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Growing in God is a process, much like planting a seed and helping it bloom. In John 15:5 (NIV), Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." This year's Sunshine Garden Party will help girls discover how important it is to be connected with Jesus.

Girls will also learn about our Coins for Kids project: Caring for Baneasa, a community in Romania. Through this project, we're raising money so a new center can provide hot meals, school supplies, health classes, the first-ever playground in the region, and even a greenhouse to grow veggies.

Here are a few things to look forward to at your event:

- Fun—A big part of the Nationwide Event is for girls to enjoy being together. This *Planning Guide** is filled with creative ideas. Help girls have fun as they discover God's desire for them to grow in Him.
- Invite friends—This Nationwide Event is an ideal time for girls to invite their friends. These new girls will get an idea of how amazing and fun Girls Ministries activities are. More importantly, there is an opportunity to introduce girls to a relationship with Jesus.
- Giving is a huge part of the Nationwide Girls Ministries Sunshine Garden Party Event. Show the Coins for Kids Project Promo Video* and follow the tips on page 16 to encourage girls to raise funds before your event. Then see page 17 for details, so we can celebrate with you! Together we can make a big difference in the lives of children and families in Baneasa, Romania.

May God's blessing shine on your Sunshine Garden Party as you help girls gain a deeper knowledge of Christ's love. We look forward to hearing about your evening when you call in or log in on September 22, 2017.



*Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

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Event Overview

This year's theme is Sunshine Garden Party, and this *Planning Guide** gives lots of options for planning a special event. Basic ideas and tips are provided, but no one knows your girls better than you. So customize these ideas to make this year's event memorable. Here are some additional helps.

*Note: To help with planning, resources in *italics* are included as printables or videos on the DVD-ROM. Items in **bold** are available for purchase (while supplies last).

What is the Sunshine Garden Party?

This Nationwide Girls Ministries Event occurs annually on the fourth Friday and Saturday of September, but it can be held on another night, if that works better for your church. For elementary-age girls, it's a great way to launch the year and invite guests to church.

To plan the event, use this *Planning Guide*. It includes a planning timeline, suggestions for activities, decor, and snacks, as well as a spiritual challenge. The event is designed for any church to use. It is a great tool for outreach to the community and includes a salvation message.

Why should your church host a Sunshine Garden Party?

Not only is the event a fun way for girls to know each other, it's also valuable to help groups:

- 1. Invite guests. This is a great time for girls to bring their friends. A salvation message is provided to make the most of this outreach opportunity. (See page 27.)
- 2. Recruit new leaders. Think about moms and other women in your church who would be great additions to the Girls Ministries team. Just look for this icon

() throughout the *Planning Guide*. This icon identifies easy ways to involve new volunteers.

3. Give to kids in need through Coins for Kids. This year, the Nationwide Event features a project from Romania—Caring for Baneasa. Don't miss the opportunity for your girls to gain a better understanding of the needs and to give generously to help those needs. See page 16 for more information about Coins for Kids.

(Note: See page 17 for details about the call-in and webcast.)

Who should come to Sunshine Garden Party?

The Sunshine Garden Party is designed for girls in kindergarten through fifth grade; however, it's best to include all age groups in the event in some way. Many churches find it beneficial to include junior high and high school girls in leadership activities—leading worship, making snacks, helping younger girls participate in activities, etc. Preschool girls and boys might be able to attend the early evening activities.

What's available for Sunshine Garden Party?

Here are fun and helpful features that are available this year:

Sunshine Garden Party Gardening

Aprons: Help the girls remember the fun of the Sunshine Garden Party with the Gardening Apron. They will use markers to color and decorate their aprons. The apron can be filled with the night's projects. Girls will take home a keepsake from the event—and they'll have an easy way to share special memories with family and friends.

Can't afford **Gardening Aprons** for everyone? Consider charging a small amount for the event or use a paper bag.



Badges or Buttons: There are choices about how to reward girls for attending. If girls in your group don't wear sashes, get the **Button** instead of the **Badge**. Girls can pin the **Button** to their aprons or clothing.





Outreach Ideas: See page 13 for ideas to help girls invite friends from school, sports, and other activities.

Quickly Identify Jobs for New Volunteers:
Just look for this icon () throughout this
Planning Guide*. New volunteers can fill
these roles with minimal time and effort.

Supplies List: The Complete Supplies List provided in the Event Resources on the DVD-ROM contains a list of supplies for every exhibit and activity in this *Planning Guide*.

Sunshine Garden Party Call-In and Webcast: See the details on page 17.

What's in this Event Packet?

The Event Packet includes ideas for making the Sunshine Garden Party a fun, spiritually rewarding experience. Event Resources are individual, reproducible pages on the DVD-ROM. These pages are also available online at www.ngmevents. ag.org/sleepover for your convenience. The contents page of this *Planning Guide* lists the information you will need.

The event is most successful when leaders tailor activities to the specific interests and abilities of girls in their local church. Feel free to adapt these ideas to the regional and cultural needs of your church or for girls who may have special needs.

Packet Components

 Information about this year's Coins for Kids fun project: Caring for Baneasa

Coins for Kids Promo Card (Note:

Catalog Item)

Coins for Kids/NGM Week offering return envelope

Things to Know booklet

Information about Sleepover products

Sunshine Garden Party Poster
DVD-ROM which includes:

o Nationwide Event Video

o Coins for Kids Project Promo Video

o Sunshine Garden Party Planning Guide

o Sunshine Garden Party Poster art

o Sunshine Garden Party Invitations

o Girls Ministries 2017–2018 Annual Theme Guide

o And more reproducible pages!



What do I need to know about CHILD SAFETY?

Protecting children is of utmost importance. All churches need to screen volunteers and put in place policies to ensure safety for those participating in church activities. To learn more about protecting children from predators and other potential safety risks, visit the Assemblies of God official site for legal matters pertaining to the church: www.ag.org/top/legal matters. You can link to this site from the National Girls Ministries home page www.ngm.ag.org. In the menu on the left side of the screen, choose "Legal Matters." Also, reference Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in Your Church by Richard Hammar (book is not on DVD).

Planning Your Event 10 Simple Steps

Here's a quick overview of things to keep in mind when planning your event.

- 1. Read this entire *Planning Guide** and review the contents of the DVD-ROM.

 Carefully read and evaluate the sample activities before you begin planning.
- 2. Schedule your Sunshine Garden Party.

 Most churches opt to host their Sunshine
 Garden Party during the Nationwide
 Event on September 22, 2017. Check
 your church's calendar to reserve the
 event date. If the date conflicts with your
 church, section, or district calendar, your
 Sunshine Garden Party may be held on
 a different date. Remember to set firm
 arrival and departure times.
- 3. Promote the Coins for Kids giving. See page 16 for more information about this important focus of the Nationwide Event.
- 4. Believe for salvations. This is a fun event for girls to invite friends who may not be followers of Jesus Christ. Be praying for His favor as girls invite their friends. Remind volunteers to watch for conversation opportunities that open the door for a salvation experience. Ask others in your church to begin praying for these girls now.

Print Sunshine Garden Party Invitations to encourage girls to invite friends to attend the event. The invitations will also make parents aware of the time and place of the event. The invitation masters are provided in the Event Resources on the DVD-ROM.

5. Recruit others to help make your event a success. Some of the easiest people to recruit are moms of the girls or women who volunteer in children's ministries (Sunday School teachers, etc.). Think beyond these people to others who enjoy baking or doing crafts or other skills that tie into the activities you are planning.

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

- Make a list of the different roles that need to be filled and consider who the best individual would be. Pray for God's help and then have a conversation with that person to ask her to join the team. Plan ahead by asking early and don't forget to check in regularly on volunteers' progress.
- 6. Gifts and prizes help the memory of the event live on long after it's over. Think creatively about this and remember there are great Sunshine Garden Party items that are very affordable and fun. T-shirts and other themed items make great participant and volunteer gifts. Create gift bags for each girl by purchasing other Sunshine Garden Party products. Order in plenty of time. NOTE: Some items have limited quantities so order early!
- 7. Decorate, decorate, decorate. Sunshine Garden Party is a fun theme, so get creative and make the event exhibits memorable. See pages 22 for ideas.
- 8. During Sunshine Garden Party, participate in the Nationwide Call-In and Webcast.
 Check out pages 17 for more details.
 Don't miss out on the opportunity to win one of the grand prizes.
- 9. Celebrate girls' attendance at event. Give everyone a Sunshine Garden Party Badge or Button to commemorate the event. Add the reproducible Event Certificates (from the Event Resources on the DVD-ROM) to recognize girls, too.
- 10. After your event, please submit the Report Form, Survey, and Offering to the National Girls Ministries Department. The report and survey forms are found on pages 42–44, and on the DVD as well. (For your convenience, online forms can be found at ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover/.

