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> 2015 NATIONWIDE GIRLS MINISTRIES SLEEPOVER

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Welcome

hese verses are foundational for this year's Art Party-themed Nationwide Sleepover. The verses are woven throughout each of the night's events so girls can internalize

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how very important they are to the God who created them. As girls express their creativity, they will discover that God views each of them as His own creative masterpiece.

Girls will also learn about our Coins for Kids project: Uttam's Place. At Uttam's Place, impoverished Bangladeshi girls are shown God's love, develop a sense of their own worth, and receive educational and career help so they can grow up to escape poverty.

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

- **Fun**—A big part of Sleepover is for girls to enjoy being together. This *Planning Guide** is filled with creative ideas. Help girls have fun as they discover God's love for them.
- Nationwide Girls Ministries Call-In—Giving is at the heart of Sleepover. Show the *Coins for Kids Video* and follow the tips on page 9 to encourage girls to raise funds before Sleepover. Then see page 10 for your call-in time, so we can celebrate with you. Together we can make a big difference in the lives of girls at Uttam's Place.
- Invite friends—Nationwide Sleepover is an ideal time for girls to invite their friends. They'll get an idea of how amazing and fun Girls Ministries clubs are. More importantly, Sleepover is an opportunity to introduce girls to a relationship with Jesus. To make this easy, the Bible story concludes with a salvation invitation. Each girl who attends will hear of God's desire for a personal relationship with her.

May God bless your Art Party Sleepover so many girls gain a deeper knowledge of Christ's love and a greater understanding of the Great Commission. We look forward to hearing about your creations when you call in on September 25, 2015.

The National Girls Ministries (NGM) team

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



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Sleepover Overview



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

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

What is Sleepover?

The Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover 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 begin the clubs' year and invite guests to church. The theme for each year's Sleepover corresponds with the Coins for Kids project.

To plan for the event, use this *Planning Guide*. It includes a planning timeline, suggestions for activities, décor, and snacks, as well as a Bible story. The Sleepover is designed for any church to use as a girls-only event. It is a great tool for outreach to the community and includes a salvation message.

Why should your church host a Sleepover?

Not only is the Sleepover a fun way for girls to get 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 12.)

- Recruit new sponsors. Think about moms and other women in your church who would be great additions to the Girls Ministries team. Just look for this icon it throughout the *Planning Guide*. The icon identifies easy ways to involve new volunteers.
- 3. Give to girls in need through Coins for Kids. This year, the Sleepover theme features a project from Bangladesh—Uttam's Place. Don't miss the opportunity for your girls to gain a better understanding of these girls' needs and to give generously to help them. See page 9 for more information about Coins for Kids.

(Note: See page 10 for your call-in time.)

Who should come to Sleepover?

Sleepover 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 new for this Sleepover?

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

Art Party Backpack: Help girls remember the fun of Art Party with the Art Party Backpack. They will use

permanent markers to draw their memories on the backpack. The backpacks can also be filled with the night's projects and serve as art portfolios. 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 **Backpacks** for everyone? Consider charging a small amount for the event or use the Art Party *Artist's Page** from the DVD.

Badges or **Buttons:** There are choices about how to award 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 backpack or clothing.



Outreach Ideas: See page 12 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 *Sleepover Resources* on the DVD-ROM contains a list of supplies for every exhibit and activity in this *Planning Guide*.

Call-in Times: See the chart on page 10 to discover your church's call-in time.



What's in this Sleepover Packet?

This Sleepover Packet includes ideas for making the Art Party Sleepover a fun, spiritually rewarding experience. *Sleepover 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.

Sleepover is most successful when coordinators 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 fund project: Uttam's Place (see the Uttam's Place Reproducible Flyer on the DVD-ROM)
- Coins for Kids Promo Card (Note: Catalog Item)
- Coins for Kids/NGM Week offering return envelope
- Things to Know Sleepover Information Page
- Information about Sleepover products
- Sleepover Poster
- DVD-ROM which includes:
 - Coins for Kids Promo Video
 - Reproducible Flyer Uttam's Place
 - Art Party Sleepover Planning Guide
 - Sleepover Poster art
 - Sleepover Invitations
 - Girls Ministries 2015–2016 Annual Theme Booklet
 - 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 lefthand side of the screen, choose "Legal Matters." Also reference *Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in Your Church* by Richard Hammar.

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Planning Your Sleepover-10 Simple Steps

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

- 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 Sleepover. Most churches will opt to host Art Party during the nationwide event on September 25, 2015. Check your church's calendar to reserve the Sleepover date. If the date conflicts with your church, section, or district calendar, your Sleepover may be held on a different date. Remember to set firm arrival and departure times.
- **3.** Promote the Coins for Kids giving. See page 9 for more information about this important focus of Sleepover.
- 4. Believe for salvations. Sleepover 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 Sleepover 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 Sleepover Invitations to encourage girls to invite friends to attend the Sleepover. The invitations will also make parents aware of the time and place of the event. The invitation masters are provided in the Sleepover 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.

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 Art Party items that are very affordable and fun. **T-shirts** and other theme items make great participant and volunteer gifts. Create gift bags for each girl by purchasing other Sleepover products. Order in plenty of time. NOTE: Some items have limited quantities so order early!
- 7. Decorate, decorate, decorate. Art Party is a fun theme, so get creative and make the Sleepover exhibits memorable. See pages 21 and 22 for ideas.
- 8. During Sleepover, participate in the Nationwide Sleepover Call-In/Live Streaming. Do this through the live chat and video streaming online and/or call in to 1.800.GIV.2.CFK. Check out pages 10 and 11 for more details. Don't miss the opportunity to win one of the five grand prizes!
- Celebrate girls' attendance at Sleepover. Give everyone an Art Party Badge or Button to commemorate the event. Add the reproducible *Sleepover Certificates* (from the Sleepover Resources on the DVD-ROM) to recognize girls too.
- 10. After Sleepover, please submit your report form, survey, and offering to the National Girls Ministries Department. The report and survey forms are found on pages 64 and 65. For your convenience, online forms can be found at ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover/.

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



A. Art Party Buttons* 🛕

Buttons make a great souvenir. Features the Art Party logo on purple background. Wear it on the Art Party T-shirt or Backpack. 11/4" Diameter. Safety pin closure. Package of 10 15MY7696 \$4.99

B. Art Party T-shirt*

Add theme fun to your Art Party Sleepover event! Features the Art Party logo on a lavender 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	08MY2475	\$7.99
YM	08MY2476	\$7.99
YL	08MY2477	\$7.99
S	08MY2478	\$8.99
М	08MY2479	\$8.99
L	08MY2480	\$8.99
XL	08MY2481	\$8.99
2XL	08MY2482	\$10.99
3XL	08MY2483	\$10.99

C. Art Party Badge* 🛆

Recognize girls' participation in the 2015 Nationwide Sleepover. Features the Art Party logo on a white badge edged with orange stitching. Satin. 11/8" Diameter.

15MY7695

89¢



D. Art Party Backpack*

As girls visit fun stations, they'll sketch memories in each of the white spaces using permanent markers. Then as they carry the backpack later, they'll have a built-in conversation starter to tell friends and family about Girls Ministries and their church. It's also a great way for them to hang on to the crafts they'll collect throughout the evening. Features the Art Party logo on a durable nonwoven orange bag. Recommended: 1 per girl. 141/2 x 171/2". 17MY8063

\$1.99

E. Art Party Bracelets*

Maximize hands-on fun for your girls at Art Party and any other time of year! Girls will adore their choice of letters and decorations to place on the bright and comfy foam bracelets. Packet brings you 24 foam bracelets plus a package of more than 300 decorative letters and shapes, such as flowers, circles, doodads, and more. Includes a Velcro fastener for each braclet. Bracelet is 8" x 3/4". Pack of 24 17MY8065 \$6.99

F. Art Party Sand Art Bottles*

Art Party is a delightful memory maker when you amp up the fun with a craft. Girls will love layering colored sand to create colorful works of art in these delightful plastic bottles. When your event ends, they've got an adorable keepsake. Plastic. Approximately 1/2" around; 71/4" tall. Sand not included. Pack of 12 17MY8064 \$5.99

Order form is on page <u>66.</u>

*While supplies last. Items nonreturnable after September 1, 2015.

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2015 Coins for Kids Project

Whatever your dream, you count on your education to help it come true. But what if you didn't have access to the classes you needed? Chances are you wouldn't reach your dreams. In Bangladesh that is how it is for a lot of girls.

That's where we come in. In 2015, Coins for Kids is partnering with Uttam's Place, a wonderful after-school

program for girls, located in Bangladesh. Uttam's Place helps girls journey from life in the slums to a much better life as college graduates. Best of all, they learn about God's love and His BIG dream for them.

When you give to this project, offerings will help provide a permanent home for Uttam's Place so they can keep on helping girls. Together, let's give coins to help make their big dreams come true! To view a video of this project or to donate online, visit

ngmevents.ag.org/cfk/current.cfm

Coins for Kids Bracelet

These bracelets will get everyone excited about the 2015 Coins for Kids project, Uttam's Place. Wearers will be reminded to pray for the girls and their families as well as the workers who make Uttam's Place possible. Also use as rewards for meeting offering goals. Lavender adult

size silicone wristband says, "Coins for Kids - Bangladesh 2015". 8 x 1/2" Package of 10 17MY8045 \$4.99



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COINS FOR KIDS 2015



Coins for Kids Backpack Coin Purse

Reward girls with this mini backpack with zippered compartment and a key fob with the Coins for Kids logo. Blue and green. \$2 69

17MY8027



Coins for Kids Promo Card

Promote Uttam's Place 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 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 Sleepover.

> 73MY4943 FRFF

Luna the Lamb Sticker Sheet

The sticker sheet features Luna the Lamb and can be used to promote Coins for Kids and as gifts or awards. There are 12 stickers per sheet, sold in individual sheets. Each colorful sticker is 11/2" square with rounded corners.

14MY7075 99¢

Luna the Lamb Necklace

Your airls will love wearing this Luna the Lamb necklace. It can be a reminder to them about raising money for missions. It is a 1" enamel-filled pendant with an adjustable cord.

\$4 19

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts. Not for children under 3 yrs.

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Emphasizing the Coins for Kids Project



Sleepover 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 Uttam's Place in Bangladesh. Details of this project can be found in the *Sleepover Resources* on the DVD-ROM.
- Make girls aware of the project by distributing copies of the CFK Promo Card (1 per girl) and playing the CFK Project Promo Video well in advance of the Sleepover.
- Challenge the girls to set a goal for 2015 and then think creatively about how they might be able to meet it. Use the *Faith Promise Cards*. Purchase the silicone
 CFK Bracelets for your girls to wear as a reminder of their promise.
- Order the free Coins for Kids Promo Cards and Offering Boxes, available on the Sleepover Order Form. The card explains the ministry of Coins for Kids and this year's project.

• Customize the **Coins for Kids Offering 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 girls 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 (ngmevents.ag.org/cfk/current.cfm).

- Be sure girls bring their offerings to the Sleepover.
- Celebrate girls' generosity. The reproducible *Coins* for *Kids Certificate* or **Luna the Lamb Necklaces** and **Stickers** are great ways to honor girls' efforts.
- Remember to keep raising funds throughout the year, not just for Sleepover.







* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Nationwide Sleepover Call-In & Live Streaming Details

September 25, 2015 • 1.800.GIV.2.CFK

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm CST

NATIONWIDE SLEEPOVER CALL-IN

Giving to Coins for Kids is a highlight of the Sleepover. Come join the fun as together we raise money for the 2015 Coins for Kids project, Uttam's Place. Help us reach our nightly giving goal of \$30,000!

Locate your region's call-in time and collect the following information before you call in:

- Church name & address*
- Number of girls & leaders*
- Total CFK offering*
- Girls Ministries Coordinator's name, contact phone number, and e-mail address (for prize purposes)*

* Note: If hosting a multichurch 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 show has been crafted to be fun and exciting for girls. Be sure to schedule 15 minutes during Sleepover to see this presentation.

Log in to either Facebook (facebook.com/ NationalGirlsMinistries) or the Web site (ngm.ag.org) to participate in this live show.

The show will start on each quarter hour (e.g., 7:00, 7:15, 7:30). The Webcast will repeat every 15 minutes. Feel free to join the show 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. However, you're only eligible for prizes if you call in.

7:00 Central 8:00 Eastern	7:30 Central 8:30 Eastern	8:00 Central 9:00 Eastern	8:30 Central
Connecticut Delaware Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire New Jersey New Jersey New York Rhode Island Vermont U.S. Virgin Islands	District of Columbia Georgia Maryland North Carolina Ohio Pennsylvania Puerto Rico South Carolina Virginia West Virginia	Alabama Florida Indiana Kentucky Michigan Mississippi Tennessee	Arkansas Illinois Iowa Louisiana Minnesota Missouri Wisconsin
9:00 Central 8:00 Mountain	9:30 Central 8:30 Mountain 7:30 Pacific	10:00 Central 9:00 Mountain 8:00 Pacific	10:30 Central 8:30 Alaska 6:30 Hawaii
Kansas Nebraska North Dakota Oklahoma South Dakota Texas	Arizona Colorado Idaho Montana New Mexico Utah Wyoming	California Nevada Oregon Washington	Alaska Hawaii

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!

