



# TRIVIAL!

Social Night

## LIFE NIGHT OUTLINE

### GOAL FOR THE LIFE NIGHT

The goal for this night is to build community by testing the teen's knowledge and singing skills with a game of team trivia mixed with a singing contest.

### LIFE NIGHT AT A GLANCE

Like most social nights, this night is a great opportunity for the Core to do relational ministry. This night takes a classic team trivia and adds a new element - singing. The teens will be broken up into teams and try to answer trivia questions about their own parish, the Church, and other miscellaneous categories. Between rounds the teens will be given an opportunity to prove their knowledge of music and the lyrics to popular songs. The time in between rounds and questions lends itself to start conversations and build relationships with the teens. At the end of the trivia game the top two teams with the most points win a prize. The night will close in prayer.

### ENVIRONMENT

In the regular meeting space set up tables and chairs all around the room. On the tables, have different snacks like popcorn, chips and drinks. Set up the front of the room with a stage, microphone, table and lights. If possible, use blinking or moving lights for added effect. Have fun music playing as the teens enter the room. Make sure the Core Team is there to greet the teens.

### GATHER *15 Minutes*

#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (5 min)

Have the youth minister welcome the teens to the night and introduce any teens who are there for the first time.

#### TEAM DIVISION (5 min)

Since this night is a trivia night, a fun way to break the teens up into teams is by question and answer. Make up as many questions with one-word answers as there are Core members. Give each Core member a question. When the teens come into the Life Night hand each person a piece of paper with an answer to one of those questions. When instructed the teens will find the Core member with the right question. For example, the teens with the answer "187,000

miles per second" will find the Core member with the question "At what speed does light travel?" Make sure to vary the questions enough so that the answers are clearly different. Try not to have more than one "number" answer. Once the teams are set, have them come up with team names (and possibly team cheers). Also, have each teen write down his or her name on a separate piece of paper and give it to the Core member. The trivia announcer will pick up the names from the Core members (this will be used later for the singing contest).

### DIRECTIONS AND RULES (5 min)

- Overview: The game consists of four different question-and-answer rounds with three questions per round. Each round will have the categories of local parish facts, universal Church facts and a miscellaneous category. After the first two rounds there will be a bonus question. At the end of the game there will be a final question. Both the bonus and final question will have multiple answers.
- Answering questions: The announcer will ask a question and each team will come up with one answer. The team will write the answer down on a sheet of paper with their team name at the top. One person will bring the answer up to the announcer's table and turn it in. Each team will have the time length of one song to come up with an answer and turn it in. Teams cannot use any sort of reference resources, including cell phones and other teams.
- Scoring points: A team scores points when they've answered a question correctly. Each correct answer in the first two rounds earns the team five points. In the last two rounds each correct answer is worth ten points. The bonus question after round 2 is worth a total of eight points. The question will have four possible answers and each correct answer is worth two points. For the final question a team must wager a number of points from 0-20. If they answer the question correctly, they earn that many points. If they answer incorrectly, the team will lose that many points.
- Winning the Game: The team with the most points at the end of the game wins. Award a prize to first and second place teams.

## **PROCLAIM/BREAK** *50 Minutes*

### **TEAM TRIVIA** (rounds 1-4)

Have one Core member be the announcer for the trivia while another one collects the answer sheets and tallies the scores. Have a Core Member ready to play music while the teams come up with their answers. After each round give a score update.

See page 32 for a list of sample Church and miscellaneous questions.

### **SINGING BEE**

Between each of the 4 rounds while the announcer tallies up the points, a Core Member will draw two teens' names and invite them up to put their singing skills to the test. The teens will be asked to complete the lyrics of a song. Play 10-20 seconds of the song and stop it at a point the teen might know the rest of the lyrics. The songs can be current popular songs, church songs (On Eagle's Wings), popular oldies (My Girl), and/or praise and worship songs (Just Like You). If the teen correctly completes the lyrics of the song, award them with a prize like a \$5 iTunes gift card.

## **SEND** *10 Minutes*

After the final wager and question, announce the first and second place teams and hand out the prizes. Close the night with prayer and the Hail Mary and Ave Maria.

### **MAKING IT WORK:**

- A good size for a trivia team would be five teens and one Core member.
- Have your local parish music minister play the songs for the singing bee.
- Ask local merchants to donate the prizes for the night.
- Advertise well in advance for this night. Get the word out and encourage your regular teens to bring friends who have never come before.

# SAMPLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Here are some sample questions. Use these or come up with your own. Create questions about your own program and/or parish for the third category in each round.

## SAMPLE CHURCH QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1. What is the name of the third Sunday of Lent?  
a. Gaudete Sunday
2. The cup in which the Precious Blood is served is known as what?  
a. Chalice
3. What does the name "Peter" mean?  
a. Rock
4. What is the name of the Bishop's hat?  
a. Mitre
5. How many Popes has the Church had?  
a. 265
6. How many Hail Mary's are in a FULL rosary - praying all the mysteries?  
a. 203
7. Who is the patron saint of bowel movements?  
a. St. Bonaventure
8. Number of Sacraments plus the number of Gifts of the Holy Spirit plus number of plagues.  
a. 24
9. What are the three books in the Bible named after women?  
a. Ruth, Judith, Esther
10. On what feast day does the Church celebrate Her "birthday"?  
a. Pentecost

## SAMPLE MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1. What is the largest desert on Earth?  
a. Antarctic desert
2. Which Great Lake is the smallest in area?  
a. Ontario
3. Who was the teddy bear named after?  
a. Teddy Roosevelt
4. What's the ballet term for a 360-degree turn on one foot?  
a. Pirouette
5. What ingredient in fresh milk do bacteria eventually devour causing the sour taste?  
a. Lactose
6. What yard line must a football team drive to, to reach the "red zone"?  
a. The twenty yard line
7. In a medical emergency what does "CPR" stand for?  
a. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
8. Who was the voice behind Woody, the cowboy doll in Toy Story?  
a. Tom Hanks
9. What was the first Arnold Schwarzenegger movie to win four Academy Awards?  
a. Terminator 2
10. What kitchen invention took the top prize at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair?  
a. The dishwasher

## **SAMPLE BONUS/FINAL QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS**

1. Name four of the six holy days of obligation in the United States

- a. Mother of God (Jan.1)
- b. Ascension (Thursday of the sixth week of Easter)
- c. Assumption of Mary (Aug.15)
- d. All Saints (Nov. 1)
- e. Immaculate Conception (Dec.8)
- f. Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Dec. 25)

2. Name four of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

- a. Wisdom
- b. Understanding
- c. Counsel
- d. Fortitude
- e. Knowledge
- f. Piety
- g. Fear of the Lord

3. Put the following movies in order by release date, starting with the earliest (the answers are in order. Be sure to mix them up when giving them out)

- a. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- b. Pinocchio
- c. Aladdin
- d. Lion King
- e. Toy Story
- f. Monsters, Inc.
- g. Finding Nemo
- h. The Incredibles

4. Put in order the following baseball stadiums from the oldest to newest (the answers are in order. Be sure to mix them up when giving them out)

- a. Fenway Park
- b. Wrigley Field
- c. Dodger Stadium
- d. Metrodome
- e. Coors Field
- f. Turner Field
- g. PNC park
- h. Busch Stadium