Planning Timelines

3-4 MONTHS Before Event

- □ Communicate the vision for the event to church leadership and describe how it alians with your church's vision.
- □ Request that September 22, 2017 (or your alternate date) be reserved on the church calendar.
- □ Order Coins for Kids Offering Boxes and **Promo Cards**. The Coins for Kids Project Promo Video on the DVD-ROM was created to explain the Caring for Baneasa project.
- □ Watch the Coins for Kids Project Promo Video during a club meeting, then ask the girls to pray about what they believe God wants them to give over the course of the year. Send home a **Promo Card, Offering Box**, and the girls' completed portion of a Faith Promise Card with each girl*.
- Devote time each month to pray and discuss the Baneasa project with your girls. Show the Coins for Kids Project Promo Video, wear the Coins for Kids **Bracelet**, and update the offering total.
- ☐ Use the Coins for Kids Fund-Raising Guide to plan and host various fundraisers for the Caring for Baneasa project. Talk to your pastor about showing the Coins for Kids Project Promo Video in a church service to get the adults involved. Encourage the airls to visit the Web site to watch the video with their family: www.ngm.ag.órg/cfk/current.

☐ Host a planning meeting with a core team. Brainstorm about how to make this event one the girls will remember. Begin to list assigned tasks for volunteers and add them to this timeline if necessary.

Order Sunshine Garden Party items needed for the event. Use the order form on page 44, order online, or call 1.855.642.2011. Order early (several weeks before September 22, 2017, to ensure product availability and timely delivery). NOTE: Quantities are limited for some items.

2 MONTHS Before Event

- ☐ Begin promoting the Nationwide Event. See page 12 for ideas.
- Have conversations with key people, recruiting them to help host the event. Determine what roles they will fill.
- Select which activities to include in the event. Become familiar with the instructions and begin to gather all needed supplies.
- Plan the menu for the evening and breakfast the next morning. See page 37 for ideas.
- Encourage girls to invite unchurched friends to the event. Start outreach ideas to encourage girls to invite unsaved friends to the event. See page 13.
- □ Saturate the event plans with prayer. Encourage your congregation to join you and your team in prayer. Don't forget to include prayer for those girls who may come as auests. Pray that God would make himself known to them.

- Order:

- Promo CardCoins for Kids BoxCoins for Kids Bracelets
- View Promo Video



2 MONTHS

- Connect with Volunteers





3-4 MONTHS

2-3 WEEKS

A FEW DAYS

DURING **GARDEN PARTY**





Planning Timeline (cont.)

2-3 WEEKS Before Event

- Connect with volunteers who will be leading activities at Sunshine Garden Party. Verify which activities they are going to do and mark those items on your shopping list.
- Encourage girls to bring a friend to the event. Print *Invitations** (from the DVD-ROM) and mail them.
- Make sure each girl who is attending fills out your church's standard permission slip.
- Consider inviting parents to join their daughters for breakfast on Saturday morning. Prepare leaders and helpers to meet the parents and invite them to church. If possible, invite the children's pastor to the breakfast and introduce him or her to the girls. This is a great way to create a bridge with children's ministries in the church.
- ☐ Make Name Tags for the event (use Avery labels 5095.)
- Review the Complete Supplies List in the Event Resources. Determine how many girls and adult volunteers to plan for and go shopping.
- □ Plan to be involved with the Nationwide Event Webcast (see page 17). There are some exciting things in the works so be sure to stay up-to-date via one of the following to know how to connect on the night of the Sunshine Garden Party:
 - o www.ngm.ag.org
 - o Facebook (facebook.com/ NationalGirlsMinistries)
 - o Twitter (@NationalGirls; #MpactSleepover; #NGirlsMinistries)
- Help the children's pastor plan ahead so that guests from the event are acknowledged in Sunday School or children's church when they attend after the event.

A FEW DAYS Before Event

(Remember to ask others to help you with this part!)

- Decorate the facility to match the Sunshine Garden Party theme.
- ☐ Add posters by the doors of each Sunshine Garden Party Season.
- ☐ Organize the Registration area so things are set up before the event begins.
- ☐ Finalize the Nationwide Event Schedule and make a copy for each volunteer.

During Event

- ☐ Have fun! Follow the selected activities in this Planning Guide.
- Log in for the Nationwide Event Webcast and plan to complete the survey online to win prizes!
- ☐ If you want to give online, go to https://giving.ag.org/ and use ministry ID number 278001.020045 to donate.

 However, you're only eligible for prizes if you complete the survey by October 31, 2017.
- Distribute flyers (available on each **Sponsor Guide CD-ROM** or on our Web site: ngm.ag.org) giving girls and their parents information about regular meeting times and places. Ask if girls will need a ride to meetings and make arrangements before they leave the event. Consider also spreading the word about other services and events for children and families if you have visiting guests for this event.
- Encourage visiting girls to bring their Event Certificate to church with them

the next time to receive a special gift. Even a small item will make girls feel welcome (see pages 14 and 15 for ideas). This might get kids excited about continuing the friendships they



made at the event. Make sure your regular church members are prepared to greet them as well.

^{*}Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



Planning Timeline (cont.)

After Event

- Mail the Event Report Form and Theme and Event Survey (see pages 42 and 43) and your Coins for Kids offering to the National Girls Ministries office.
 Please do not send cash or coins.
- □ For your convenience you can also fill out your report and send your donation online at www.ngm. ag.org/cfk.

 However, you are only eligible for the prizes listed on page 18 if you complete the online survey by October 31, 2017.
- Remember to mail or give thank-you notes to your core team and volunteers who helped, as well as those who donated items for the event.
- □ Follow up with guests who attended the event and those who were saved during the event. Be sure that each of these girls has her own Bible. Talk with your pastor about ways that a Bible can be provided for any girl without one
- Continue raising funds for the Caring for Baneasa project. The Coins for Kids project does not end until December 31, 2017. All monies received through this date will provide meals, a playground, a greenhouse, and more for the kids in Baneasa, Romania.
- Each month during a club meeting, continue to take time to pray for the Coins for Kids project.
- □ E-mail pictures of your event to the national office. Send to ngm@ ag.org. You may also post your event pictures with either of these hashtags: #MpactSleepover or #NGirlsMinistries.

Be sure you have permission to post pictures of the girls at your event. For more information about the potential childsafety issues related to posting photos online, check out this Web site:

http://www.churchlawandtax.com/blog/2012/july/cyber-risks-at-church.html

^{*}Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Scheduling Your Event

TIP: Print the Event Schedule* and add your own times for each activity.

1. What's the date?

September 22, 2017 is the Nationwide Girls Ministries Event

The event can be held on another date, but the Nationwide Event Webcast is on September 22. For other video presentation options, keep an eye on this Facebook page: facebook.com/NationalGirlsMinistries.

- Choose the activities you will do in the remaining time slots. You may arrange the various lesson segments in any order that best suits your group, space, and time.
- ☐ Fill in the remaining times on your Event Schedule.

2. What are the time boundaries?

- ☐ When will your Event start?
- □ What time will the girls go to bed?
- □ When will your group participate in the Nationwide Event Webcast? (See page 17.)

3. What are the large-group times for all the girls?

- Kick off the evening with all the girls together for Season of Worship:
 Opening Rally of the Sunshine Garden Party.
- ☐ Gather everyone together for the Nationwide Webcast.
- ☐ Fill in the large-group times on your Event Schedule.

4. What else do you need to decide?

- ☐ When will your group eat? Add that to your Event Schedule.
- Consider how to group the girls for the optional activities:
 - o Have all the girls participate in all the activities together. (See page 19–20.)
 - o Divide into smaller groups and rotate the groups through the various activities. (See page 21.)
 - Use any combination of large and small groups that suits your event setting.



Recruiting Others to Help with Your Event

Don't miss the opportunity for others to be blessed through ministering to girls at your event. Below are a few easy ways to involve others—both club sponsors and new volunteers.

Station/Season hosts. This event is organized by "Seasons," which are largegroup times and activity stations the girls will visit throughout the evening. Consider inviting someone to host each Season. This divides the preparation time and lets everyone share in the experience. Your weekly volunteers are natural choices for this role.

Registration helpers. The Choose a couple of people who are both friendly and very organized to be the first stop for your Sunshine Garden Party. These individuals can also fill other roles later in the Event. They will often need to answer questions as parents drop off their girls. Make sure these volunteers are well-informed and upbeat.

Coins for Kids Offering counters. Ask parents or grandparents to help out with counting the offering and providing the total.