We'll be awarding prizes throughout the evening.

GRAND PRIZES: Five \$100 Gospel Publishing House/My Healthy Church shopping sprees (All callers are eligible.)

ZONE PRIZES: (Must call in during the time slot for your zone to be eligible for prizes in these categories)

- Most girls participating
- First to call in
- Largest "per Sleepover 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 called in during the correct call-in time on September 25, 2015. These prizes will be presented to the winning churches the week following the event. The winners will be notified by e-mail and/or by phone information that was given during the Call-In. The one-time-use coupon can be redeemed when placing an order of Girls Ministries resources with Gospel Publishing House/My Healthy Church.

Restrictions: Church must have participated in the nationwide Call-In. Coupons are valid through 3/31/2016 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 kind of Girls Ministries product that can be ordered with the coupon.

CALL ZONE PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in these categories:

- Most girls participating
- First to call in
- Largest "per Sleepover attendee" Coins for Kids offering

Prizes will be presented to the winning church in each zone. Winners will be notified by e-mail and/or phone using the information that was given during the Call-In.

Restrictions: Church must have participated in the national Call-In during their state's specific time slot on the night of September 25, 2015.

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.



Outreach Preparation

Sleepover 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 this page to share with each club sponsor.

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 club leader about who you would like to invite. Ask your club leader for a *Sleepover 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 Sleepover 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 Sleepover fun for everyone and make sure no one feels left out.

During Sleepover: It may be easy to spend the most time with church friends and not include your invited guests. Remember the friends you and the other girls invited are your special guests. Be sure to include them and help them make friends. During Sleepover 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 Sleepover: 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 Sleepover is over.

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

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



Promoting Your Sleepover

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 Sleepover Posters in each clubroom. Two 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 Sleepover 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 Sleepover. Get all church members involved in raising money for Uttam's Place.
- Consider joining with other churches to host the Sleepover. Note: For those involved in district and/or sectional Girls Ministries, connect with your coordinator who may be planning a special Sleepover you will want to participate in. Be sure you are on the district and sectional mailing lists to receive Sleepover information. Volunteer yourself and your girls to help with games, food preparation, etc.
- Host another church for Sleepover. Invite sponsors and girls from a neighboring church to be your guests.

Sleepover Invitations

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



Recruiting Others to Help with Your Sleepover

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

- **Exhibit and Studio hosts.** This Sleepover event is organized by "Exhibits," the large-group times, and "Studios," which are activity stations the girls will visit throughout the evening. Consider inviting someone to host each Exhibit and Studio. This divides the preparation time and lets everyone share in the Sleepover experience. Your weekly volunteers are natural choices for this role.
- **Registration helpers.** Choose a couple of people who are both friendly and very organized to be the first stop for your Art 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. *Market 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 Studio 4 as well as breakfast on Saturday morning.

- **Shopper.** The Don't like to shop? Ask someone to volunteer for this activity. The *Complete Supplies List** in the *Sleepover Resources* makes this easier.
- Set-up and clean-up team. When 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 Sleepover 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:

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Scheduling Your Sleepover

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

1. What's the date?

September 25, 2015 is the Nationwide Call-In/Live Streaming.

Sleepover can be held on another date, but the Nationwide Call-In and Live Streaming is only available on September 25. For other video presentation options, keep an eye on this Facebook page: facebook.com/NationalGirlsMinistries.

2. What are the time boundaries?

- When will Sleepover start?
- What time will the girls go to bed?
- When is your group supposed to participate in the Nationwide Call-In/Live Streaming? (See page 10.)

Fill in those three time slots on your Sleepover Schedule.*

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

- Kick off the evening with all the girls together for Exhibit A, the Opening Rally of the Art Party.
- Gather everyone together for Exhibit B, the Nationwide Call-In and Live Streaming. See page 10 for your time.
- Plan for the Bible story and evangelism time in Exhibit C.

Fill in the four large-group times on your Sleepover Schedule.

4. What else do you need to decide?

- When will your group eat? Add that to your Sleepover Schedule.
- Consider how to group the girls for the optional activities:
 - Have all the girls participate in all the activities together. (See page 16.)
 - Divide the girls into smaller groups and rotate the groups through the various activities. (See page 17.)
 - Use any combination of large and small groups that suits your Sleepover setting.
- Choose the activities you will do in the remaining time slots. Because each Sleepover segment reinforces a different segment of the Theme Verses, we've provided the segments in verse order in this guide. However, 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 Sleepover Schedule.

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



Note We've listed the segments in Theme Verses order. However, you may arrange the segments in any order that best suits your group, space, and time.

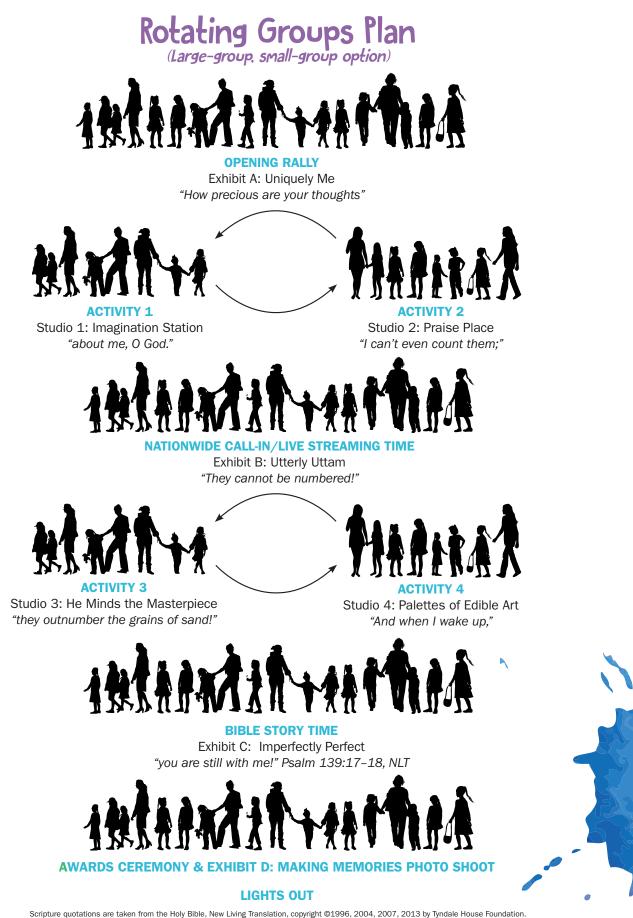
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Basic Schedule

(All girls together for all activities)

	Time	Activity	Host	Location
	6:00–6:30	Registration	Donna	Lobby
	6:30–7:00	<u>Opening Rally</u> Exhibit A: Uniquely Me "How precious are your thoughts"	Julie	Fellowship Hall
F R	7:00–7:30*	<u>Activity 1</u> Studio 1: Imagination Station <i>"about me, O God."</i>	Darlyn	Classroom 100
I D	7:30-8:00	<u>Nationwide Call-In/</u> <u>Live Streaming</u> : Exhibit B: Utterly Uttam "They cannot be numbered!"	Pam	Fellowship Hall
A	8:00-8:30	<u>Activity 2</u> Studio 2: Praise Place "I can't even count them;"	Kelly	Fellowship Hall
Y	8:30-9:00	<u>Activity 3</u> Studio 3: He Minds the Masterpiece "they outnumber the grains of sand!"	Nancy	Classroom 200
N I	9:00–9:30	<u>Activity 4</u> <u>Breakfast for Supper</u> Studio 4: Palettes of Edible Art <i>"And when I wake up,"</i>	Darlyn	Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen
G H	9:30–10:00	<u>Bible Story Time</u> Exhibit C: Imperfectly Perfect <i>"you are still with me!"</i> Psalm 139:17–18, NLT	Julie	Auditorium
T	10:00-10:15	Awards Ceremony	Kelly	Auditorium
	10:15–10:30	Photo Shoot Exhibit D: Making Memories	Darlyn & Kelly	Auditorium
	10:30-11:00	Closing Time	All volunteers	Fellowship Hall
	11:00	Lights Out	All volunteers	Fellowship Hall
S	7:30–8:30	Rise & Shine	All volunteers	Fellowship Hall
A T U P	8:30–9:00	Breakfast	Darlyn	Kitchen/ Fellowship Hall
R D A Y	9:00–9:30	Check Out	Donna & Kelly	Lobby
Y	9:00-finished	Cleanup	All volunteers	All areas

* Segments in a blue box have activities that are best experienced in groups of 6–8. If your schedule has all girls together, you will need to break up the large groups into smaller table-sized groups for those activities.



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Planning Timeline

3-4 MONTHS before Sleepover

- Communicate the vision for the Sleepover to church leadership and describe how it aligns with your church's vision.
- □ Request that September 25, 2015 (or your alternate Sleepover 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 Uttam's Place 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 the **Promo Card, Offering Box,** and the girls' completed portion of a Faith Promise Card*.
- □ Devote time each month to pray and discuss the Uttam's Place project with your girls. Show the *Coins for Kids Project Promo Video*, bring butterfly items for visual reminders, wear the **Coins for Kids Bracelet**, and update the offering total.
- □ Use the Coins for Kids Fund-Raiser Packet to plan and host various fund-raisers for the Uttam's Place 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 girls to visit the Web site to watch the video with their family: www.ngmevents.ag.org/cfk/.
- Host a planning meeting with a core team. Brainstorm together about how to make this Sleepover event one

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the girls will remember. Begin to list assigned tasks for volunteers and add them to this timeline if necessary.

 Order Art Party items needed for the event. Use the order form on page 66, order online, or call 1.855.642.2011. Order early (several weeks before Sleepover to ensure product availability and timely delivery). NOTE: Quantities are limited for some items.

2 MONTHS before Sleepover

- $\hfill\square$ Begin promoting the Sleepover. See page 13 for ideas.
- □ Have conversations with key people, recruiting them to help host the Sleepover event. Determine what roles they will fill.
- Select which activities to include in the event. See pages 23–50. Become familiar with the instructions and begin to gather all needed supplies.
- ❑ Plan the menu for the night of Sleepover and breakfast the next morning. See pages 41–44 and 51–57 for ideas.
- Encourage girls to invite unchurched friends to the Sleepover. Start outreach ideas to encourage girls to invite unsaved friends to the Sleepover. See page 12.
- Saturate the Sleepover 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 to Sleepover as guests. Pray that God would make himself known to them.



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Planning Timeline (cont.)

2–3 WEEKS before Sleepover

- Connect with volunteers who will be leading activities at Sleepover. Verify which activities they are going to do and mark those items on your shopping list.
- □ Encourage girls to bring a friend to Sleepover. Make *Sleepover 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 *Sleepover Resources*. Determine how many girls and adult volunteers to plan for and go shopping.
- Plan to be involved with the annual Sleepover Call-In and Live-Streaming (see page 10). There are some exciting things in the works so be sure to stay up-to-date via www.ngm.ag.org, Facebook (facebook.com/NationalGirlsMinistries), and Twitter (@NationalGirls; #MpactSleepover; #NGirlsMinistries) to know how to connect on the night of Sleepover!



Help the children's pastor plan ahead so that guests from Sleepover are acknowledged in Sunday School or children's church when they attend after Sleepover.

A FEW DAYS before Sleepover

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

- Decorate the Sleepover facility to match the Art Party theme.
- □ Add *Exhibit Posters* and *Studio Posters* by the doors of each Art Party station.
- Organize the Registration area so things are set up before the event begins.
- □ Finalize the Sleepover Schedule and make a copy for each volunteer.

DURING SLEEPOVER

- □ Have fun! Follow the selected activities in this *Planning Guide*.
- Use the suggested timetable to call the national Girls Ministries Department with your attendance and offering totals (see page 10 for details).
 Call 1.800.GIV.2.CFK (1.800.448.2235).

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 call in.*

- Distribute flyers (available in each Sponsor Guide 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 and make arrangements before they leave the Sleepover. 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 Sleepover Certificate to church with them the next time to receive a special gift. Even a small item will make girls feel welcome (see pages 7 and 8 for ideas). This might get kids excited about continuing the friendships they made at Sleepover. Make sure your regular church members are prepared to greet them as well.

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Planning Timeline (cont.)

AFTER SLEEPOVER

Mail the Sleepover Report Form and Theme and Sleepover Survey (see pages 64 and 65) 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 11 if you call in your giving total during your designated time.

- 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 Sleepover.
- ❑ Follow up with guests who attended Sleepover 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 Uttam's Place project. The Coins for Kids project does not end until December 31, 2015. All monies received through this date

will provide a permanent home for Uttam's Place, which is currently located in a rented facility.

Each month during a club meeting, continue to take time to pray for the Coins for Kids project.



