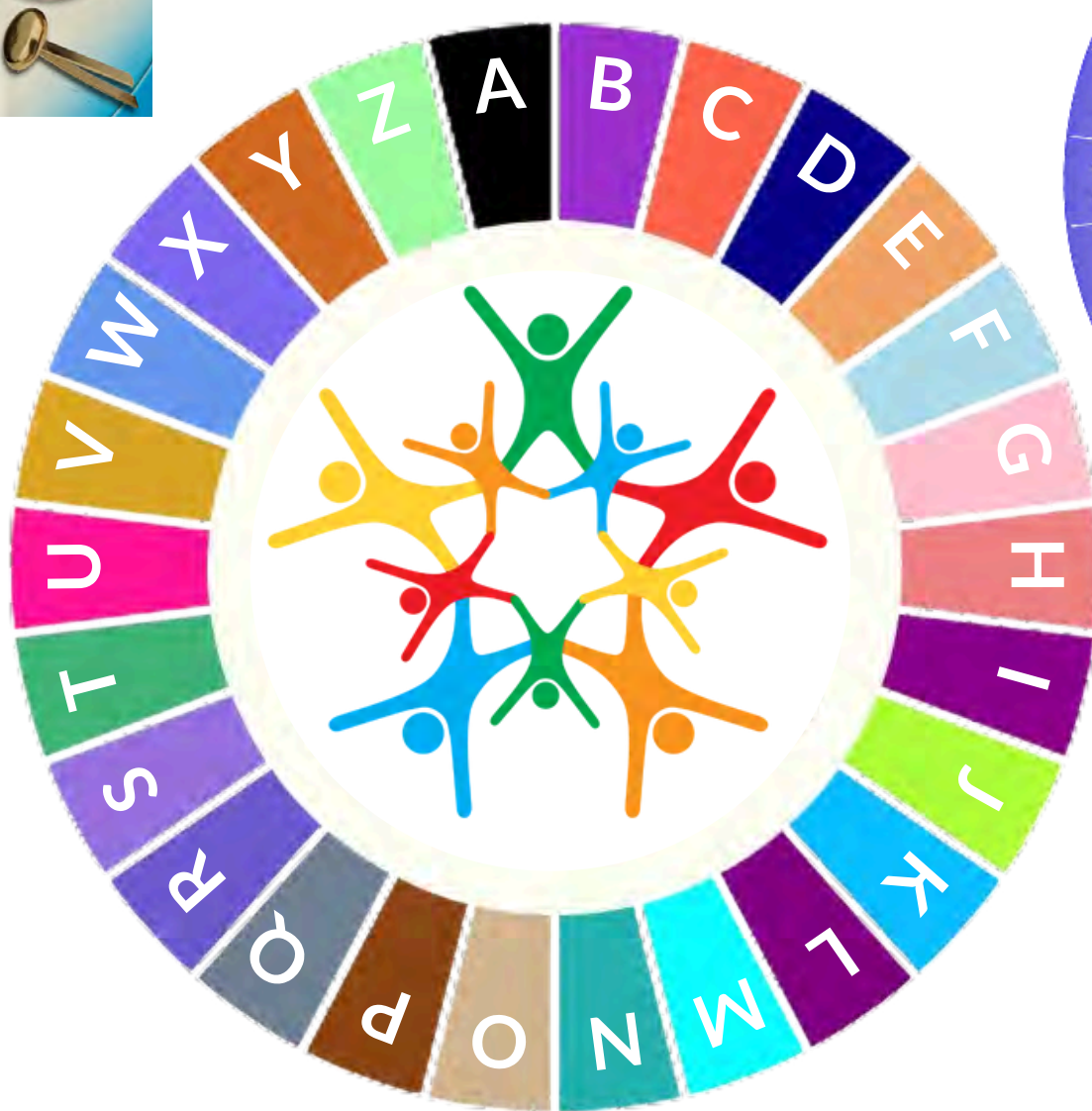
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***The safe word is: FEAR***



## MAKE YOUR DECODER WHEEL:

- Print this page – *ideally on card for durability.*
- Cut out the circles below and place them one on top of the other in order of size with largest on the bottom.
- Take a brass tack and push through the middle of all three circles then secure – you might need a pin to make the initial hole if you're using card.



## CHALLENGE 2

Then ... said,

“Let there be light!” And there

was light.