Chaperones. Ask moms and other women in your church to help with your event. Choose women who are friendly and who will naturally build relationships with girls.

Food. Consider asking others to oversee the food for the event. This would include the foods for the evening dinner as well as breakfast on Saturday morning.

Shopper. Don't like to shop? Ask someone to volunteer for this activity. The Complete Supplies List* in the Event Resources makes this easier.

Set-up and clean-up team. Not everyone can spend the night, but they can be involved before and/or after your event. This is a great time to include dads and grandpas!

Prayer team. Last but not least, consider asking people to commit to praying for the event. Because this event is an outreach opportunity, the prayer team should pray for the Holy Spirit to soften girls' hearts.

Special events are often great opportunities to involve people who may not be weekly volunteers. Make a list of every position you want to have filled as well as a list of everyone who would be eligible to assist. A Volunteer Worksheet* has been provided to help track the volunteers and responsibilities.

Remember

Activities that are great places to plug in new volunteers are identified with this icon:



Promoting Your Event

Here are some tips to get the word out about your event:

- ☐ Plan ahead. Let girls and their parents know the date as soon as it's on the church calendar.
- Hang the Event Posters* in each room.
 Posters are provided in the packet.
 Print additional posters as needed from the DVD-ROM.
- □ Build excitement by including girls in the creation of promotional posters for the church. Display the posters in prominent locations in the church to build awareness and enthusiasm for the upcoming event. The posters could suggest that parents contact you to find out how they can donate items or help with the event.
- □ Print Event Invitations and encourage your girls to invite unsaved friends. Invite girls from your community who don't attend church. Be prepared to make them feel comfortable and included. Talk with your church girls about welcoming any visitors.
- Include information about the Coins for Kids project when you promote your event. Get all church members involved in raising money for Caring for Baneasa.
- □ Consider joining with other churches to host the event. Note: For those involved in district and/or sectional Girls Ministries, connect with your coordinator who may be planning a special event you will want to participate in. Be sure you are on the district and sectional mailing lists to receive event information. Volunteer

- yourself and your girls to help with games, food preparation, etc.
- Host another church for the special event. Invite sponsors and girls from a neighboring church to be your guests.

Garden Party Invitations

These fun *Invitations** can be printed from the DVD-ROM on card stock. Add the details about your event before sending them out.

*Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



Qutreach Participation 10 Simple Steps

The Nationwide Girls Ministries Event is a great time for girls to invite friends. Remind girls that this is an opportunity for them to bring friends who don't go to church. Here are some steps to help girls get started. Consider having girls complete one step a week to make it more achievable. Make copies of the invitation resource to give to each girl. Share this summary with each group leader.

Invite-a-Friend Steps

4 weeks before: Pray and ask God to show you a girl who needs Jesus. Think about girls who are new to your school, those you do extracurricular activities with, or those who don't attend another church.

3 weeks before: Talk with your parent(s) or leader about the girl you would like to invite. Ask your club leader for a *Event Invitation** (from the DVD-ROM) to give to your friend.

2 weeks before: Invite your friend. Give her details about the event that a parent would want to know. Be sure to include all the details of the event, even the Coins for Kids project you are raising money for. Your friend may want to raise money, too.

Agree on a place to meet, like your house, or better yet, pick her up on your way to the Event to make sure she doesn't arrive alone.

1 week before: Remind your friend about the Event. Continue praying for your friend and the other guests who will attend. During club time, decide together that you will make the event fun for everyone and make sure no one feels left out.

During the Event: It may be easy to spend the most time with church friends and not include your invited guests. Remember that the friends you and the other girls invited are your special guests. Be sure to include them and help them make friends. During the event talk about what Jesus means to you. You may have an opportunity to pray with your friend. If you do, thank Jesus for using you and pray with her at that moment.

After the Event: Let your friend know you meet every week at church. Ask your friend if she would like to start attending with you. You may need to help make arrangements to pick her up each week. Don't be afraid to call her or send a message to remind her about Girls Clubs a few days after the event is over.

Tell your leader that you prayed with your friend. She'll want to hear the good news.

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A. Sunshine Garden Party Button*

Buttons make a great souvenir. Features the event logo on a blue background. Wear it on the Sunshine Garden Party shirt or Apron. 1 1/4" Diameter. Safety pin closure.

Package of 10 15MY1576 \$4.99

B. Sunshine Garden Party T-shirt*

Add theme fun to your Sunshine Garden Party event! Features the Sunshine Garden Party logo on a mint green shirt. Send one home with every girl, so she can wear it to school and tell her friends about how much fun she has at Girls Ministries. Traditional fit, 5.2 oz., 100% preshrunk cotton. Recommended: 1 per girl and adult.

YS	08MY3226	\$7.99
YM	08MY3227	\$7.99
YL	08MY3228	\$7.99
S	08MY3229	\$8.99
M	08MY3230	\$8.99
L	08MY3231	\$8.99
XL	08MY3232	\$8.99
2XL	08MY3233	.\$10.99
3XL	08MY3234	.\$12.99

C. Sunshine Garden Party Badge* 🗘

Recognize girls' participation in the 2017 Nationwide Event. Features the Sunshine Garden Party logo on a white badge edged with blue stitching. Satin. 11%" Diameter. 15MY1575 89¢

D. Sunshine Garden Party Apron*

As girls visit fun stations they'll gather memories. Then as they carry the apron later, they'll have a built-in conversation starter to tell friends and family about their church and Girls Ministries. It's also a great way for them to hang on to the crafts they'll collect throughout the evening. Features the Sunshine Garden Party logo on a durable nonwoven white apron. 18" x 18"

17MY8202 \$1.79 12 or more \$1.59 each

E. Sunshine Garden Party Cup with Straw*

Keeps girls and leaders hydrated while also serving as a event souvenir. Includes translucent lid and 7" straw. Fits standard beverage holders. BPOA-Free, FDA approved and certified. 16 oz. 7" x 3"

17MY8201 \$1.49

10 or more \$1.29 each

F. Sunshine Garden Party Flower Pot Craft*

Papier-mache garden pot craft kit. Makes 12 crafts.

Pack of 12 17MY8208 \$8.99



Order form is on page 44.

*While supplies last. Items nonreturnable after September 1, 2017.

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Emphasizing Coins for Kids



Imagine if you were all alone, with no home and no family to take care of you. Kids your age in Baneasa have had no place to go until now. With Coins for Kids, we can

help missionaries build a center where every kid has someone who cares about them.

Through our project Caring for Baneasa, we're raising money so a new center can provide hot meals, school supplies, health classes, and even a greenhouse to grow veggies. With just your spare change, you can help kids just like you learn to read, grow strong, and have a chance to play on a playground for the first time in their lives!

When you give to Coins for Kids, you're helping to bless other kids with a place where they can feel safe and cared for. If we all work together, we can make sure the kids of Baneasa never feel alone again!

To view a video of this project or to donate online, visit ngm.ag.org/cfk/current



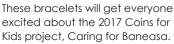




Coins for Kids Promo Card

Promote Caring for Baneasa Coins for Kids project with this 4-color promo card. Pass them out to every girl in your clubs. 4 x 9" 73MY4933 FREE

Coins for Kids Bracelet





Wearers will be reminded to pray for the girls and their families as well as the workers who make Jangdea possible. Also use as rewards for meeting offering goals. Yellow adult size silicone wristband says, "Coins for Kids — Romania 2017". $8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ " Pack of 10 - 17MY8045 - \$4.99



Coins for Kids Offering Box

Give these out to your girls and encourage them to fill them with money for Coins for Kids and turn them in during the event and beyond.

73MY4943 FREE

Coins for Kids Buttons



Pack of 10 7

71MY5249 \$2.95 10-24 \$2.45 each 25 or more \$1.95 each



Order form is on page 44.



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The Nationwide Girls Ministries Event is designed to help make a global impact. Many groups use this event to challenge girls to raise money to collectively support the annual CFK project. It's amazing to see what happens when thousands of girls all work together to make a difference.

Girls will be more motivated to participate when they understand the difference they are making. Here are some ideas to get started:

- ☐ Each year a project that specifically affects children is selected and announced to participating churches nationwide. This year's project is Caring for Baneasa in Romania. Details of this project can be found in the Event Resources on the DVD-ROM.
- ☐ Make girls aware of the project by distributing copies of the Coins For Kids Promo Card (1 per girl) and playing the Coins For Kids Project Promo Video* well in advance of the event.
- ☐ Challenge the girls to set a goal for 2017 and then think creatively about how they might be able to meet it. Use the Faith Promise Cards found online at www.nam.ora/cfk/current. Purchase the silicone Coins For Kids Bracelets for your girls to wear as a reminder of their promise.
- ☐ Order the free Coins for Kids Promo Cards and Offering Boxes, available ngary on the Event Product Order Form. The card explains the ministry of Coins for Kids and this year's project.
- ☐ Customize the Coins for Kids Offering Novi Sad Boxes with project-themed labels. In the Coins for Kids Resources folder on the DVD-ROM, there is Offering Box Sticker Art (Avery label 5160) identifying the project. Print these labels and stick

them on the back of each offering box.