 E-mail pictures of your Sleepover 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 Sleepover. For more information about the potential child-safety issues related to posting photos online, check out this Web site: http://www.churchlawandtax.com/blog/2012/july/cyber-risks-at-church.html

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Decorating Ideas

Use the following ideas to decorate for your Sleepover. Check out the Pinterest page for even more fun ideas: www.pinterest.com/NatGirlsMin

ART PARTY THEME

1. *Exhibit Posters and Studio Posters* for each activity station. Print signs from the DVD-ROM to mark Registration, each station, and Check Out areas.



 Watercolor Welcome Banner. Cut triangles from paper (or coffee filters) and paint with watercolors. Fold the tops of the triangles over to create a welcome banner.



3. Paint Bucket Decorations. Place paint cans of various sizes and colors near the Registration Table to create the Art Party atmosphere. You can purchase brand-new paint cans from a hardware store, or enlist volunteers to spraypaint empty used cans. Fill paint cans with supplies at each activity station. Hang paint cans, paintbrushes, paint sponges, and paint stirrers in an alternating pattern to create a room border. Add letters to create signs.



Decorating Ideas (cont.)

ART PARTY THEME

4. Keep It Colorful. Use multiple complementary colors throughout all your decor. You may continue the color theme through the various activities, making crafts and foods match your decorations.



5. Frame It. Locate inexpensive colorful picture frames in a variety of sizes (or cut them from paper.) Display them randomly on a wall to add color.



6. Table Decorations. "Spill" colorful fabric from new paint cans to add color and whimsy to your food display. Use paint brushes, paint sticks, colorful flowers, or other creative pieces for place settings. Cover the tables with paper and provide crayons or colored pencils so the girls can draw on the table cover.



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Overview: Art Party Stations

The following pages offer Art Party stations. At each station, there are activities and snacks specifically planned for that segment. NOTE: Each station contains several ideas so you can choose the one(s) that best suit your group.

Four stations should be done together as an entire group:

- Exhibit A (Opening)
- Exhibit B (Call-In)
- Exhibit C (Bible Story with altar time)
- Exhibit D (Making Memories)

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

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

- Studio 1 (crafts and games about me)
- Studio 2 (worship)
- Studio 3 (crafts, games, and food)
- Studio 4 (dinner)

Option 1—One Large Group

Select the order of the stations the girls will visit during the Sleepover. Although all girls will be together, prepare

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D	7:30-8:00	"They cannot be numbered!"	Pam	Fellowship Hall
A	8:00-8:30	Activity 2 Studio 2: Praise Place "I can't even count them;"	Kelly	Fellowship Hall
Y	8:30-9:00	Activity 3 Studio 3: He Minds the Masterpiece "they outnumber the grains of sand?"	Nancy	Classroom 200
N I	9:00-9:30	Activity 4 Breakfast for Supper Studio 4: Palettes of Edible Art "And when I wake up."	Darlyn	Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen
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	10:30-11:00	Closing Time	All volunteers	Fellowship Hall
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D A	9:00-9:30	Check Out	Donna & Kelly	Lobby
Y	9:00-finished	Cleanup	All volunteers	All areas
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to break up the large group into smaller groups at work stations for many of the activities. Recommended for groups of 25 or less. See page 16 for a sample schedule.

Option 2—Large Groups & Small Groups

Use a combination of large groups and small groups for this plan. All girls will be together for the Opening, Call-In, Bible story, and Making Memories.

Smaller groups will rotate through the other locations to keep the group sizes small enough for a quality experience. In this model, station leaders will present their activities multiple times until each group has been to their station. See page 17 for an illustration of this large-group, small-group plan.

Fun Things to Remember

Capturing memories is an important part of Sleepover. The **Art Party Backpack** and *Artist's Page* have blank outlines to illustrate up to seven personalized station memories. (See ideas at the end of each station on the pages ahead.)



Art Party: Registration

Primary Focus: Registration

Decoration Ideas:

- Decorate the Registration table with the Art Party theme.
- □ See the ideas on pages 21 and 22.

You Will Need:

- □ Art Party Backpack or Artist's Page* (1 for each girl)
- Name Tags
- □ Extra permission slips (for those who forgot them)
- □ Folder to collect permission slips
- Jar filled with jelly beans
- Jelly Bean Challenge Sign
- □ Jelly Bean Challenge Slips
- Pens or pencils
- □ Container for completed Jelly Bean Challenge Slips

Getting Ready:

- Recruit parents to count the offering.
- Plan to open the doors early for girls who come before the scheduled starting time.
- Count the jelly beans as you place them in a large jar. Write down the number of jelly beans and keep it in a safe place.
- □ Print the Jelly Bean Challenge Sign.
- * Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

- □ Print and cut apart the Jelly Bean Challenge Slips.
- Place the jelly bean jar, paper slips, pencils, and an empty jelly bean jar near the Registration table.
- Have activities girls can participate in while they wait for the official kickoff. (See More Fun Ideas: Arts and Crafts and Games on pages 58–63.)

As Girls Arrive:

- Receive each girl's CFK offering. Thank her for giving to the Bangladeshi girls who will benefit from Uttam's Place.
- Collect the permission slip from every girl. Make sure you have parent contact information and clear instructions about who will be picking up each girl the next day.
- Give each girl a *Name Tag* and **Backpack** to hold items they'll create during Sleepover.
- Have each girl fill out a slip for the Jelly Bean Challenge, writing down the number of jelly beans she thinks is in the jar. Place these slips in the empty jar.
- Go through the guesses and determine which girl came closest to the actual number of jelly beans in the jar. Announce the winner later in the evening.
- Tally the offering total so you are ready for the Call-In.



Art Party Exhibit A: Uniquely Me

"How precious are your thoughts"

Primary Focus: Introduce the Theme Verses and the idea that each girl is precious to God

Decoration ideas:

- Exhibit A Poster*
- □ Theme Verses Poster
- Mirrors with sayings on them like "I am God's Masterpiece," "I am one of a kind," or "I am unique."
- Collection of fun dress-up stuff—hats, jewelry, etc. Be sure to include items for sports and outdoor activities such as ball caps, sports uniform shirts, wool hats, swim cover-ups, etc.

Fun Facts to Share:

- Welcome to Sleepover! Our theme for tonight is Art Party.
- Our Theme Verses for the night are "How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!" Psalm 139:17–18, NLT. (Say the verse with the girls several times.)
- □ We will discover God's greatest work of art—you! You are God's masterpiece.
- We have some rules for our party. Here they are: (Go over any instructions for Sleepover, including safety tips, off-limits areas, where bathrooms are located, etc.)
- Our Art Party is about to begin. As we explore some different art forms, we will create our own works of art. This is what we will use to gather our masterpieces. (Show a **Backpack**. If you are using the Artist's Page, tell the girls where their crafts will be placed for pick up at the end of Sleepover.)

Fun Things to Do:

- Choose one or more of the activities. NOTE: There are multiple activities provided for each station, but most Sleepovers will only have time for one or two activities at each station.
- Remember to leave time for *Fun Things to Remember* before moving on to the next station.

YOU ARE UNIQUE ACTIVITY

Purpose: To get the girls involved in a fun activity that reinforces the idea that we are unique and special.

You will need:

- An open area
- Descriptions below

Directions:

- Position the girls around the edges of the room.
- $\hfill\square$ One at a time read the descriptions provided below.
- Give the girls 10 seconds to find someone who shares that trait with them and stand with that girl in the center of the room. Encourage them to call out their answers so others hear.
- □ Have the girls who do not find a match raise their hands. Let the girls know it's okay if they don't find someone who matches them.
- □ Have the girls return to the edges of the room before you read the next description.
- Explain that while we may have some of the same traits, no two people are exactly the same. Say, "The girls in our group may have some things in common, but each person is unique. There is no one else in the world exactly like you. God thinks about and loves each and every one of you."
- ❑ Lead the girls in saying the Theme Verses together as a group after they find each match. They can read the verses from the *Theme Verses Poster*. (Verses are shown on the next page.)

Descriptions:

- 1. Find someone who has the same favorite color.
- 2. Find someone who is the same age. (Or find someone who was born in the same month as you.)
- 3. Find someone who has the same favorite food.
- 4. Find someone who has the same favorite animal.
- 5. Find someone whose first name starts with the same letter as your first name.
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Art Party Exhibit A: Uniquely Me (cont.)

"How precious are your thoughts"

Theme Verses:

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me! Psalm 139:17–18, NLT

THEME VERSES CHAIN GAME

Purpose: To teach the Theme Verses and introduce the Bible Story about God being with Ruth and having a plan for her

You will need:

- Theme Verses Poster*
- □ Colored paper copies of *Theme Verses Chain Game Strips* (1 set per team, each team's set a different color)
- Staplers (1 per team)
- □ Tape (optional)

Getting ready:

- □ Cut apart the Theme Verses strips.
- □ Shuffle each team's strips and place them in a pile.

Directions:

- Remind the girls of the Theme Verses and practice saying the verses together.
- □ Divide the group into teams of 4–8 girls each.
- Explain that the teams are going to make Theme Verses chains. They will loop the verse strips and staple them to create a chain in the order of the verses.
- □ Acknowledge the winning team.
- Have each team lead the group in saying the verses together. They can turn the chain to reveal each section of the verses as they say that section.
- Hold up one of the finished chains. Explain that the words on the links of the chain work together to show us God's plan. Say, "He thinks of us and is with us all the time. Later we will hear a Bible story about a woman named Ruth who became a link in the chain of God's plan to change the world."

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Art Party Exhibit A: Uniquely Me (cont.)

"How precious are your thoughts"

BLING BRACELETS CRAFT

Purpose: To reinforce the idea that each girl is unique and precious

You will need:

- □ Foam Bracelets (1 per girl)
- □ Sample finished foam bracelet
- □ Foam stickers (shapes, letters, and jewels)
- □ Foam paints
- □ Foam glue
- □ Glitter glue or foam glue and glitter
- Colored permanent markers
- Self-adhesive gemstones

Getting ready:

- □ Have a leader decorate a **Foam Bracelet** to represent herself.
- □ Set up stations on tables or on the floor with enough supplies for 4–6 girls.

Directions:

- Display the bracelet made by one of the leaders and explain the significance of the decorations that leader chose.
- □ Tell the girls that they will make their own bracelets based on their personalities.
- Allow the girls to use the craft supplies to create their own unique bracelets to represent who they are.
- □ Label each girl's bracelet with her name and set it aside to dry.
- Hold up the leader's finished bracelet. Explain that each girl is a unique work of art just as each bracelet is a unique work of art. Say, "To God, we are much more unique and special than the bracelets we made. God loves each of His unique and special girls. He is with each of us and He has a plan for each of our lives. He wants each of us to become a part of His bigger plan."

Explain that in the Bible story, they will hear about God's special plan for a young woman named Ruth.

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Permanent markers
- **Backpack** or Artist's Page* (1 per girl)

Take time for each girl to use a permanent marker to illustrate a bracelet inside one of the blank spaces on the **Backpack**. If the girls are using the *Artist's Page*, they should use washable markers.



Dismiss girls to their next station.



"about me, O God."

Primary Focus: To reinforce the concept that each girl is a unique and special creation of God

Decoration ideas:

- Studio 1 Poster*
- Paint cans, colors, paintbrushes
- Samples of the crafts described in this segment

Fun Facts to Share:

- Review the Theme Verses emphasizing the words "about me" as you say them together.
- □ Explain that God created each girl to be just the way she is. We are in His thoughts all the time.
- □ Share that God knows everything about each person. Read the facts below as the girls work.
 - God knows the number of hairs on your head. (Luke 12:7)
 - God knew you before you were even born. (Jeremiah 1:5)
 - He knows your thoughts. (Matthew 12:25)
 - He knows your dreams and desires. (Psalm 38:9)
 - He knows His plans for you and the future. (Jeremiah 29:11)
 - God knows everything. (1 John 3:20)
 - God loves each one of us very much. (Romans 5:8)
- Say, "Even though humans share about 99.9 percent of the same DNA, the remaining 0.1 percent is completely unique to that individual. That 0.1 percent makes you different from anyone else in the world. No one from the past, present, or future has ever been or ever will be just like you. Even identical twins aren't exactly the same. That means you are special!"

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Fun Things to Do:

- □ Choose one or more of the activities.
- Explain that each girl has a place in God's grand scheme of things. Just as God had a plan for a woman named Ruth whose story is told in the Bible, God wants to include each of us in His plan for the world.
- □ Remember to leave time for *Fun Things to Remember* before moving on to the next art station.

T-SHIRT DESIGN ACTIVITY 1—PAINTING

You will need:

- □ Sleepover T-shirt (1 per girl)
- □ Fabric paints and/or fabric markers
- Permanent markers

Getting ready:

- Display the T-shirts according to size on a table.
- □ Create stations with enough art supplies for 4–5 girls to share.

Directions:

- Explain that each girl is to create a shirt that represents her personality. She can decorate it any way she wants.
- When the girls have finished their designs, allow time for the other girls in the group to use a permanent marker to sign the shirt. If your group is small, the girls may also print something nice about each girl on her shirt.



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"about me, O God."