... saw that the light was good. So he divided the light from the darkness.

... named the light “day” and the darkness “night.” Evening passed, and morning came.

This was the first day.

Genesis 1 v3-4

I

**trust**

in

your

love

**PSALM**

**13**

**V5**



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o y o a f r a i d f  
y u t e v a l l e y  
q d f c f k z o i e  
r n x f x w r d w g  
x f v y c v s v i b  
p s a l m y q o l y  
v z w m e d q s l y  
r c g h d a r k i o  
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afraid  
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Psalms  
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**GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE**

**LIVES IN GOD, AND GOD IN THEM**

**...THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE.**

**BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR**

**1 JOHN 4 V 16-18.**

# WELCOME TO OUR LIGHT PARTY ESCAPE ROOM!

CAN YOU BRING THE LIGHT  
BACK INTO THIS DARK PLACE?  
ARE YOU UP FOR THE  
CHALLENGE?!

SOLVE THE PUZZLE OR  
COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE TO  
UNLOCK EACH LEVEL OF LIGHT.  
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# CHALLENGE 1

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS TO FIND THE

KEY FOR YOUR DECODER:

What is the 7th letter of the alphabet?

Solve this maths question:  $18 - 6 =$

YOUR KEY IS (LETTER:      NUMBER:      )

- Look at your decoder.
- Turn the inner wheel so it shows the number from your key.
- Now move the middle blue wheel so that your KEY number lines up with your KEY letter on the outer wheel (H 16 in our example below).
- Don't move the wheels anymore.
- Decode the message on the next page by finding the **letter on the middle blue wheel** and writing **the letter above it on the outer wheel**.

For example on the decoder below YMJ = THE



# CHALLENGE 1

DECODE THE LETTERS BELOW



PDA HECDP ODEJAO

EJ PDA ZWNGJA OO

WJZ PDA ZWNGJA OO

DWO JKP

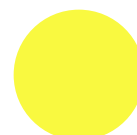
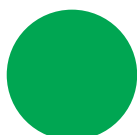
KRANLKSANAZ

PDA HECDP

FKDJ 1 R 5

# CHALLENGE 2

ARE YOU SMARTY ENOUGH FOR THIS  
CHALLENGE?



WORK OUT THE COMBINATION TO  
OPEN THE LOCK, FIND THE VERSE AND  
WRITE THE MISSING WORD.



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# CHALLENGE 3

FIND THE VERSE AND YOU WILL HAVE  
BOWLED US OVER!



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# CHALLENGE 4

FIND THE 8 MISSING WORDS TO  
COMPLETE THE VERSE BELOW

r o n c p x i b k v  
o y o a f r a i d f  
y u t e v a l l e y  
q d f c f k z o i e  
r n x f x w r d w g  
x f v y c v s v i b  
p s a l m y q o l y  
v z w m e d q s l y  
r c g h d a r k i o  
l z w i t h g x x q

EVEN IF I WALK THROUGH A VERY ..... I .....  
..... BE ..... BECAUSE YOU ARE .....



# CHALLENGE 5

REPAIR YOUR BROKEN HEART BY  
READING THE VERSE...



# ANSWER SHEET

## CHALLENGE 1

PDA HECDP ODEJAO EJ PDA ZWNGJAOO WJZ PDA ZWNGJAOO

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DWO JKP KRANLKSANAZ PDA HECDP. FKDJ IV5

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SAFE WORD 1

WRITE THE 4TH WORD: .....

## CHALLENGE 2

WRITE THE VERSE YOU FOUND:

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SAFE WORD 2

WHAT IS THE MISSING NAME: .....

## CHALLENGE 3

WRITE THE VERSE YOU FOUND:

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SAFE WORD 3

WHAT WERE THE WORDS IN RED?: .....

# ANSWER SHEET

## CHALLENGE 4

WRITE THE VERSE YOU FOUND:

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SAFE WORD 4

WRITE THE 10TH, 11TH & 12TH WORDS: .....

## CHALLENGE 5

WRITE THE VERSE YOU FOUND:

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SAFE WORD 5

WHAT DOES PERFECT LOVE DRIVE OUT: .....

## ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

TAKE THE SAFE WORDS FROM EACH CHALLENGE AND WRITE THEM HERE:

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PSALM 56:11