- Note: Create your own offering containers. You can also have the airls use potato chip cans to collect coins and cash. Can Label art will fit Avery Full Sheet labels or it can be printed on plain paper and taped to the can. These resources are also available for free download on the Coins for Kids Web site (ngm.ag.org/cfk/current).
- ☐ Be sure girls bring their offerings to the event.
- ☐ Celebrate girls' generosity. The reproducible Coins for Kids Certificate is a great way to honor girls' efforts.
- ☐ Remember to keep raising funds throughout the year, not just for the Nationwide Girls Ministries Event.

*Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

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Nationwide Event Webcast and Call-In Details September 22, 2017

7:00 pm-11:00 pm CST • 1-800-GIV-2CFK

Nationwide Event Webcast

Giving to Coins for Kids is a highlight of the Nationwide Girls Ministries Event. Come join the fun as together we raise money for the 2017 Coins for Kids project, Caring for Baneasa. Help us reach our nightly giving goal of \$30,000!

Collect the following information before you log in:

- ☐ Church name & address*
- □ Number of girls & leaders*
- □ Total CFK offering*
- Girls Ministries leader's name, contact phone number, and e-mail address (for prize purposes)*
- * **Note:** If hosting a multi-church event, gather the above information from each church so that they are eligible for prizes.

Live-Streaming Webcast

Enjoy a nationwide live-streaming webcast. A specially designed site has been crafted to be fun and exciting for girls. Be sure to schedule some time during the Nationwide Girls Ministries Event to see what's happening around the nation at other events!

Log in to either Facebook (facebook. com/NationalGirlsMinistries) or the Web site (ngm.ag.org) to join the webcast. The webcast will run continuously. Feel free to join during a time that best fits your evening schedule.

Want to give online? Go to https://giving.ag.org/ to donate. Use ministry ID# 278001.020045.



Prizes, Prizes! We'll be awarding prizes throughout the evening

Grand Prize: Five \$100 My Healthy Church shopping sprees (All callers or those that log in on September 22, 2017 are eligible.)

Other Prizes: Must complete the online survey by October 31, 2017 to be eligible for prizes in these categories:

- Most girls participating
- First to complete online survey
- Largest "per Event attendee" Coins for Kids offering

(Note: Prizes will be determined at a later time. Watch our Web site and Facebook page for updates.)

Prize Details

Grand Prize

Five (5) \$100 Girls Ministries shopping sprees

The winning churches/leaders will be drawn randomly from the list of churches that call in on September 22 or log in with our online survey by October 31, 2017. The winners will be notified by e-mail and/or by phone information that was given. The one-time use coupon can be redeemed when placing orders for Girls Ministries resources with Gospel Publishing House/My Healthy Church.

Other Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in these categories:

- ☐ Most girls participating
- ☐ First to complete online survey
- Largest "per Event attendee" Coins for Kids offering

Winners will be notified by e-mail and/ or phone using the information that was given. All winners give permission for the Assemblies of God national office to potentially use their name and the name of their church in social media.

Restrictions: Church must have participated in a Nationwide Girls Ministries Event and reported on the online survey. Coupons are valid through March 31, 2018 at Gospel Publishing House/My Healthy Church. Each coupon is good for a one-time purchase up to \$100 of Girls Ministries resources from GPH/ MHC. The coupon can be applied to any shipping costs for the one-time purchases. Any amount spent over the \$100 prize is the responsibility of the recipient. No refund will be issued for any unused amount. There are no restrictions on the type of Girls Ministries product that can be ordered with the coupon.

Basic Schedule (Sample) Garden Party Event

	Time	Activity	Host	Location
	6:00–6:30	Registration	Donna	Lobby
	6:30–7:15	Season of Worship: The Greatest Gardener Ever!	Twana	Gym
F	7:15–7:45	Planting Season: Seeds of Faith	Rachel	Room 101
r	7:45–8:15	Nationwide Event Video/ Game	Whitney	Gym
d a y	8:15–8:45	Sunshine Garden Party Picnic	Mandy	Cafe
N i	8:45–9:15	Growing Season: Growing in God	Julie	Room 103
g h t	9:15–9:45	A Season of Giving: Caring for Baneasa (Coins for Kids)	Casey	Room 105
ı	9:45–10:15	Nationwide Event Webcast	Katie	Gym
	10:15–10:45	Blooming Season: God's Plan for You	Rebekah	Gym
	11:00	Lights Out	Adair	Various
s a t u r d a y	7:30–8:30	Rise & Shine	Katie	
	8:30–9:00	Breakfast	Mandy	Cafe
	9:00–9:30	Check Out	Donna	Lobby
	9:00–finish	Cleanup	All	

Basic Schedule (Sample) Evening Event

Time		Activity	Host	Location	
	6:00–6:30	Registration	Donna	Lobby	
	6:30–7:15	Season of Worship: The Greatest Gardener Ever!		Gym	
	7:15–7:45	Planting Season: Seeds of Faith	Rachel	Room 101	
F	7:45–8:15	Nationwide Event Video/ Game	Whitney	Gym	
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	10:45–11:15	Check Out	Donna	Lobby	
	10:45–finish	Clean Up	All		

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Rotating Groups Plan (Sample) (Large-group, small-group option)



Season of Worship

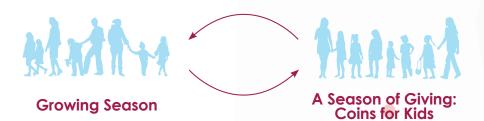


Planting Season





Sunshine Garden Party Picnic





Nationwide Event Webcast



Let's Decorate!

Get Ready For a Fantastic Garden Party Event!

☐ Designate the areas the Seasons will take place using the Seasons Signs available on the DVD-ROM. ☐ Hang flowers made from paper on the walls and/or For Garden Seasons from the ceiling. ☐ Use terra-cotta pots or soup cans wrapped in twine to hold supplies. ☐ Decorate with watering cans, real or silk flowers, or perhaps even a wheelbarrow. □ Consider using pillows on the floor as a seating option for one or more Season. ☐ Use the small Food Signs available on the DVD-ROM. For the Food Area Attach them to craft sticks and plant them in pots on the table. □ Decorate the tables in bright, spring colors. ☐ Use flower pots, jars, soup cans covered in twine, etc. to decorate and hold utensils. Use a tension rod to hang long strips of ribbon (or cut plastic tablecloths into long strips) for a beautiful back-General Decor Ideas drop or photo op. Make garland from scrapbook paper in the shape of flowers, hearts, or pennants. Accent with paper fans and pinwheels. ☐ Bring in various gardening supplies, such as: o Wheelbarrow o Gardening tools and gloves o Pots and soil o Garden stakes for signs (place in weighted, decorated large cans or pots)

*Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Seasons of the Sunshine Garden Party

The following pages go into the Seasons for the Sunshine Garden Party. At each Season, there are activities specifically planned for that segment. NOTE: Each Season contains several ideas so you can choose the one(s) that best suit your group.

These activities should be done together as an entire group:

- $\hfill \square$ Season of Worship (Opening Rally)
- ☐ Garden Party Picnic (Dinner)
- □ Nationwide Event Webcast online
- ☐ Blooming Season/Closing

Schedule a room large enough for the entire group for these stations.

For the remaining Seasons, choose as many or as few of the following as you wish:

- ☐ Planting Season
- □ Nationwide Event Video from DVD-ROM
- □ Growing Season
- ☐ A Season of Giving: Coins for Kids

Option 1:

One Large Group

Select the order of the Seasons the girls will visit during the event. Although all girls will be together, prepare to break up the large group into smaller groups at work stations for many activities. Recommended for groups of 25 or fewer. See pages 19 and 20 for sample schedules.

Option 2:

Large Groups and Small Groups

Use a combination of large groups and small groups for this plan. All girls will be together for the Season of Worship, Sunshine Garden Party Picnic, Nationwide Event Webcast, Blooming Season, and Closing.

Smaller groups will rotate through the other locations to keep the group sizes small enough for a quality experience. In this option, leaders will present their activities multiple times until each group has been to their station. See page 21 for an illustration of this large-group, small-group plan.

Gardening Tip

Capturing memories is an important part of this event. The **Gardening Apron** will hold special projects, gardening tools, and memories.