T-SHIRT DESIGN ACTIVITY 2—TIE DYE

You will need:

- □ Sleepover T-shirt (1 per girl)
- □ Permanent ink laundry markers (1 for every 5 girls)
- □ Rubber bands (larger ones are best)
- □ Fabric dyes in primary (red, blue, yellow) and secondary colors (green, orange, purple)
- □ Squeeze bottles (1 or 2 per dye color)
- □ Rubber gloves (1 pair per girl)
- Plastic aprons or plastic leaf bags with holes cut for arms and necks (1 per girl)
- □ Plastic to cover dyeing, rinsing, and drying areas
- □ Large plastic plates (2 per girl)
- Deep sink for rinsing shirts
- Clothesline
- Clothespins
- Gallon-size zipping plastic bags (1 per girl), (optional)

Getting ready:

- Prepare the dye according to the instructions and place each color into a squeeze bottle.
- Cover the dyeing area, the rinsing area, and the drying area with plastic.
- Place rubber gloves, dyes, and plastic plates at the dyeing table(s).

Directions:

- Explain that each girl is to create a tie-dye shirt that represents her personality. She can choose any color or pattern that she wants.
- Have each girl print her name inside the back collar of her shirt using a laundry marker.
- Demonstrate folding and adding rubber bands to a shirt. How you fold and add rubber bands determines the pattern—one large circle, several smaller circles, a chevron, a spiral, lines, etc.

See the patterns on the next page.

Let each girl scrunch and/or fold and add

rubber bands to her shirt. Make sure the rubber bands are tightly wrapped.

- When a girl is satisfied with her rubber band pattern, she should take her shirt to the dyeing station.
- Each girl will put on rubber gloves and a rubber apron (or a large plastic bag with arm and neck holes).
- □ Squeeze dye onto the shirt in any desired pattern.
- Place the dyed shirt onto a plastic plate to carry it to the rinsing sink.
- $\hfill\square$ Leave the dye on the shirt for 15–30 minutes.
- ❑ After 15–30 minutes, rinse the shirt under warm, then cool, running water until the water runs clear.
- Remove the rubber bands and rinse again until the water runs clear.
- □ Wring out the shirt.
- Place the dyed shirt onto a clean plastic plate and carry it to the clothesline.
- Hang the shirt until it's dry.
- If the shirts don't dry overnight, send them home in gallon-size zipping plastic bags.

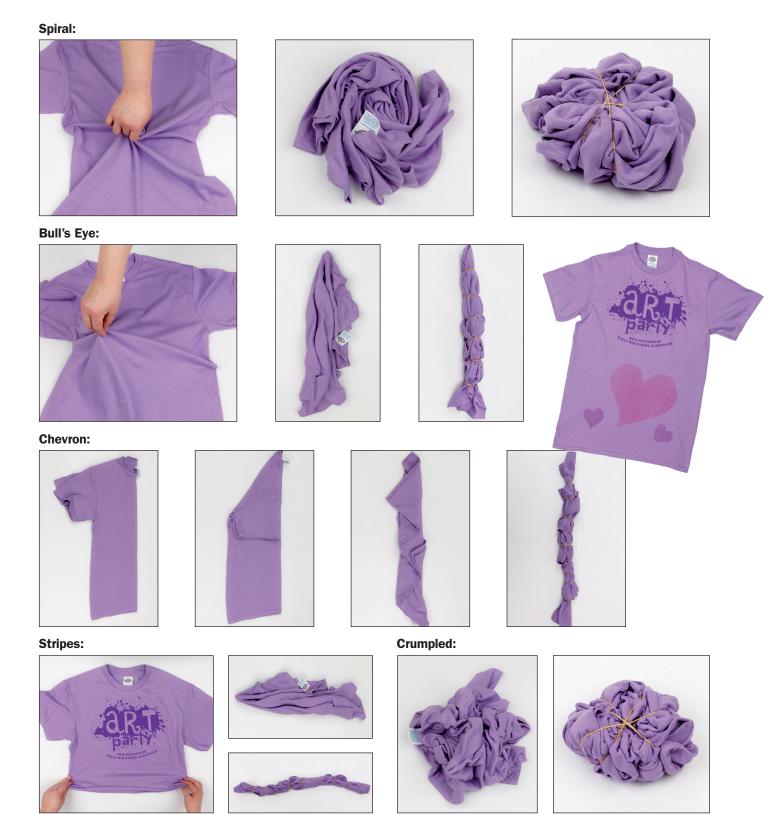


Note:

Tell the girls to wash their shirt by itself the first time it's washed to keep the dyes from staining other clothes.



"about me, O God."



"about me, O God."

PAINT AND PASS GAME

You will need:

- □ Large (11–x–17) sheets of paper (1 sheet of paper for every 8–10 girls)
- Paints or markers
- □ Timer or stopwatch

Getting ready:

□ For each group of 8–10 girls, place a sheet of paper on a table, with paints or markers beside it.

Directions:

- 1. Instruct 8–10 girls to circle the table, with one girl standing directly in front of the paper.
- 2. At your signal, the first girl will have 30 seconds to draw or paint something on the paper.
- 3. When you call time, the girls move to the right and the next girl stands in front of the paper. She will turn the paper one quarter turn clockwise. Then she will have 30 seconds to draw something.
- 4. Continue until each girl has had a turn adding to the artwork.

Option:

Use a paint canvas instead of paper for this activity and display the finished artwork in your Girls Clubs clubrooms.



MY SILHOUETTE

You will need:

- □ Large sheets of white paper
- Masking tape
- Pencils
- □ Spotlights or work lights
- □ Chairs
- □ Scissors
- Glue

Getting ready:

- □ Set up silhouette stations in a darkened room.
- For each station, place a chair about 2 feet from the wall. Place a spotlight or work light about 3 feet from the chair. Tape a large sheet of paper to the wall at head height for the person sitting in the chair.
- For each station, have someone sit in the chair and check to see if the silhouette on the paper is focused. If not, move the chair and/or the light until the silhouette is sharply focused.

Directions:

- 1. Two girls can take turns at each station making a silhouette. One girl will sit sideways next to the paper taped to the wall.
- 2. A second girl will trace the outline of the shadow onto the paper.
- 3. When one silhouette has been outlined, the girls switch places.



"about me, O God."

- 4. After both girls have traced their silhouettes, they can take their papers to a room with more light to finish their project.
- 5. Each girl will cut out her profile and mount it on a contrasting piece of paper.
- Around their silhouettes, the girls can draw and write the things that mean the most to them favorites, family and friends, things the girl likes to do, etc.

Option:

If you have access to a digital camera and a printer, take profile pictures of the girls and print them. Let each girl glue her profile picture to a sheet of paper and cut it out. Then they can glue the profile to a contrasting sheet of paper, photo side down.

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

 Permanent markers
 Backpack or Artist's Page (1 per girl)
 Take time for each girl to use a permanent marker to draw a self-portrait inside

one of the blank spaces on the **Backpack**. If the girls are using the *Artist's Page*, they should use washable markers.



Dismiss girls to their next station.

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM

MASTERPIECE SIGNATURES

You will need:

- □ Copies of Masterpiece Signatures* (1 per girl)
- □ Felt-tip pens, pens, or pencils

Getting ready:

Copy and cut apart the Masterpiece Signatures.
 You will need one for each girl, plus a few extras in case of mistakes.

Directions:

- 1. Give each girl a *Masterpiece Signature* paper and let her sign her name.
- 2. Collect the papers for use during the altar time at the end of the Bible story.
- 3. Tell the girls that they will use the papers later in the evening.
- 4. Each leader should write something encouraging on each girl's paper. The girls will get these back at the end of Exhibit C (see page 49).

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Art Party Exhibit B: Utterly Uttam

"They cannot be numbered!"

Primary Focus: Coins for Kids Project

Decoration ideas:

- Butterflies
- Exhibit B Poster*
- □ Theme Verses Poster

Fun Facts to Share:

- Review the Theme Verses emphasizing that God's thoughts about us cannot be numbered. That means He thinks about us A LOT.
- Explain that whatever is going on in our lives, we can know that God is thinking about us and cares. Say, "In the Bible story we will hear about how Ruth was left alone with just one other person. But God was still with her, helping her and making her a part of His plan."
- □ Say, "We're going to use this station to think about the girls at Uttam's Place in Bangladesh."

Fun Things to Do:

- □ Choose one or more of the activities.
- Remember to leave time for *Fun Things to Remember* before moving on to the next station.

COINS FOR KIDS PROJECT ALIKE OR DIFFERENT DISCUSSION

You will need:

□ Sleepover DVD-ROM

Directions:

- Show the Coins for Kids Project Promo Video to remind girls of the project.
- Lead the girls in an alike or different discussion about themselves and the girls of Uttam's Place.
- Ask girls to tell how they are alike or different from the girls who go to Uttam's Place. Use the following topics:

- home country
- language we speak
- eating after school
- creating art projects
- learning to dance
- doing homework
- learning new things

NATIONWIDE SLEEPOVER CALL-IN

You will need:

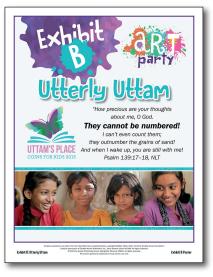
- □ Computer with high-speed Internet access
- Telephone
- □ Page 10 from this *Planning Guide*

Getting ready:

- Determine what zone you are in. (See page 10.)
- □ Make sure you have the Coins for Kids offering information ready. (See page 24.)

Directions:

- □ Share your offering total for the night. Then follow the instructions on page 10 for your call-in.
- See page 10 for information about the Live Streaming Web cast.



* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

- playing with friends
 after school
- time you travel after school
- learning about God and His love
- learning you're special to God



Art Party Exhibit B: Utterly Uttam (cont.)

"They cannot be numbered!"

GOD'S THOUGHTS GAME

You will need:

- Thought Bubble Page*
 (1 per girl)
- Tape
- □ Markers



Getting ready:

Make a copy of the Thought Bubble Page for each girl.

Directions:

- □ Seat the girls in a circle. Give each girl a *Thought* Bubble Page and a marker.
- Each girl will write her name on the line on her page.
- Tell the girls that in this activity they are going to think about the good, strong, and positive things God sees in each of their friends.
- □ Explain the rules of the game, which follow.
- At your signal, each girl will move one space to her right and sit in front of the next girl's thought bubble page. She will write one nice thing about that girl.
- Continue like this until the girls have gone all the way around the circle.
- □ Let each girl read what the other girls have written about her.
- Display these on the wall under a heading: "God Thinks about Me."

MY NUMBERS

You will need:

- My Numbers Page(1 per girl)
- □ 2 or 3 measuring tapes
- 2 stopwatches
- Jump rope
- Marshmallows

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Getting ready:

- Make copies of the My Numbers Page for each girl.
- Set up 6 to 8 stations in the room, where the girls will work together to measure themselves and perform the activities on the sheet.
- Some stations can perform more than one task (i.e., there could be one measuring station for all the measurements, one timing station for the timed activities, etc.).

Directions:

- \Box Help the girls form groups of 4 or 5.
- □ The girls will go from station to station to complete the information on their sheets.
- Give the girls a few minutes at each station to fill out their sheet. Then allow the girls to move to the next station as a group. Continue until the girls have all filled out their papers.
- □ Let the girls share their numbers with each other.
- Explain that God knows everything about each girl. Each girl is important to Him. God created you to be just the way you are. You are His masterpiece.

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Permanent markers
- □ **Backpack** or *Artist's Page* (1 per girl)

Take time for each girl to use a permanent marker to illustrate a butterfly inside one of their blank spaces on the **Backpack**. Below it add the Coins for Kids offering total. If your girls are using the *Artist's Page*, they will draw with washable markers.



Dismiss girls to the next station.

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Art Party Studio Z: Praise Place

"I can't even count them;"

Primary Focus: Worship

Decoration Ideas:

- Studio 2 Poster*
- □ Art supplies for the collage activity

Fun Facts to Share:

- Review the Theme Verses, emphasizing the three sayings about numbers and counting. Explain that these phrases are talking about how much God thinks of us. Say, "The Creator of the universe not only thinks about you, He thinks about you so much it can't be counted. That must mean you are very important to Him."
- So, what are we supposed to do about that? Read Psalm 136:1 (NLT): "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." We are to worship Him. He deserves our praise.

Fun Things to Do:

- □ Choose one or more of the activities.
- □ Remember to leave time for *Fun Things to Remember* before moving on to the next station.

WORSHIP WITH SONG

You will need:

- Worship music
- Music player

Directions:

- Consider inviting someone from your church's worship team or youth group to lead this activity.
- $\hfill\square$ Lead the girls in a time of worship.

THE BIBLE AND ME

You will need:

- □ Bible Verses Page (1 per girl)
- Pens or pencils

Getting ready:

□ Make copies of the *Bible Verses Page*.

Directions:

- Have the girls fill in the blanks with their own names. Then read the verses out loud, allowing a different girl to say her name for each blank in the verses.
- □ Explain that each girl is God's masterpiece. He created each person just the way they are. He thinks about them and cares about their needs.
- Allow the girls to share their needs. Lead in prayer asking God to help girls with the problems they mentioned.



* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Art Party Studio Z: Praise Place (cont.)

"I can't even count them;"

THANK YOU GOD COLLAGE

You will need:

- □ Length of newsprint or butcher paper
- Markers
- □ Tape or glue sticks
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Puff paint
- □ Glitter glue
- □ Assorted craft supplies: feathers, fabric, foam shapes, etc.
- Thankful Words Pages*

Getting ready:

- □ Tape a large sheet of paper on one wall of the room.
- ❑ At the top of the paper print: "Thank You, God for Making Me."

Directions:

- ❑ Have the girls cut out pictures, write, or draw the things they are thankful for. They can be blessings from God such as family, friends, or a home, or they can be talents or characteristics about themselves such as happy, friendly, good at sports, etc.
- If girls have a hard time thinking of things, suggest some of the ideas listed below. Or let the girls share with each other the talents and blessings they think God has given the other girls.
- □ They can also add things they appreciate about God, His love, care, help, etc.
- Encourage girls to share positive things about each other. Talk about the positive attributes of the different girls.
- □ Lead the girls in prayer, thanking God for caring enough to make them the special individuals they are.

Thankful Ideas

- Parents
- Good teachers
- Girls clubsSunshine
- HobbiesGood grades

□ Sports

Good dancer

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Permanent markers
- □ Backpack or Artist's Page (1 per girl)

Take time for each girl to use a permanent marker to illustrate something she is thankful for in one of the blank spaces on the **Backpack**. If the girls are using the *Artist's Page*, they will use washable markers for this activity.

Dismiss girls to the next station.



Art Party Studio 3: He Minds the Masterpiece

"they outnumber the grains of sand!"

Primary Focus: Craft to reinforce the idea that God thinks of us a lot

Decoration ideas:

- Studio 3 Poster*
- □ Completed **Sand Art Bottle** craft(s)
- $\hfill\square$ Beach and sand pictures or art pieces

Fun Facts to Share:

- ❑ While it's impossible to actually count the number of grains of sand on earth, some scientists have tried to estimate the number. Scientists at the University of Hawaii estimate that there are 7 quintillion, 500 quadrillion grains of sand on earth! That's 75 followed by 17 zeros. And God's thoughts about you are more than that!
- So, if you ever feel alone and think that no one cares about you, remember that God cares about you and He is always thinking about you, wanting good things for you.
- In our Bible story, Ruth needed to know that God was thinking about her. We'll hear about how God helped her when she needed help just to have enough food.

Fun Things to Do:

- □ Choose one or more of the activities.
- Remember to leave time for *Fun Things* to *Remember* before moving on to the next station.



SAND ART CRAFT

You will need:

- □ Sand Art Bottles (1 per girl)
- □ Wooden skewers (1 per girl)
- Precut and prepunched Theme Verses Labels (1 per girl plus extras)
- □ Colored sand (or sugar or salt; see next page)
- □ Craft glue
- Containers (1 for each color of sand at each station)
- □ Small funnels (1 per girl)
- □ Paper plates (1 per girl)
- Plastic spoons (1 per girl)
- □ 18–inch lengths of yarn or ribbon
- □ Newspapers or plastic to cover the work area
- □ Finished sample crafts

Getting ready:

- Duplicate, cut out, and punch holes in the *Theme Verses Labels*.
- Prepare two or three samples of the finished Sand Art Bottles.
- Cover the work tables with newspapers or plastic for easy cleanup.
- Color the sand (or salt or sugar) if you are not purchasing colored sand (see page 38 for instructions).
- □ Create work stations with several colors of sand in individual containers at each station.

Directions:

- □ Give each girl a **Sand Art Bottle**, a funnel, a wooden skewer, a spoon, a paper plate, and a precut, prepunched *Theme Verses Label*.
- □ Place a funnel into the mouth of the bottle.
- Pour a small amount of one color of sand into the funnel, creating a layer in the bottle. Repeat with other colors.
- □ Continue filling the bottle with different colors of sand until the bottle is full.
- * Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Art Party Studio 3: He Minds the Masterpiece (cont.)

"they outnumber the grains of sand!"

- Dab glue around the inside of the bottle opening.
 Place the cork into the bottle to seal it.
- □ Have each girl sign a *Theme* Verses Label.
- □ Help each girl tie her *Theme Verses Label* to the bottle as a reminder that God thinks of each of us all the time.



To create angled layers, tilt the bottle while pouring the sand. Create peaks and valleys by pressing a wooden skewer into the sand.

You can buy inexpensive sand funnels from craft stores or online.

COLORED "SAND"

You will need:

- Salt or sugar
- □ Food coloring
- Zipping plastic bags
- Baking sheets

Getting ready:

Gather materials.

Directions:

- 1. Pour salt into a plastic bag. (Adjust the size of the bag and the amount of salt or sugar as needed.)
- 2. Drop food coloring into the bag.
- 3. Zip the bag closed. Squish and shake the bag to color the salt.
- 4. Adjust the color: add more coloring for a brighter color or more salt or sugar for a lighter color.
- 5. Repeat with each color you plan to use.
- 6. Spread the "sand" on baking sheets or paper to dry before using.

RICE GAME

You will need:

- 4 clear empty containers of the same size (clear plastic paint cans would look good)
- □ Rice (enough to fill two containers)
- Plastic spoons (1 per girl)
- 2 tables

Getting ready:

- Fill two containers with rice. (You may color the rice, using the instructions for Colored "Sand.")
- □ Place the tables on opposite sides of the room.
- Place two empty containers on one table, one container at each end of the table.
- Place the two containers full of rice on the second table, placing one container at each end of the table.

Directions:

- Divide the group into two teams. Give each girl a spoon.
- □ Line up each team next to a container of rice.
- At your signal, the first girl from each team will scoop rice into her spoon, carry it across the room, and dump it into to her team's empty container.
- Then she will hurry back to her team's line and sit down.
- Then the next girl will carry rice to the team container. Play until every girl has completed the race.
- The team with the most rice in the container at the end wins the game.

You can replace the rice with colorful mini marshmallows, beans, cotton balls, colored water, or whatever you have on hand.



Art Party Studio 3: He Minds the Masterpiece (cont.)

"they outnumber the grains of sand!"

WATERCOLOR COOKIES

You will need:

- Sugar cookie dough
- □ White royal icing (see recipe below)
- □ Sterilized food-quality paintbrushes (1 per girl)
- □ Food coloring gels in a variety of colors
- Paper plates (1 per girl) or foam egg cartons cut in half (1 half-carton per girl)
- Water
- □ Paper towels (at least 1 per girl)
- □ Paper cups (1 per girl)
- Camera

Getting ready:

- Cut sugar cookie dough into rectangle shapes and bake according to the recipe.
 - TIP: This is a fun way to include someone who enjoys baking. Just ask them to help.
- □ Frost the cooled cookies with white royal icing. (See recipe that follows). Let harden for at least a day.
- Place a dab of each color of food gel onto a paper plate to create a palette for each girl.
- □ Let the paint palettes dry.
- □ Wash all paintbrushes before use.

Directions:

- Give each girl a paper plate palette, a cup of water, a paintbrush, a frosted cookie, and paper towels.
- Each girl will paint her cookie by wetting her brush and mixing the water with a food gel. She will use that to paint her cookie.

Hint: Using less water keeps the painting from getting too messy.

- Girls can use the paper towel to wipe off their brushes between colors.
- $\hfill\square$ Take pictures of the girls and their masterpieces.
- □ Let the girls eat their cookies.

To save time you can cut fondant icing into rectangles and place it on top of the cookie.

If you don't have time to let the food coloring gels dry, squirt them onto the paint palettes during the activity. The liquid gels will "paint" like acrylic or oil paints.



ROYAL ICING

(Yields enough for at least 24 cookies)

Ingredients you will need:

- □ 1¾ cups powdered sugar
- □ 4¹/₂ teaspoons meringue powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- □ ¹/₄ cup warm water
- □ ½ teaspoon vanilla extract (no oil)

Supplies you will need:

- Large mixing bowl
- Mixer



Art Party Studio 3: He Minds the Masterpiece (cont.)

"they outnumber the grains of sand!"

Getting ready:

□ Gather ingredients and supplies.

Directions:

- 1. Stir together the dry ingredients.
- 2. Add the warm water and vanilla.
- 3. Beat on low speed until combined.
- 4. Beat on high speed 7–10 minutes or until mixture is stiff.
- 5. If you are not going to use the icing immediately, place it in an airtight container and refrigerate for up to a week.

JELLY BEAN CHALLENGE AWARD

You will need:

- □ Jelly bean jar from Registration
- □ The name of the girl who came closest to guessing the correct number of jelly beans in the jar.

Getting ready:

□ Be sure to have the name of the winner.

Directions:

- Announce the winner of the Jelly Bean Challenge.
 Give her the jar of jelly beans to take home.
- Talk about how difficult it was to guess how many jelly beans are in the jar.
- Explain that while we can count the number of jelly beans in the jar, we can never count how many thoughts God has about us. He thinks of us often because we are His special creations. Each of us is God's masterpiece.

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Permanent markers
- □ Backpack or Artist's

Page* (1 per girl) Take time for each girl to use a marker to illustrate a sand jar craft or watercolor cookie. If the girls are using the Artist's Page, they will use washable markers for this activity.



Dismiss girls to the next station.

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM



Art Party Studio 4: Palettes of Edible Art

"And when I wake up,"

Primary Focus: Dinner

Decoration Ideas:

- Studio 4 Poster*
- □ Theme Verses Poster
- Food Labels
- Display the foods in an artistic fashion, by using cake plates, shelves with layers or levels, and the Food Labels.
- □ Set the tables with copies of the *Place Mat*.
- $\hfill\square$ See the ideas on pages 21 and 22.

Fun Facts to Share:

- Ask the girls what part of the day the Theme Verses mention. ("When I wake up," which probably means the morning.)
- Explain that since the verse talks about waking up, you will be serving breakfast. Remind the girls to think about how God is with them at all times, every day. He is with them now, and when they get up tomorrow morning He will still be with them.
- Explain that food is often considered an art form.
 Chefs go to culinary school to study how to create delicious and beautiful foods to eat.
- □ Later in the Bible story, we'll hear about how God provided good food for Ruth when she needed it.
- Right now, God knows we need food. Let's pray before we eat. (Have someone pray before the girls eat.)

Fun Things to Do:

- □ Choose one or more of the activities.
- □ Remember to leave time for *Fun Things to Remember* before moving on to the next station.

OPTION 1: BUILD YOUR OWN BREAKFAST

You will need:

- □ Foods to serve with the Painted Pancakes
- □ Prepared Painted Pancakes batter (see next page)
- □ Electric griddles (1 for every 5 girls)
- □ An adult for every griddle
- □ Spatulas (1 for every griddle)
- □ Cooking spray (1 for every griddle) Note: If using a nonstick griddle, spray is not needed.
- Condiment squeeze bottles (1 for each color of pancake batter at each griddle)
- Pancake syrups, toppings, and garnishes
- □ Place Mat (1 for each girl)
- □ Colorful plates (1 per girl)
- □ Colorful plastic forks and spoons (1 set per girl)
- □ Colorful napkins (1 per girl)

Getting ready:

- Prepare the batter for the Painted Pancakes.
 (See the recipe on the next page.)
- Place each color of batter in a squeeze bottle. Optional: Cut the tip off the bottle to create a larger opening.

Set up several griddle stations. Each station should have a griddle.

a spatula, squeeze bottles of colored pancake batter, a stack of plates, and an adult to supervise.

 Prepare other foods you will serve with the pancakes. Have one serving of each food for every girl. (See pages 51–57 for recipes.)



* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.

Art Party Studio 4: Palettes of Edible Art (cont.)

"And when I wake up,"

Directions:

- Set up tables with place settings. Use copies of the *Place Mat* and add plastic tableware and napkins. The plates will be stacked at the griddles.
- $\hfill\square$ Preheat the griddles to about 325°F.
- □ The adults will coat the griddles with cooking spray if needed.
- □ Have the girls wash their hands.
- □ Let each girl choose two or three colors of batter to use.
- Let older girls start each pancake with a scoop of uncolored batter and let each girl paint her design onto that batter squeezing the batter into loops and designs.
- □ Let the younger girls tell the adult what they want and have the adults do the batter placement.
- □ Flip each pancake when the batter bubbles pop and form holes that stay open on the surface of

Remember: Don't make your batter the night before, or even an hour before you make your pancakes. The leavening agents start doing their job right away and will be less effective the longer the batter sits.

Tips

Keep the pancakes small so they can be easily turned.

To save time use a pancake/waffle mix.

Instead of Painted Pancakes, you could make waffles from colored batter.



the pancake. Cook each pancake 30–60 seconds on the second side. (Note: the longer you cook the pancake the harder it will be to see the colors)

- □ Transfer the pancake to a plate.
- □ Let the girls top their pancakes as they wish.
- $\hfill\square$ Let the girls choose other foods you are serving.

PAINTED PANCAKES

(Each batch yields about 8-10 small pancakes)

Ingredients you will need:

- □ 1³⁄₄ cups all purpose flour
- □ 2 teaspoons baking powder
- □ 1 tablespoon sugar
- □ ¼ teaspoon salt
- □ 2 eggs
- □ 1¹⁄₄ cups milk
- □ 4 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- Food coloring

Supplies you will need:

- □ Large mixing bowl
- Medium mixing bowl
- □ Smaller bowls (1 per color of batter)
- Electric griddle
- Spatula
- Pancake turner
- □ Squeeze bottles (1 per color)

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Preheat the griddles to about 325°F.

Directions:

- □ In the large mixing bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Set aside.
- In the medium mixing bowl mix together the eggs, milk, and melted butter.
- Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir gently until incorporated. Don't overstir; it will make the pancakes tough.
- Divide the batter into separate bowls and color each bowl. Again, don't overstir.
- Pour each color of batter into a squeeze bottle.

Art Party Studio 4: Palettes of Edible Art (cont.)

"And when I wake up,"

OPTION 2: ARTISTIC BUFFET

You will need:

- □ Assortment of artistic foods (Choose from the recipes in the food section on pages 51–57.)
- Prepared Food Labels*
- Place Mat (1 for each girl)
- □ Colorful plates (1 per girl)
- □ Colorful plastic forks and spoons (1 set per girl)
- □ Colorful napkins (1 per girl)

Getting ready:

- Prepare the foods you have chosen to serve. Have one serving of each food for each girl. (See pages 51–57 for recipes.)
- □ Set up tables with place settings. Use copies of the *Place Mat* and add plastic tableware and

napkins. The plates will be stacked on the buffet tables.

- Set up a buffet by arranging tables in a corner of the room.
- Display different foods in an artistic fashion, by using cake plates, shelves with layers or levels, and the Food Labels.
- The girls will be their own chefs, putting their meals together from the foods provided in the "kitchen."

Directions:

- □ Have the girls wash their hands.
- □ Let the girls choose food from the buffet.
- * Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.



Art Party Studio 4: Palettes of Edible Art (cont.)

"And when I wake up,"

CREATIVE JUICES STATION

You will need:

- 4–5 different colorful drinks (punch, juice, powdered drink mixes, or fruit-flavored vitamin water)
- □ 1 carafe, pitcher, or dispenser for each drink
- □ Fruit for each colorful drink
- □ Food Label* (1 for each drink dispenser)
- □ Paper or plastic cups (1 for each girl)

Getting ready:

- □ Prepare 4–5 different drinks. (Each drink should be a different color, the more colorful the better.)
- Place each drink into a carafe, pitcher, or dispenser. Those with a self-serve spout work well.
- □ Add fruit to each drink for added flavor and color.
- □ Label each drink with a *Food Label*.

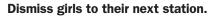
Directions:

- After each girl has a plate of food, she can create her own flavored beverage by mixing the different drinks provided.
- □ Allow the girls to enjoy their food and drinks.

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Permanent markers
- □ Backpack or Artist's Page (1 per girl)

Take time for each girl to use a permanent marker to illustrate a sunrise in the blank space on her **Backpack.** If the girls are using the *Artist's Page*, they will use washable markers for this activity.





For color infused water: Choose various citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit) and add mint leaves.

For a breakfast-themed drink station, offer milk with chocolate and strawberry syrup, hot chocolate, and various colorful juices.

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Primary Focus: Bible Story and Response Time, including salvation opportunity

Decoration ideas:

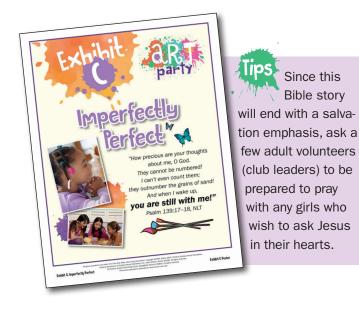
Exhibit C Poster*

Fun Facts to Share:

- Talk about the many different types of art the girls have experienced during the Art Party—fashion, painting, silhouette portraits, sand art, food art, etc.
- Explain that art isn't just about painting and making things. One form of art is acting out stories. Theater and drama are an ancient art form.
- Ruth's story has plenty of drama. It has sadness and suffering and hard work. But it also has romance, rescue, and a happy ending.

Fun Things to Do:

Because this lesson segment ends with an altar call, the "Fun Things to Do" segment has been moved to the Making Memories segment that follows the Bible story and salvation invitation time.



BIBLE STORY: RUTH

You will need:

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- □ 20 blue strips of paper (2"-x-11")
- □ 1 yellow strip of paper (2"-x-11")
- □ 1 pink strip of paper (2"-x-11")

Getting ready:

- □ Create a blue paper chain with 5 links.
- □ Create a second blue paper chain with 14 links.
- □ Leave 1 blue strip unattached.

Directions:

- Invite five girls to the front of the room to help you act out the story.
- Give one girl the 5-link blue chain, one girl the 14-link blue chain, and one girl the yellow strip of paper. Have them stand to the right of the stage.
- Give the fourth girl the pink strip of paper. Have her and the fifth girl stand on the left side of the stage.
- Tell the following story, encouraging the girls to take part by following your instructions. Whenever you point to the audience, they are to say, "God is with me."

The Bible tells us about God's plan for the whole world. From the very beginning, God had a plan to help each person know Him and be His friend. God raised up a group of people called the Israelites. Out of this group of people, He raised up a family. Over the years, the family had children who had children who had children.

• Have the girl hold up the small blue chain.

This chain shows generations. In your family, you are considered one generation, your parents are another, and your grandparents are another.

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Have you ever seen a family tree? (*Group response*) This chain is like a family tree. It represents the family God planned to use to bring His Son Jesus into the world. Each link in this chain represents a generation in that family.

But our story isn't about any of these people. (*Point to the small blue chain.*) It's about a young woman named Ruth.

 Point to the girl with the pink strip and have her wave to the group.

Ruth wasn't an Israelite. She lived in a land called Moab. She didn't know it, but God had a plan for her. God was with her just like He is with us. That is true even when I don't even realize it.



(Point to the audience and pause for them to respond.)

• Lead the girls in saying together, "God is with me."

Ruth was married to an Israelite man who was living in Moab. His whole family was there: his father, his brother, and his mother Naomi. Ruth was part of her husband's family.

Then some bad things happened. Her father-in-law, her husband, and her husband's brother all died. Ruth and Naomi were left alone. Do you think Ruth and Naomi were sad? (*Group response*) It was a very bad time for these women. Naomi decided to go back to Israel. Ruth chose to leave everything she knew and go with Naomi.

• Have the girl with the pink strip put her arm around the girl standing with her.

Do you think that was an easy thing to do? (*Group response*) It was probably pretty scary, but Naomi had

told Ruth about God. Ruth believed that God would be with them. When I am far from home, . . . (point to the audience and pause for them to respond).

• Have the girls say together, "God is with me."

So Ruth and Naomi traveled all the way to Israel.

• Have the girl with the pink strip and the girl without a prop walk to the right side of the stage and stand near the girl with the short blue chain.

When Ruth and Naomi got to Israel, they needed help. They had to find a way to survive. What kinds of jobs do women have today? (*Group response*) Today, women can work in any profession they want. They can do just about any job.

But in Ruth's time, women weren't allowed to work like the men were. They didn't have a way to get money to buy food, a home, or anything they needed. Without a husband or son to take care of them, many women had a very tough time. But remember, God was with Ruth.

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When life is difficult, . . . (point to the audience and pause for them to respond).

• Have the girls say together, "God is with me."

So, to get food, Ruth went to the barley fields to glean. Does anyone know what *gleaning* is? (*Allow responses*) In Bible times, when people harvested their fields, they would leave some behind so the poor people could pick it up. Picking up the extra food was called gleaning.

• Have the girl with the pink strip bend down and pretend to pick up things from the floor.

Guess what? The man who owned the field was Boaz, Naomi's relative. Since we're all girls here tonight, (name of girl holding the short blue chain) is playing the role of Boaz. Boaz, take a bow.

• Have the girl holding the short blue chain take a bow.

Now Boaz just *happened* to be a part of the family in God's plan to bless the world. Do you think that was an accident? (*Group response*) Of course not. Remember, God had a plan for Ruth. God was with her. In everyday life, . . . (*point to the audience and pause for them to respond*).

• Have the girls say together, "God is with me."

It didn't take long for Boaz to notice Ruth. He asked his workers who she was. They told Boaz all about Ruth: how she had lost her husband in Moab, how she had left her homeland to move to Israel with Naomi, and how she was working hard to take care of Naomi. Boaz was impressed with this young woman.

• Have the girl with the short blue chain step closer to the girl with the pink strip.

Boaz went to Ruth and told her not to glean in any other field. He was impressed with all that Ruth had done for

her mother-in-law, Naomi. He wanted to take care of her. He gave her food for lunch and even had his workers leave barley on purpose so she could pick it up.

• Have the girl with the short blue chain pat the girl with the pink strip on the shoulder.

Now, back then there was a law to help widows like Ruth and Naomi. A man from the family of the dead husband was supposed to marry the widow so she would have food and shelter and a family. Boaz decided he wanted to be that guy. And Ruth really liked Boaz. They would make a great couple. But there was just one problem.

• Step between the two girls, separating them.

There was another man in the family who had first choice. Boaz couldn't marry Ruth unless the other man said it was okay.

• Have the girl with the short blue chain act disappointed.

How do you think Ruth felt, when she found out that she might have to marry another man when she really wanted to marry Boaz? (*Group response*) Do you think she might have been scared or worried? (*Group response*)

However Ruth may have felt, we do know that through it all, God was with her. That tells me that even when life is uncertain, . . . (point to the audience and pause for them to respond).

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• Have the girls say together, "God is with me."

So Boaz went to the man and told him about Ruth. He explained that Ruth was a widow in the family who needed help. The man could marry her and take care of her, or he could pass the responsibility to Boaz.

What do you think the man did? (*Group response*) Ruth would make a very good wife. She was kind and a hard worker. She had a lot of wonderful qualities.

The man thought about it. (*Pause for dramatic effect.*) But he decided he didn't want to marry Ruth. He gave his shoe to Boaz as a sign that he was passing the responsibility on to him. Boaz could marry Ruth.

• Have both girls act excited and step back toward each other.

So Ruth and Boaz got married, and Ruth became a part of God's special family. That was a happy ending for Ruth's story.

• Loop the pink strip of paper through the fifth loop in the blue chain.

Before her story had a happy ending, Ruth went through a lot of things—some good and some bad. She had to make difficult choices. Through it all, she trusted God. She believed He would take care of her and Naomi. Through everything that happens in life, . . . (point to the audience and pause for them to respond).

• Have the girls say together, "God is with me."

But God had one more wonderful gift for Ruth. He made Ruth a part of His great plan to bless the world. She and Boaz had a son.

• Have the girl holding the long blue chain step

over. Using the last blue strip of paper, link the two chains together.

Ruth and Boaz became part of something much bigger than anything they could imagine. Generations later, God would use their family to bless the world with His Son Jesus.

• Have the girl holding the yellow strip link that strip to the end of the blue chain.

Guess what? Ruth could have chosen to stay in Moab. She could have chosen to let Naomi leave without her. She could have chosen not to believe in God. But she chose to love God. She chose to become a part of God's plan.

And because Ruth chose to love God, she became a part of the greatest blessing of all time. God was with her every step of the way. That tells me, no matter what happens in life, . . . (point to the audience and pause for them to respond).

• Have the girls say together, "God is with me."

God wants all of us to be a part of His plan. He has made it possible for all of us to join His family. He sent His Son Jesus to die for us.

- Allow the volunteers to return to their seats.
- Hold up the chain so the group can see it as you present the salvation opportunity.



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SALVATION OPPORTUNITY

Supplies:

□ Each girl's *Masterpiece Signature** paper completed in Studio 1: Imagination Station

Getting ready:

Ask a few adult volunteers (club leaders) to be prepared to pray with any girls who wish to ask Jesus in their hearts.

Directions:

- Explain that we can each choose to be a part of God's great plan and family.
- Give each girl her *Masterpiece Signature* paper completed in Studio 1: Imagination Station.
- □ Say, "God has made each of you unique."



His masterpiece. He loves you and thinks about you more than you will ever know. He offers you a way to be forgiven of your sins, to live forever with Him, and to have enough love in your hearts to share it with others."

□ Say the following.

God sent His Son Jesus to earth to die on the cross for our sins.

Jesus took the punishment for everything wrong every person ever did or ever will do. He paid our punishment so we could be forgiven and have friendship with God.

All we have to do is tell Jesus that we believe He is God's Son who died to pay for the wrong things we have done.

Next, we promise to live for Jesus. If we do that, we can live life now in friendship with Him, and someday we can live in heaven forever with Him.

If you would like to live for Jesus, to accept His payment for the wrong things you've done, we have some helpers who would like to pray with you.

- Invite the girls to talk to the volunteers who have prepared.
- Encourage girls to go forward with their friends who respond.
- Have all the girls in the group join hands and pray a salvation prayer in unison.
- Conclude by encouraging all the girls to loop their paper strips onto the paper chain as symbols of their commitment to salvation and to God's plan for their lives.