Registration

Design an area at the entrance to receive the girls and take care of registration. Make the Registration Station a fun, warm welcome to your event.

You Will Need:

- Gardening Apron or paper bag with Coloring Page* to attach (1 for each girl)
- □ Name Tags
- Extra permission slips (for those who forgot them)
- ☐ Folder to collect permission slips

Here are some ideas that will create that fun atmosphere:

- □ Print copies of the Sunshine Garden Party Coloring Page and create a coloring page station. You could include other coloring pages with pictures of flowers, gardens, and trees if you'd like. Provide crayons, markers, and colored pencils.
- Hold a "Guess the Number of Seeds" contest.
 - o Place seeds in a clear jar and let the girls submit their guesses on slips (available in the Reproducible Section of this packet.)
 - Award the closest guess with a Girls Ministries Coin Purse or other small prizes.

Getting Ready:

- □ Recruit parents to count the Coins for Kids offering.
- Plan to open the doors early for girls who come before the scheduled starting time.
- ☐ Have activities girls can participate in while they wait for the official kickoff. (See More Fun Ideas on pages 39.)

As Girls Arrive:

- ☐ Collect permission slips.
- ☐ Receive monies being collected and
- the Coins For Kids boxes. (Don't forget to tally offering and report your total on the Sunshine Garden Party at http://ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover/.)
- Give each girl a Name Tag and Gardening Apron to hold items they will create.
- □ Tally the offering total so you are ready to report on the online survey, webcast, and call-in.

*Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



Season of Worship Opening Session



Primary Focus:

Welcome the girls. Welcome the power and presence of the Holy Spirit through worship. Introduce the idea that God plants seeds in us, helps us to grow, and loves to see us bloom!

Season Overview:

(Choose as many as fits your time frame)

- □ Welcome the girls with Fun Facts to Share.
- ☐ Play an active game, "Garden Getup Relay," to get kids laughing.
- ☐ Welcome the presence of God with worship.
- ☐ Share the devotional, "The Greatest Gardener Ever."
- ☐ Give the girls each a **Gardening Apron** in which they will collect garden tools throughout the event.

Fun Facts to Share:

- □ Welcome to Sunshine Garden Party! We are so glad you are here. We've got a busy night ahead full of fun, amazing things to do!
- ☐ Just as gardens bring beauty to our world, Jesus brings beauty to our hearts and lives.

Fun Things to Do.

Garden Getup Relay: Play this relay game with some (or all) of your girls, letting them help two leaders "get ready" for the party. You will need:

- ☐ Hats
- □ Dresses
- ☐ Costume jewelry
- ☐ Several pairs of high-heeled shoes
- ☐ Anything else you think might be fun (nylon stockings, scarves, makeup, etc.)
- ☐ Two leaders who are willing to be silly

Getting Ready:

- Before the event, collect the items and put them on a table or the floor.
- Designate a place for team members to line up, away from the items.
- Ask two fun, outgoing leaders to participate.

Directions:

- Tell the girls that two of the leaders need help getting ready for the Sunshine Garden Party.
- ☐ Choose two teams of girls. The number of girls you choose for each team depends on the number of items you have to put on the leader. If you have dresses, jewelry, hats, and scarves, you'll need four girls on each team.
- □ When the game begins, one girl from each team will race to the pile of items, choose one, and help her leader put it on. She will then race back to tag her teammate who to choose the next item.
- ☐ The game continues until one team's leader is "ready" for the party.

Morship:

Lead girls in a time of worship, preparing their hearts for the message of the devotion.

You Will Need:

☐ Music of your choice

Getting Ready:

- ☐ Prayerfully choose simple worship songs
- ☐ If available, ask someone to accompany you on a piano, guitar, or other instrument, or choose music that can be played on CD, video, or by other means.
- ☐ Choose music with lyrics the girls can understand.

Season of Worship (cont.)

□ Include the song "Shine" available at s1.ag.org/shinesong.

Directions:

- ☐ Tell the girls that it is time to worship. Encourage them to focus their whole attention on God and sing to Him.
- ☐ Lead the songs. Model an attitude of worship.

Devotional:

Present the devotional "The Greatest Gardener" to the girls.

You will need:

- ☐ A Bible
- ☐ A copy of "The Greatest Gardener"

Getting Ready:

- Read "The Greatest Gardener," along with the accompanying Scripture passage, several times before the event.
- Pray, asking God to direct you as you speak, and lead girls to a closer relationship with Him.

Directions:

- □ Present the devotional.
- Offer a chance for girls to respond to a need for salvation or deeper walk with Christ. Pray with the girls.

Gardening Tip:

At the end of each season, each girl will receive an item or paper gardening tool to help them remember something they have learned. In this session, they will receive something to keep their tools in.

You will need:

- Gardening Apron for each girl to wear (or a paper bag to put their garden tools and artwork in). Gardening Aprons are available at www.myhealthychurch.com/gardenparty
- Markers

Getting Ready:

☐ Have **Gardening Aprons** or paper bags ready to hand out to the girls.

Directions:

- □ Say, "Tonight, we are going to be collecting some garden tools that will remind us of important things we've learned. You are receiving an apron (or paper bag) to collect them in."
- ☐ Have each girl write her name on her apron.
- ☐ Allow the girls to decorate the aprons as desired.

DevotionalThe Greatest Gardener Ever!

Scripture Passage: John 15:1–8

Materials Needed: Plastic or silk vine, preferably with grapes

• Read John 15:1 aloud to the girls.

It's hard to describe God. He's so big, so powerful, so complex! We often describe Him using ideas that are familiar. Have you ever heard God described as your Father? (Allow response.) He is! Have you

ever heard someone say that God is Lord? (Allow response). That just means that He's in charge. Maybe you have even heard Him described as the best Doctor ever. That doesn't mean He went to medical school. It means He has the power to heal us!

But here in John 15, we see God described as a gardener! You might think, "I see Him as a Father, the Lord, and I know He's my Healer, but how is He like a gardener?"

Season of Worship (cont.)

Jesus was trying to teach His friends an important lesson. At the time and place He lived, everyone understood about growing grapes. They grow on vines. Do you know what a vine is? (Allow responses.) Yes, a very long plant. It can grow along fences or trees or any number of things. (Show the girls the plastic vine).

Jesus told His friends that He was a vine. He compared himself to a vine to help them understand something He wanted to teach them. He told them that God was the gardener. It probably made them picture God the gardener planting Jesus in the earth. That seems silly, but He was trying to show them that He was sent by God to earth.

He also told His friends that they were branches. Jesus wanted His friends, and all of us who follow Him, to become a part of Him. We are supposed to be so in love with Jesus, so committed to Him, that we talk like Him and act like Him and do the things that He would do. We are a branch of Jesus! We belong to the same vine!

He asked His friends (and us) to "abide" in Him. That means to depend on Him. If you cut a branch off from a vine, it won't grow anymore. It will die. So we have to stay close to Jesus. We have to talk to Him in prayer. We have to read our Bibles. We have to listen in church. We need to spend time just worshipping Him and listening to Him, so that we stay connected to Him. If we don't, we won't grow as a Christian.

As a branch, Jesus said it's really important to bear fruit. We don't actually grow grapes on our arms (although that might be convenient when you need a snack). But through the way that we talk and act we can show the fruit of the Spirit. Does anyone know what the Bible says that is? (Allow responses.) It's love, joy, peace, patience (or forbearance), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control!

Sometimes those things are hard to do! Has anyone ever had a hard time being patient? (Allow responses.) Has anyone ever been told that you can't eat a cookie yet, but you didn't have the self-control to wait? (Allow response.)

When we spend time with Jesus, abiding in Him as a branch of the Vine, God's Spirit works in us and helps us be more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, and gentle. He helps us have more self-control too, even around cookies.

I am so grateful that God the Father, our Gardener, "planted" Jesus, our Vine, here on earth. When God sent Jesus to die on the cross, He made the way for us to become apart of His Vine. He's the greatest Gardener ever!

(Leaders, this is a great opportunity to help your girls start a relationship with Jesus. You can use these ABCs of Salvation.)

There are three simple steps to help you begin your relationship with Jesus. These are called the ABCs of Salvation.

- A: Admit you are a sinner. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We have all made mistakes even me! But God still loves us no matter what.
- **B:** Believe in Jesus to forgive your sins. Acts 16:31 says to "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."
- C: Confess your sins. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

All we need to do is admit that we have made mistakes, believe that Jesus is God's Son sent to forgive our sins (our mistakes), and confess our sins to Him.

(Lead your group in a prayer through the ABCs Salvation.)