Girls stay in the room for Making Memories.

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Exhibit D: Making Memories

Psalm 139:17-18, NLT

Primary Focus: Creating photo memories of the Sleepover

Decoration Ideas:

- Fashion decorations
- □ White paper "runway"
- □ Empty photo frame (optional)

Fun Facts to Share:

- □ Tomorrow morning, will you remember the T-shirt you made at this Sleepover? (*Of course*) What about 6 months from now? (*Probably*) What about 6 years from now? (*Maybe*) What about 16 years from now? (*Probably not*)
- That's one reason we take pictures. If you have a picture to look at, you can remember this Sleepover for as long as you have the picture.

Fun Things to Do:

- □ Choose one or more of the activities.
- □ Remember to leave time for *Fun Things to Remember* before moving on to the next station.

PHOTO SHOOT

Note:

This activity requires that the T-shirts and bracelets be dry so they can be worn or displayed.

You will need:

- Finished T-shirtsand Bracelets
- Camera
- □ Computer and printer (to print out pictures)
- Rolled paper
- □ Empty photo frame (optional)

Getting ready:

- □ Have the girls wear their creations.
- □ Create a runway on the floor with a roll of paper.
- Decorate an area of a wall for a photo shoot.

Directions:

- 1. Have the girls take turns walking the catwalk to show off their creations. The rest of the group will clap for them as they model their creations.
- 2. After each girl walks the runway, have her pose for a picture.
- 3. Let the girls tell about their designs.

Options:

If **T-shirts** and **Bracelets** are not dry, provide costume clothing for the girls to dress up in. Use items like old costume jewelry, scarves, dresses, shoes, etc.

You may also have each girl hold up a large picture frame around her face as she has her picture taken.

See the Picture Frames idea on page 58 for a fun way to send home the girls' photos.

Note:

Have the photos ready for the girls to take home in the morning.

FUN THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Permanent markers
- □ Backpack or Artist's Page (1 per girl)

Take time for each girl to use a permanent marker to illustrate her favorite memory of the Art Party in the last blank space on her **Backpack**. If the girls are using the *Artist's Page*, they will use washable markers for their drawings.



More Fun Ideas: Food

Note: You may use these recipes for either the evening meal or for Saturday morning breakfast.

Be sensitive to food allergies when planning the menu. This is good information to ask for on the event permission slip.

PANCAKE FUNNY FACES

You will need:

- Supplies for the Painted Pancakes recipe (see page 42)
- Whipped cream
- Fruit and berries
- Chocolate chips

Directions:

- □ Follow the Painted Pancake directions, skipping the food coloring and squeeze bottle steps.
- □ Use a measuring cup to dip ¼ cup of batter onto a griddle.
- Flip each pancake when the batter bubbles pop and form holes that stay open on the surface of the pancake. Cook each pancake 30–60 seconds on the other side.
- Let the girls use fruit, chocolate chips, and whipped cream to create fun faces on their pancakes before eating them.



PANCAKE POPS

You will need:

- Supplies for the Painted Pancakes recipe (see page 42)
- Lollipop sticks

- □ Follow the Painted Pancake directions.
- Instead of creating a design, simple squeeze the colored batter into a circle.
- Place a lollipop stick into the batter to make the pancake look like a lollipop.
- □ Cook pancakes as usual.





BREAKFAST ON A STICK

(Yields about 8 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

- □ 1 cup strawberries
- □ 1 cup blueberries
- □ 2 frozen waffles cut into 1-inch pieces
- □ Your choice of the following: whipped cream, fruit dip, melted chocolate, syrup

Supplies you will need:

- □ Small bamboo skewers or large toothpicks
- Knife
- Toaster

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Cut large strawberries in half. Leave small strawberries whole.
- □ Toast the frozen waffles and cut into 1–inch pieces.

Directions:

1. Put a strawberry half, a blueberry, and a piece of waffle onto a skewer.



You can use just about any fruit and breakfast food combination with these. Banana, melon, kiwi, orange sections, and pineapple chunks are all good fruit suggestions.

You could substitute pancake or french toast pieces for the waffle pieces.

Or add bacon, sausage, or cubed cheese to the skewers.

Toppings could include coconut, powdered sugar, yogurt, nuts, peanut butter, or flavored whipped cream cheese.

- 2. Repeat with each skewer until you run out of ingredients.
- 3. Serve with your choice of whipped cream, fruit dip, melted chocolate, or syrup.

WAFFLED CINNAMON ROLLS

(Yields about 8 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

□ 1 tube of place-and-bake cinnamon rolls

Supplies you will need:

- Waffle iron
- □ Cooking spray

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredient and supplies.
- □ Heat the waffle iron.
- □ Spray waffle iron with cooking spray.

- 1. Place four uncooked cinnamon rolls in the center of the waffle iron.
- 2. Press down the top of the iron and hold it down.
- 3. Cook the cinnamon rolls for 2–3 minutes.
- 4. Remove from the waffle iron.
- 5. Heat the icing that comes with the cinnamon rolls. Drizzle this over the finished waffle rolls and serve.





COLOR SPECTRUM YOGURT PARFAITS

(Yields 8 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

- □ 1 cup blackberries or blueberries
- 2–3 kiwis
- □ 1 cup strawberries or raspberries
- □ 1 cup pineapple chunks
- □ 2–3 clementine oranges
- 1 cup granola
- 2 cups vanilla yogurt



Supplies you will need:

□ 88 oz. clear plastic cups

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Wash all produce.
- Peel and section the oranges.
- $\hfill\square$ Cut up the strawberries and kiwis.

Directions:

- Into a plastic cup, layer the ingredients as follows:
 2 tablespoons blueberries or blackberries
 - 1 tablespoon granola

2 tablespoons kiwi pieces

- 2 tablespoons yogurt
- 1 layer of orange sections
- 2 tablespoons yogurt
- 2 tablespoons raspberries or strawberries
- 1 tablespoon granola
- 2. Repeat with the remaining cups.

MINI QUICHES

(Yields 24)

Ingredients you will need:

- 2 pie crusts, unbaked
- 6 slices bacon
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- □ 6 raw eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half
 (or milk)
- 1 cup shredded Swiss or Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Salt and pepper to taste

Supplies you will need:

- Mini-muffin pan
- □ Skillet or frying pan
- Medium mixing bowl
- 2½-inch round cookie cutter (or glass with a 2½inch opening)
- Cooking spray

Getting ready:

- □ Preheat oven to 350°F.
- □ Coat the mini-muffin cups with cooking spray.

Directions:

- Cut bacon into ½-inch pieces and cook over low heat in skillet. Remove from pan. Set aside to cool.
- 2. Combine eggs, half-and-half, cheese, parsley, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Mix well.
- 3. Using the round cookie cutter, cut 12 circles from each pie crust.
- 4. Press each pie crust round into a muffin cup to create a shell.
- 5. Place 2 teaspoons of the egg mixture into each shell. Add bacon pieces on top.
- 6. Bake for 12 minutes at 350°F or until the egg mixture is golden and set.
- 7. Let cool before serving.



Line rimmed baking sheets with foil or parchment paper, lay bacon strips flat, making sure pieces do not overlap. Bake at 400°F until crisp and browned or desired doneness.

COLOR WHEEL FRUIT PLATTER

(Yields 24 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

- 1 cup strawberries (or raspberries, red apple slices, or red cherries)
- □ 1 cup cantaloupe (or orange or grapefruit sections)
- 1 cup pineapple chunks (or mango or lemon sections)
- □ 1 cup green grapes (or green apples slices or kiwi)
- □ 1 cup blueberries
- □ 1 cup blackberries (or purple grapes)
- □ 16 ounces vanilla yogurt (optional)

Supplies you will need:

- Platter
- Serving bowl
- □ Serving spoons and/or tongs

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Wash and peel fruit as needed.

Directions:

- 1. Cut large fruits into small chunks or slices.
- Arrange fruit on a tray or platter in a circle. Food should be displayed in the following order: Red—strawberries, apples, raspberries, or cherries Orange—cantaloupe, oranges, or grapefruit Yellow—pineapple, mango, or lemons Green—green grapes, green apple slices, or kiwi Blue—blueberries Purple—blackberries or purple grapes
- 3. Place yogurt in a serving bowl.





RAINBOW TRIFLES

(Yields 10 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

- 2 white cake mixes plus needed add-ins
- 2 boxes instant vanilla pudding
- Milk
- □ Food coloring
- □ Whipped cream (optional)

Supplies you will need:

- □ 10 clear plastic cups
- 6 mixing bowls
- 3 loaf pans
- Cooking spray

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Spray loaf pans with cooking spray.
- □ Preheat oven to 350°F.

Directions:

- 1. Mix cake batter for both cakes, following the directions on the boxes.
- 2. Divide the batter into three bowls.

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- 3. Add food coloring to each bowl to create different colors of cake batter.
- 4. Pour each color of batter into a loaf pan.
- 5. Cook cakes for 20–25 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.
- 6. Let the cakes cool completely.
- 7. Trim the outer browned edges of the cakes to expose the bright colors. Cut the cakes into cubes and place in airtight containers.
- Make the pudding following the package directions. Divide into three bowls. Add food coloring to each bowl to make three colors of pudding: orange, green, and purple.
- 9. Place pudding in airtight containers and refrigerate.
- Have the girls layer the cake and pudding in plastic cups—pudding, cake, pudding, cake, pudding, etc. They can do this in any order they choose, creating a rainbow of colors in the cup.
- 11. Top with whipped cream and enjoy.

COLORFUL EGGS

(Yields 24 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

- 2 dozen eggs
- □ Food coloring
- □ 6 teaspoons vinegar
- Salt
- Water

Supplies you will need:

- □ Large pot of water
- □ 6 cups

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Fill the cups halfway with water.
- □ Put 1 teaspoon of vinegar into each cup.
- Drop several drops of food coloring into each cup to create different colors.

Directions:

- 1. Put the eggs into a large pot in a single layer and cover with 2 inches of cold water.
- 2. Heat the water on high heat. When the water comes to a rolling boil, cover the pan, and turn off the burner. If using an electric stove, remove the pan from the burner. Let the pan sit for 12 minutes.
- 3. Place each egg into a cup of dye until it is the desired color. Place colored eggs on paper towels to dry.
- 4. Refrigerate the eggs overnight. Serve them in a bowl.

Tips

- Older eggs are easier to peel than fresh eggs. For easy peeling, buy eggs a week or two before you plan to cook them. (Just make sure to use them within the "Best Before" date on the carton.)
- A half teaspoon of salt added to the boiling water helps prevent cracks and makes peeling easier.
- Adding a teaspoon of vinegar to the water will help keep a cracked egg from seeping out into the water.
- Cook extra eggs in case of cracking. You can also check the extra eggs for doneness.



HUES FRUIT PIZZA

(Yields 8-10 servings)

Ingredients you will need:

- □ 1 package of refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- □ 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- □ ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 🛛 1 kiwi
- □ ½ cup pineapple chunks
- □ 1 cup mandarin orange slices
- □ 7 medium strawberries
- \square ²/₃ cup raspberries
- □ 1 cup blueberries and blackberries

Supplies you will need:

- Parchment paper
- Round pizza pan
- Hand mixer
- □ Large mixing bowl
- Rolling pin

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Preheat oven to 350°F.
- $\hfill\square$ Line the pan with parchment paper.
- □ Wash produce.



- Roll cookie dough onto a pizza pan, creating a large circle about ¹/₄ inch thick.
- 2. Bake at 350°F for 15–20 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool completely.
- 3. In a large bowl mix cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until incorporated.
- 4. Spread the cream cheese mixture onto the cooled cookie crust.
- Cut the strawberries in half lengthwise. Cut kiwi into thin slices then in half. Cut the pineapple into 1–2 inch wide pieces. Cut the mandarin orange into 1 inch wide slices.
- 6. Place the kiwi in the center of the pizza.
- 7. Make a circle around the kiwi with the pineapple. Then make a circle around that with mandarin orange slices.
- 8. Continue adding circles with the strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries, creating hues of color on the top of the pizza.
- 9. Refrigerate until serving.



RICE TREAT PAINTBRUSHES

(Yields 6–10 depending on the sizes of brushes)

Ingredients you will need:

- □ 3 tablespoons butter
- □ 1 10 oz. package mini marshmallows (4 cups)
- □ 6 cups crispy rice cereal
- Candy melts in various colors
- Extra butter for shaping the brushes

Supplies you will need:

- □ Large pan (nonstick is best)
- □ Wax paper
- 12 craft sticks
- Glass bowl or measuring cup

Getting ready:

- □ Gather ingredients and supplies.
- □ Spread wax paper on a flat surface.