Planting Season Seeds of Faith

Primary Focus:

When we plant a seed in the ground, we can't see its full potential. It's just a little seed. It doesn't look like much could happen to it. But we plant the seed in faith, knowing that if we do, amazing things will happen and the seed will become a plant.

We need that same faith when we decide to follow Jesus. It starts with believing that Jesus died for us, so that we could be free from sin and live the life God called us to live.

(As you share this with the girls before moving on to the activities, ask them, "What kind of seeds do we need?" and teach them to respond "Seeds of faith." Repeat the question and answer with them throughout the activities.)

Season Overview:

(Choose as many as time allows)

- $\hfill \square$ Start a Progressive Plant
- $\hfill \square$ Make a Sunflower Craft
- Get a seed packet or sunflower seeds for Gardening Apron

Fun Facts to Share:

- $\hfill \square$ We hope you are having a great time!
- $\hfill \square$ We are talking about planting seeds.
- ☐ Seeds come in many shapes and sizes.
- ☐ They often travel by wind, water, animals, and gravity.
- ☐ Within each seed, there is the tiny beginnings of a plant.

Jun Things To Do: Progressive Plant

In this season, girls will plant a flower or other plant. In the next two Seasons, they

will water it and predict what it will look like when it blooms.

You will need:

- ☐ Flower Pot Craft, one for each girl
- □ Potting soil
- ☐ Garden shovel or plastic spoons
- □ Seeds
- ☐ Markers

Getting Ready:

- Create a seed planting station with supplies.
- □ Consider doing this outside or put plastic over the carpet.

Directions:

- ☐ Give each girl a flower pot and have her write her name on the top edge.
- ☐ Tell the girls to scoop potting soil into their cup to fill it halfway, then place seeds in the cup.
- ☐ Have each girl cover her seeds with dirt.
- □ As the girls work, remind them that, properly taken care of, the plants will grow. We don't see it now, but we have faith that it will happen. That's just like Jesus. We may not physically see Him, or know what He is leading us through, but we put our faith in Him. We believe that He is going to grow us and change us into the person He created us to be.

Sunflower Craft

Make this cute and cheery craft with cupcake liners and sunflower seeds!

You will need:

- □ Construction paper (blue and green)
- ☐ Yellow cupcake liners
- □ Sunflower seeds in the shell
- ☐ Glue
- □ Scissors

Getting Ready:

☐ Gather supplies on a table, leaving plenty of room for the girls to work.

Directions:

- Start by cutting the cupcake liners.
 Count the ridges of the liners and cut a slit every few ridges.
- Not all cupcake liners are created equally, so just give some space in between each one. It may not be exact.
- ☐ Take a sheet of blue paper for the background and green for the stems and grass.
- ☐ Have the girls cut stems and grass from the green construction paper.
- ☐ Glue the grass and stems on the blue paper.
- ☐ Glue the cupcake liners to the top of the stems.
- Cover the center of the cupcake liners with glue and cover the glue with the sunflower seeds.

Gardening Tip:

You will need

 Seed packet or some sunflower seeds for each girl

Getting Ready:

☐ Have seeds ready to hand out to the girls.

- □ Say, "Each of you are receiving some seeds to put in your **Gardening Apron** (or bag). When you look at them, let them be a reminder of the faith in Jesus that's planted in you. If you don't yet have faith in Jesus, and haven't ever asked Him into your life, you can do that, right now!"
- Pray with the girls. Lead girls in a simple prayer of salvation if they express an interest in asking Jesus into their lives.

Nationwide Event Video & Game Fun Things to Do

Nationwide Event Video

Play the short video found on the DVD-ROM or online titled "Getting Ready to Bloom".

You will need:

- ☐ Television with DVD player
- □ DVD-Rom

Or

- ☐ Computer with downloaded video
- ☐ Play on screen or television

Directions:

- □ Have girls assembled around the screen.
- ☐ Play video.
- ☐ Ask girls to share what they heard.

Flower Bingo

You will need:

- ☐ Flower Bingo Cards from the Reproducible Section
- ☐ Flower Bingo Calling Cards from the Reproducible Section
- □ Sunflower seeds
- □ Scissors

Getting Ready:

- ☐ Print and cut out Bingo Cards and Callina Cards.
- ☐ Distribute sunflower seed markers and Bingo Cards to each girl.

- ☐ Leader should pull out one card, and read it aloud.
- ☐ Players will place a sunflower seed on the word on their card.
- ☐ When a girl has covered five spaces in a row(vertically, horizontally, or diagonally), she should call out "Bingo!"
- ☐ If all of her marked spaces have been called, she is declared the winner.
- ☐ Award the winner with a small prize such as a **Bloom Pen** or **Bloom** Bookmark.



Growing Season Growing in God

Primary Focus:

Once your garden is planted, the work is far from done! In order for plants to grow, they need lots of sunshine, rain, weeding, and maybe some plant food. They also need protection from bugs and other pests that want to gobble them up before they have a chance to grow.

As Christians, once we believe in Jesus, there's a lot of work to be done to help us grow. We need to read the Bible. We need to talk to Jesus in prayer. We need to build relationships with other Christians to help us along the way. We need to protect ourselves from things Satan may tempt us with.

(As you share this with the girls ask them, "Why do we read our Bibles, pray, and go to church?" Teach them to answer, "So we will grow as Christians!" Repeat this several times as you complete the activities.)

Season Overview:

(Choose as many as time allows)

- $\hfill \square$ Water and feed the "Progressive Plants"
- ☐ Play "Protect Me"
- ☐ Create Encouraging Stones
- □ Receive a watering can or small bottle of water for **Apron**

Fun Facts To Share:

- Seeds need water, light, and oxygen in order to grow.
- Weeds can steal water and nutrients from plants, and should be removed from gardens to protect plants.
- ☐ Like gardening, we should fill our lives with good things like Bible reading and

prayer, and remove anything that might be harmful or cause us to have bad attitudes.

Jun Things To Do: Progressive Plant

You will need:

- ☐ Flower pots from Planting Season
- □ Watering can or other container of water
- □ Optional: Plant food

Getting Ready:

☐ Fill a container with water

Directions:

☐ Allow the girls to water their plants.

Optional: Allow the girls to feed their plants with plant food.

- □ As the girls work, remind them that just as plants need certain things to grow, so do we. Ask "Why do we read our Bibles, pray, and go to church?" and allow them to answer, "So we will grow as Christians!"
- □ Talk with them about growing as Christians, and what that might look like.

Protect Me Game

This game will remind the girls that it's important to surround themselves with good influences (like friends from church) for protection from temptation.

You will need:

☐ A large space for girls to play

Growing Season (cont.)

Getting Ready:

Ask for two volunteers (or designate them) One will be the Tempted and the other the Tempter. Form a group of no more than eight girls.

Directions:

- The object of the game is to protect the Tempted, who'll stand in the center of the group's tight circle.
- ☐ The Tempter tries to tag the girl in the center by reaching through the circle.
- ☐ Girls in the circle can maneuver to keep the Tempter out, but they must stay locked arm-in-arm.
- When the Tempted gets tagged, designate different girls to be the Tempted and the Tempter.

Encouraging Stones

You will need:

- ☐ Smooth stones for each girl
- ☐ Paint and markers
- □ Paintbrushes
- □ A Bible

Getting Ready:

- Lay out the supplies on a table, leavingplenty of room for girls to work.
- Protect the area and the girls' clothing as needed

Directions:

- ☐ Have the girls paint or decorate stones, adding Scripture references or encouraging words on them.
- ☐ Allow stones to dry before moving.
- Girls can keep their stone as a reminder to what God is teaching them, or give it away to share encouragement with others.

Gardening Tip:

You will need:

□ Watering Can (available in the Reproducible Section) or a small bottle of water

Getting Ready:

 Have the Watering Cans or water bottles ready to give the girls

- ☐ Say, "Just like plants need certain things like water to grow, we need certain things to grow as Christians."
- Ask, "Why do we read our Bibles, pray and go to church?" The girls should respond, "To grow as Christians!"
- ☐ Give each girl an item for her Gardening Apron or bag.





A Season of Giving Caring for Baneasa

Primary Focus:

Inspire the girls to help missionaries in Baneasa, Romania, build a community center and greenhouse to help kids learn about Jesus and have what they need.

Season Overview:

(Choose as many as fits your time frame)

- ☐ Let the girls get active with a
 - Playground Relay (whether permitting)
- □ Play a life-size board game.
- Make a prayer CFK Bookmark or a Romanian flag.

Fun Facts to Share:

- ☐ Baneasa is a region in the southwest area of Romania.
- Missionaries are building a community center with a greenhouse and playground so kids will have something to do.
- We can pray and help through our Coins for Kids Offering.

Jun Things To Do: Playground Relay

You will need:

□ Playground Relay

Getting Ready:

- ☐ If weather permits, play this game on a playground or in a park.
- Go to the playground ahead of time and plan an obstacle course using the park equipment. For example, girls can climb the slide and slide down, crawl under a set of swings, and then climb to the top of the jungle gym and back down again.

Directions:

- ☐ Divide the group into teams.
- ☐ Have the girls run the obstacle course as a relay race, tagging the next runner when they finish the course.
- Award a small prize to the winning team.

Life-Size Board Game

You will need:

- □ 20 blank pieces of paper
- ☐ Board Game Spaces from the Reproducible section
- ☐ Tape (whatever type works on the flooring)
- □ 1 dice (the bigger, the better)

Getting Ready:

- Make a copy of each of the Board Game Spaces in the Reproducible section.
- In a large area, make a life-size game board by placing or taping the pages, putting several blank pieces of paper between the printed ones.

Directions:

- Players line up at the start. The first
 player rolls the dice and moves the
 number of spaces it indicates.
 - When a player lands on a message, they must answer the question.
- If they are correct, they can move three spaces forward. If incorrect, they must move one space back.
- Play continues until someone reaches the finish. Award the winner a small prize.

Romanian Flag Craft

You will need:

- ☐ White paper
- □ Red, yellow, and blue colored pencils, crayons, or markers

A-Season of Giving (cont.)

□ Photo of the Romanian flag
 □ Thin dowel rod, one for each girl (optional)
 □ Tape (optional)
 □ Scissors (optional)
 □ Getting Ready:
 □ Place the supplies on a table or tables, giving girls plenty of room to work.

Directions:

- ☐ Show the girls the picture of the flag of Romania.
- ☐ Tell the girls to create a similar flag using the supplies provided.
- ☐ Encourage them to be creative and use the medium(s) they prefer.
- ☐ They can choose to cut the paper to make a smaller flag if they wish.
- Optional: Allow girls to tape their flag to a thin dowel rod.
- ☐ The girls can use the flags to remind them to pray for Romania.

Prayer Bookmark

You will need:

- Copies of the CFK Bookmarks in the Reproducible Section, preferably copied onto cardstock
- ☐ Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- □ Scissors

Getting Ready:

 Place the supplies on a table or tables, giving girls plenty of room to work.

- Allow the girls to cut out and decorate the Bookmarks.
- ☐ Have them write prayer requests for kids in Romania.
- ☐ Tell the girls that the *Bookmarks* can remind them to pray for the children of Romania.

Blooming Season God's Plan for You

Primary Focus:

When your plants have been given what they need each day, it's only a matter of time until they bloom! It's amazing to see the beauty of God's creation in each different plant in the garden.

When we have faith in Jesus and are growing as Christians, God will do a beautiful work in us too! He has a special plan for each of us.

(As you share this with the girls, ask, "What is God's plan for you?" and teach them to answer, "To bloom into the girl He'd have me to be." Repeat this as they go through the activities.)

Season Overview:

(Choose as many as time allows)

- ☐ Finish Progressive Plants.
- $\hfill \square$ Make a Flower Wreath for hair.
- Create a CD Wind Spinner for the garden.
- ☐ Get a pair of Garden Shears for **Apron**.

Fun Facts to Share:

- There are around four hundred thousand different kinds of flowers.
- Each kind of flower is something beautiful and unique.
- God loves how beautiful and unique you are. He wants you to bloom into your calling— His special plan for you!

Jun Things To Do: Progressive Plant

You will need:

- ☐ Flower pots with seeds from earlier Season
- Crayons

Getting Ready:

- ☐ Gather the girls around the table with their plants.
- □ Place crayons on the table.

Directions:

- Encourage the girls to imagine what their plant will look like when it has grown.
- Allow them to decorate their flower pots with a drawing of what their plants will look like in bloom.
- ☐ Talk to the girls about listening to God's voice and becoming the young woman God wants her to be.

Flower Hair Wreaths

Showcase the girl's inner and outer beauty with these sweet hair wreaths.

You will need:

- ☐ Silk flowers, including the stems
- □ Floral tape
- □ Scissors
- Optional: Ribbon

Getting Ready:

Lay out the supplies on a table, leaving plenty of room for girls to work.

- Assist girls in making a wreath for their hair by using green floral tape to wrap silk flowers together in one long strand.
- Wrap the flower stems tightly so the tape doesn't get too loose.
- ☐ Help the girls measure the length around their head.
- ☐ When the strand of flowers is long enough, tape the ends together
- Decorate with ribbon as desired.

Blooming-Season (cont.)

CD Wind Spinner

You will need:

- □ Old CDs or DVDs
- □ School glue or glue dots
- ☐ Craft gems, jewels, sequins, buttons etc.
- ☐ Fishing line

Getting Ready:

Lay out the supplies on a table, leaving plenty of room for girls to work.

Directions:

- Cover the surface of the CD or DVD with craft gems and jewels, using glue.
- Younger girls will likely place their decorative gems randomly all over the CD, while older kids may want to use create defined patterns or designs.
- Add a fishing line hanger so that the spinner can be hung in a garden.

Gardening Tip:

You will need:

 Paper Garden Shears (available in the Reproducible section)

Getting Ready:

□ Have one pair of Garden Shears ready for each girl.

- □ Say, "Garden shears are often used to cut off branches that aren't blooming or bearing fruit. For us, it's important that we bloom and follow Christ on the path He is leading us. If we allow ourselves to get distracted from following Jesus, we could feel 'cut off' from God before long."
- "Keep these sheers as a reminder to follow God with your whole heart so you'll never feel cut off in your relationship with Jesus."
- ☐ Give each girl the paper Garden Shears.



More Fun Ideas Food

Garden Party Goodies: What to Feed the Girls at Your Event

It isn't a girls' event without food! The menu can be tailored to the size of your group, your preferences, and the space you are using. It is only limited by your imagination! Following are some suggested ideas to make your night magical!

Breakfast

- Fruit Parfaits (layer fruit and yogurt in edible waffle cups or disposable plastic cups.)
- □ Flower-shaped pancakes

For Dinner

- Flower-shaped sandwiches (use cookie cutters)
- ☐ Fresh fruit
- ☐ Fresh veggies
- □ Salad (or ingredients to build their own)
- ☐ Finger foods such as cheese and crackers
- ☐ Fruit kabobs (string fresh fruit onto wooden skewers)

Fun Ideas to Add Some Ilair:

- Serve fresh veggies in tiny terra-cotta pots for individual portions.
- Serve Dirt Cake in a pot with a new garden shovel. Add some gummy worms to make it interesting.

For Dessert

- ☐ Flower-shaped sugar cookies (allow the girls to decorate them)
- □ Dirt Cake (see recipe)

4) rinks

- □ Lemonade
- ☐ Fruit-flavored ice tea
- □ Water infused with fruit

Fun Recipe

Dirt Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 package (about 15 ounces) chocolate sandwich cookies
- 2 (3.9-ounces) packages instant chocolate pudding
- ☐ 4 cups milk
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- □ 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

- □ Crush the cookies into fine crumbs using a food processor (or, place the cookies in a resealable plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin); set aside.
- In a large bowl, whisk together both boxes of the pudding mix with the milk for about 2 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes.
- Beat together the cream cheese and butter on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Reduce speed to low, add the powdered sugar; then gradually increase the speed to medium until a fluffy texture is reached.
- Using a rubber spatula, fold the cream cheese mixture into the chocolate

pudding, then fold in the whipped topping until completely combined.

☐ The dessert can be assembled in a number of ways: in a rectangular or square serving dish, in a trifle bowl, or in individual cups. Layer the dessert by alternating layers of the crushed cookies and pudding mixture, beginning and ending with the crushed cookies. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours (or overnight) before serving. Decorate the top with gummy worms before serving, if desired.

More Fun Ideas Crafts and Games

Dyed Flowers

Try this experiment to show how godly things can infuse our lives for the better. It takes at least an hour to show the effects, so start this project early during your event and then come back to it later to show the results.

You will need:

- Stems of bright, white flowers such as chrysanthemums, gerberas, or carnations
- Jars filled with water and various shades of liquid or gel food coloring
- □ Spoons

Getting Ready:

- ☐ Add water to jars.
- $\hfill \square$ Add coloring to the water and stir.
- Place the jars and cut flowers on a table where the girls can see them.
- Do samples at least the day before to show girls.

Directions:

- Talk to the girls about how we can "drink in" the presence of God by spending time in prayer, Bible study, and church.
- Place the cut flowers in the colored water and tell the girls that the flowers will begin pulling water into themselves, in a sense "drinking" the water.
- Tell the girls that you will check back on the flowers later to see if the colored water made any change in the flowers.
- The outer petals of the flowers should start to change colors within an hour or so.
- ☐ The longer you leave the flowers, the more dyed they will become (within a day or two).
- Show the girls the finished result.
 Remind them that just as the flowers were changed and made beautiful by

drinking in the colored water, our lives are changed and made beautiful by drinking in the presence of God.

Dancing Apple Seeds

Use this fun experiment to remind girls to get excited about their faith in God.

You will need:

- □ Clear glass
- □ Any clear soda
- □ Apple
- Sharp knife for cutting the apple (to be used only by adult)

Getting Ready:

- ☐ Set the supplies on a table or surface where the girls can clearly see them.
- Do not to leave the sharp knife unattended, especially around young girls.

- Ask the girls the question from the Planting Season, "What kind of seeds do we need to be planted in our lives?" They should answer, "Seeds of faith!"
- Cut the apple open and remove the seeds.
- \Box Fill the glass with the soda.
- □ Drop in the apple seeds.
- ☐ The apple seeds should begin to dance.
- □ Say, "Our seeds are so excited that they are dancing! Starting a relationship with Jesus is very exciting. When we come to Him in faith, we have a reason to get excited, just like these apple seeds."

More Fun Ideas: Crafts and Games (cont.) Nature's Stampers

This simple idea would be especially fun for younger girls.

You will need:

- □ Sample nature items like twigs, acorns, small rocks, etc.
- □ Playdough or clay

Getting Ready:

 Set the supplies on a table or surface, leaving plenty of room for the girls to work

Directions:

- ☐ Give girls a lump of playdough.
- ☐ Allow the girls to stamp the playdough with the nature items.
- Comment on the beautiful patterns and textures they are creating.

Afeed Apinners

These bird feeders need to dry overnight, but would make a great item to take home in the morning if you are hosting the event as an overnight sleepover.

You will need:

- □ 3/4 cup birdseed
- □ 1/4 cup water
- □ 1 small envelope of gelatin
- □ Twine or string
- Cookie cutters, molds, or canning jar lids
- □ Wax paper
- Cooking pot
- □ Access to a stovetop

Getting Ready:

- ☐ Gather the supplies, preferably near the stove.
- □ Set up a table or designate a counter the girls can work on.

Directions:

☐ Mix together the envelope of gelatin with 1/4 cup of water and bring to a simmer while stirring. Continue stirring until the gelatin is dissolved.

- Remove from heat and let cool for a minute.
- Stir in the birdseed, adding a little more if there is still liquid in the bottom of the pan.
- □ Lay the cookie cutters on wax paper and fill half-way with the birdseed mixture.
- ☐ Cut the twine, into 6–12 inch lengths knot the end, and push down the knot into the birdseed.
- ☐ Continue filling with birdseed, covering the end of the twine and knot.
- □ Push the birdseed evenly into the cookie cutter until it's full.
- Allow them to dry overnight, turning them over every now and then.
- □ Remove from the cookie cutters.
- ☐ They are ready to be hung in trees.

in the Petal on the Flower

This fun relay game will keep kids moving!

You will need:

- □ A large sheet or several sheets of paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- □ Tape

Getting Ready:

- Cut out two large circles from paper for the center of two flowers.
- Cut out five petals to finish each flower, for a total of ten.
- □ Decorate them as desired.
- ☐ Choose a wall on which the flowers can be taped.

- ☐ Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team the pieces to create one flower.
- ☐ Allow the girls to run a relay race to assemble their flowers on the wall.
- Each girl should add only one piece.
- ☐ If desired, each team could designate one girl to hand out pieces of tape.
- The first team to assemble the flower wins.

Garden Statues Game

This active game takes no prep work, and would be a great idea to keep in mind if you have extra time.

You will need:

□ A large space to play

Getting Ready:

□ No preparation is needed.

Directions:

- A selected player called the Gardener stands at the opposite end of a field of play from the other players, or Statues.
- ☐ When the Gardener has her back to the Statues, they may attempt to race across the field to tag her. But, when the Gardener turns around to face the Statues, they must freeze in their position and hold the pose for as long as the she gazes at them.
- ☐ Though the Gardener can approach and investigate the Statues, she must be careful; when her back is turned to any Statues, they may move toward her. If a Statue is caught moving while the Gardener faces her, the Statue must return to the starting line.
- The first Statue to tag the Gardener becomes the new Gardener and the game can start again.

Paper Plate Flower

This craft is easy enough for any age girl.

You will need:

- Paper plates, one per girl
- Tissue paper, cut into small pieces
- Glue
- □ Scissors

Getting Ready:

Set the supplies on a table, leaving plenty of room for the girls to work

Directions:

 Have the girls cut large flower shapes out of the paper plates. Younger girls

More Fun Ideas: Crafts and Games (cont.)

may need some direction with this part.

- Girls can cover the flower with glue and add crumpled pieces of tissue paper to their flower.
- ☐ They can create a center to the flower by adding tissue paper of one color to the middle of the paper plate.
- ☐ Allow the glue to dry before moving.

Flower Pens

These pens make fun keepsakes to take home after the event.

You will need:

- □ Pen for each girl
- ☐ Green floral tape
- □ Silk flowers with stems

Getting Ready:

- Set up a table with silk flowers for the girls to choose from and plenty of green floral tape.
- ☐ Be sure there is plenty of room for the girls to work.

- Allow each girl to choose a flower.
- ☐ Give each girl a pen.
- ☐ The girls should attach the flower to the pen by wrapping the stem and pen with green floral tape.
- If the pen has a cap, help the girls leave room for the cap to be placed on the pen.



Event Report Form



Go to our Web site (ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover) to submit your offerings and/or an online report.

Printer-friendly forms are available on this DVD-ROM in the Forms folder.

Church Name
Leader Name
Church Address
City, State, Zip
Church Phone Date of Your Event (mm/dd/yy)
Language(s) commonly spoken during events: English Spanish Other:
Attendance Totals
Total Number of Girls Number of Visitors Number of Volunteers
Was a gospel presentation given with an opportunity to respond? YES or NO
How many girls responded to the gospel presentation?
Webcast
Did you watch the pre-recorded video? YES or NO
Did you watch the Webcast online? YES or NO
What feedback would you like to provide about this resource?
Comments/Suggestions: (use additional sheet if needed)
A return envelope has been included in the Event packet for your convenience.
Church Account # Mail to: National Girls Ministries
Church Name 1445 North Boonville Avenue
Address Springfield, MO 65802
City, State, Zip
Offering 278001-0200451 \$ Make checks payable to Coins for Kids.

Envelopes must be postmarked by December 31, 2017. All offerings received with a later postmark will go to the 2018 CFK project.





Please complete and return the survey below to the National Girls Ministries office after your Event.



N	ational	Girls	Ministries	Week/	Annual	Theme

1. Did your church emphasize Girls Ministries during the September 10 service?	YES	NO
2. Did you read through the Planning Guide?	YES	NO
3. Did you use the theme in the Theme Booklet?	YES	NO
4. Did you have prayer in your church for Girls Ministries?	YES	NO
5. Did you post the Theme poster in your church?	YES	NO
6. Did vou collect a National Girls Ministries Week offering?	YES	NO

Nationwide Girls Ministries Event

- 1. How did you receive the event information? Mail Download
- 2. How did you hear about the event?
- 3. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being highly effective), how would you rate the provided resources as contributing to the success of the event? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- 4. Was a Coins for Kids offering received during the event? YES NO
- 5. What elements did you find most helpful in the planning for your event?_____
- 6. What elements did the girls enjoy the most?
- 7. What kinds of helps would you like to see in the future?_____
- 8. What elements of this event were of no benefit to you?
- 9. Were any Sunshine Garden Party products purchased from GPH/My Healthy Church for the event?

Coins for Kids

How far in advance was the 2017 Coins for Kids Project promoted to the airls?

Rate on a scale of 1–10 (10 being highly effective) the effectiveness of the following resources in contributing to the success of the offering:

- Promo Cards 12345678910 N/A • Promo Video 12345678910N/A
- Offering Boxes 12345678910 N/A Fund-Raising Planning Guide 12345678910 N/A
- Goal Sheet 12345678910 N/A

Social Media

What social media outlets assisted in the planning of the event?

- Pinterest YES NO N/A
- Facebook YES NO N/A
- Twitter YES NO N/A

Rate the following Sleepover components on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

- Event theme and Scripture verse 12345
- Devotion 12345
- Event products 12345
- Event T-shirt 12345

- Recipes, decor, and activity ideas 1 2 3 4 5
- Information on the Coins for Kids project 1 2 3 4 5
- Webcast 12345

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Product Order Form





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