Directions:

- 1. In a large pan melt 2 tablespoons of butter.
- 2. Add marshmallows and stir until they are melted.
- 3. Remove pan from the heat.
- 4. Add rice cereal and stir until it is completely coated with the marshmallow mixture.
- 5. Pour the mixture from the saucepan and cool it on the wax paper until you can hold it in your hands. It should still be warm.
- Grease your hands with butter and divide the rice mixture into tennis ball size portions. Using a counter or flat surface, shape each portion into a rectangle. Press each side of the rectangle on the counter to create a flat edge.
- 7. Stick a craft stick into the end of each rice cereal rectangle. Allow the rice treats to set.
- 8. Into a glass bowl or measuring cup, pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (or more) of the candy melts.
- Microwave on medium for 60 seconds and stir. Heat an additional 60 seconds if needed, heating and stirring until the candy is melted.





Instead of making and dipping rice cereal paintbrushes, simply dip long pretzel rods into the melted chocolate to look like paint stirrers. You may add a large marshmallow to the end of each pretzel rod before you dip it.

- 10. Dip some of the rice-treat brushes into the melted candy, covering 1 inch of the end to look like paint.
- 11. Repeat with each color of candy melts.

ADDITIONAL BREAKFAST FOOD IDEAS

- Bagels and cream cheese
- □ Muffins
- Doughnuts
- □ Scrambled eggs and bacon
- Painted bread toast (paint bread with food coloring and toast as usual)
- □ Egg and sausage biscuit sandwiches

More Fun Ideas: Arts and Crafts



Check with Art Party station leaders for unused activities from previous pages.

PICTURE FRAMES

You will need:

- □ Foam picture frames (1 per girl)
- □ Beads, jewels, sequins, feathers, foam stickers, letters, puff paints, and assorted craft supplies
- Glue

Getting ready:

- Gather materials.
- □ Print on each frame: God's Masterpiece.

Directions:

- □ Let each girl decorate a picture frame with the craft supplies.
- □ Each girl will print her name on her frame.
- □ Take a picture of each girl and print it. Place these photos into the frames for the girls to take home.

COLORFUL SLIME

(Yields 24 portions)

You will need:

- □ 12 cups white school glue
- □ Food coloring (to make 6 colors of the rainbow)
- □ 18 cups warm water (3 cups per station)
- □ 18 teaspoons Borax (3 teaspoons per station)
- □ 6 gallon-size zipping plastic bags
- □ Large plastic cups (2 per station)
- □ Zipping plastic sandwich bags (1 per girl)
- □ 12 large foam bowls

Getting ready:

Place 2 cups of white school glue into each gallon-size plastic bag. Seal the bags so the glue doesn't dry out.

- Set up six stations, each with the following items: a gallon-size bag filled with white glue, a large plastic cup containing several drops of food coloring, and a large plastic cup containing 3 teaspoons of Borax.
- Warm 18 cups of water.
- Divide the group into six teams. Have each team stand by a different slime-making station. Each station will following the directions provided below.

- □ Into the plastic cup with the food coloring, add 1½ cups warm water. Stir until mixed.
- $\hfill\square$ Pour the colored water into the bag with the glue.
- □ Into the plastic cup with the Borax, add 1¹/₃ cups warm water. Stir until the Borax is dissolved.
- □ Add the Borax mixture to the glue and seal the bag.
- Let the girls take turns kneading the bag until all of the ingredients are mixed together. (There may be some liquid that does not incorporate.)
- $\hfill\square$ Wait until all the stations have made their slime.
- Place each color of slime in turn on a table and roll it into a long snake about 6 feet in length. Do each color on the same table and place them side by side.
- Press the colors together to create a striped pattern.
- ❑ Cut the multicolored slime into 3½-inch pieces to create ½-cup portions of rainbow slime. Put each portion in a zipping plastic sandwich bag. Give a bag to each girl to take home.



More Fun Ideas: Arts and Crafts (cont.)

GLITTER TUBE BRACELETS

You will need:

- □ ¹⁄₄–inch clear PVC vinyl tubing
- □ ³/₈−inch clear PVC vinyl tubing
- Glitter (in different colors)
- □ Funnels (1 per girl)
- Scissors
- □ Craft glue

Getting ready:

- Gather materials.
- □ Cut the ¹⁄₄-inch tubing into 6-inch lengths (1 per girl).
- □ Cut the ³/₈-inch tubing into 1 inch lengths (1 per girl).
- □ Make a sample bracelet.

Directions:

- Give each girl a 6-inch length of ¹/₄-tubing and a 1-inch length of ³/₈-inch tubing.
- 2. Fill one end of the $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch tube with craft glue.
- 3. Use the funnel to pour glitter into the open end of the tube. Use different colors or just one color.
- 4. Fill the open end of the tube with craft glue.
- 5. Make a circle with the glitter tube and place the ends into the $\frac{3}{2}$ -inch tubing to close the circle.



Use a hot glue gun to seal the ends of the tubing. Allow girls to make more than one bracelet and stack them on their arms.



Instead of wrapping the washers with embroidery thread, paint them with fingernail polish to create an enamel-like finish on the washers. Allow them to dry. Then loop a short length of embroidery thread through the washer and tie to a



WASHER NECKLACE

You will need:

- □ Small washers (several per girl)
- Scissors
- □ Chain necklace (or hemp cord or string)
- Embroidery thread
- □ Super glue, craft glue, or a hot glue gun

Getting ready:

- Gather materials.
- □ Cut embroidery thread into 2-feet lengths.

- 1. Fold a length of embroidery thread in half, and insert the loop into the middle of the washer.
- 2. Pull the other end of the thread through the loop, forming a knot around the washer.
- 3. Wrap the length of thread around the washer, covering the whole washer.
- 4. Tie the end in a knot around the washer to finish it off, or glue the end to hold it in place.
- 5. Repeat with two or three more washers, using different colors of thread.
- 6. Put the washers on a string or chain to wear as a necklace.

More Fun Ideas: Arts and Crafts (cont.)

T-SHIRT SPRAY PAINTING

You will need:

- □ White T-shirt (1 per girl)
- □ Spray or squirt bottles (1 per paint color)
- Fabric paint
- Water
- Sheets of plastic
- Clothespins
- □ Clothesline or long string

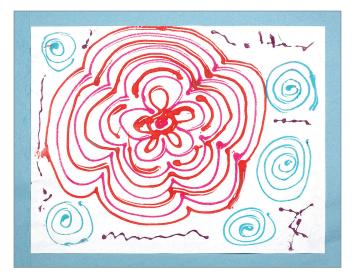
Getting ready:

- Gather materials.
- □ Mix paint and water, using a 1-part paint to 5-parts water ratio.
- □ Pour mixed paint into the spray or squirt bottles.
- □ Hang the clothesline or tie a long string across the room.
- Cover the area behind and below the clothesline with plastic.

Directions:

- 1. Using clothespins, hang a shirt on the clothesline.
- 2. Spray the shirt with the fabric paint mixture.
- 3. Allow the shirt to hang on the line to dry. (It may need to dry overnight.)
- 4. Have the girls write their names on their shirts.





SAND PAINTING

You will need:

- □ Colored sand in different colors (see page 37)
- Glue
- Paper (1 sheet per girl)
- Pencils
- Paintbrushes (1 per girl)
- Water
- Paper cups
- Paper towels

Getting ready:

□ Gather materials.

- 1. Sketch a picture on paper.
- 2. Use a paintbrush to paint glue onto one part of the picture.
- 3. Sprinkle the approrpriate color of sand onto the glue.
- 4. Spread glue onto another part of the picture and sprinkle the appropriate color of sand onto that space.
- 5. Continue until the picture is complete.

More Fun Ideas: Arts and Crafts (cont.)

FINGERPRINT BUTTERFLIES

You will need:

- Paper
- □ Water-soluble paints
- □ Sponges (1 per paint color)
- Plastic plates (1 per paint color)
- Markers
- □ Sample fingerprint butterfly picture

Getting ready:

- Place a sponge on a plastic plate.
- □ Saturate the sponge with water-soluble paint
- □ Repeat the procedure for each color of paint.
- □ Create a sample picture.

Directions:

- Press a thumb or finger onto a paint sponge. Then press the thumb or finger onto the paper. Repeat this with different colors to create a butterfly design out of the fingerprints. Use different fingers to create the body, upper wings, and lower wings.
- 2. Use markers to draw antenna on the butterflies and to add other designs such as flowers and trees.
- 3. Make butterflies for the different members of your family, friends, or the other important people in your life.



SCULPTURES

You will need:

- ❑ Air-dry clay
- Beads, jewels, sequins, assorted craft supplies
- Oven (optional)

Getting ready:

Gather materials.

Directions:

- 1. Use a small amount of clay to sculpt yourself or an item that represents something you really like.
- 2. Press beads or other craft supplies into the clay to decorate the sculpture.
- Allow the clay to air-dry for 24 hours. (Or bake it at 200°F, checking every 10 minutes. Turn the sculptures on their side so the backs of the sculptures can dry.)

BLIND SELF-PORTRAITS

You will need:

- Washable markers
- □ Large sheets of paper (1 per girl)
- 3 blindfolds
- Masking tape

Getting ready:

- □ Tape three sheets of paper to the wall.
- □ Place markers by each sheet of paper.

- □ Let three girls at a time draw self-portraits while they are blindfolded.
- □ Let the other girls cheer them on.
- Repeat the process so each girl has a chance to participate.

More Fun Ideas: Games

TOILET PAPER FASHION SHOW

You will need:

- □ Toilet paper (or crepe paper in several colors)
- Tape
- Camera

Directions:

- Group the girls in teams of 3 or 4. Give each team a roll of toilet paper and some tape.
- One girl in each group will be a model, while the other girls create an outfit out of toilet paper.
- $\hfill\square$ Give the teams 5 minutes to create their design.
- When the girls are finished, let the groups vote on the best outfit. Give out awards to the groups for most creative, craziest, used the most toilet paper, etc. Make sure each group gets an award.
- □ Be sure to take lots of pictures.

BRUSH, BRUSH, PAINT

You will need:

- Theme Verses printed on sheets of paper, one word or phrase per sheet
- Masking tape

Getting ready:

Randomly tape the Theme Verses papers to one side of a large wall. Leave a large open space beside the papers.

Directions:

- □ Have girls sit in a circle across the room from the papers on the wall.
- This game is played like "Duck, Duck, Goose." Let a volunteer be It. She will go around the circle tapping each girl in turn on the head as she says, "Brush, brush, brush."
- ❑ When It taps a girl and says, "Paint," the tapped girl will run to the wall and move the first word or phrase of the verse to the open space on the wall.

- □ The girl who was It takes the open spot in the circle.
- □ The girl who moved a Theme Verses paper will return to the circle to be It.
- Repeat the game until each girl has had a turn to move a verses paper and to be lt.



Option: Painting Game

Tape a length of newsprint to a wall. Place plastic below the paper. Place paint containers on a table or on the plastic in front of the paper. Place a clean paintbrush next to each paint color. Place a container of water beside each paint color for storing the used paintbrushes.

Play the game as usual, but when a girl gets tapped with the word *Paint*, she runs to the paper and paints while the group counts to ten, counting "one masterpiece, two masterpiece, etc." When the group gets to ten, the girl who is painting puts her brush in the water and returns to the circle to be lt.

AMOEBA GAME (ICEBREAKER)

- □ Have girls stand around the edges of the room.
- □ Call out a random number. The girls will get into groups of that number and link arms.
- □ Girls who aren't able to get into a group are out of the game. They can sit down and cheer on their friends.
- □ Continue the game until there are two or three girls left. Declare them the winners.
- Play the game three or four times so that all the girls get a chance to be in the game for longer than one turn.

More Fun Ideas: Games (cont.)

BEACH BALL (ICEBREAKER)

You will need:

- □ Large inflatable beach ball
- Permanent marker
- Music and music player

Getting ready:

Write questions on the beach ball with the permanent marker. See the list below for question ideas.

Directions:

- □ Have the girls stand in a circle.
- □ The girls will toss the ball around the circle while the music plays.
- When the music stops, the girl holding the ball must answer the question nearest her right thumb.
- Continue the game until everyone has had a chance to answer a question.

Possible questions to print on the ball:

- What are three words that describe you?
- Who is your favorite singer/band?
- What is your favorite animal?
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- If you could meet anyone in person, who would you want to meet?

What is the best movie you've ever seen? What is the one thing you can't live without? What do you want to be when you grow up? Who is the coolest person you know?

What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time? What subject in school do you hate the most? If you had a million dollars, how would you spend it?

What is the craziest thing you've ever done? What was the last thing to make you laugh for more

than 20 seconds?

COLOR WHEELS (ICEBREAKER)

You will need:

- Color Wheel Page* (1 whole copy plus enough copies for each girl to have a piece of the color wheel)
- Scissors

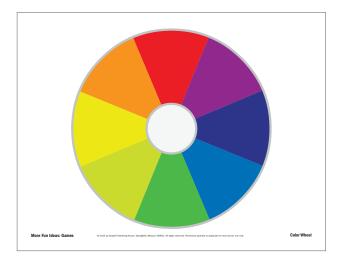
Getting ready:

- □ Print the Color Wheel Page.
- Count the girls present. Cut apart the color wheels so that each girl will have a piece of a color wheel. You may cut the wheels into pieces containing one, two, or three colors per piece.
- □ Display the uncut Color Wheel Page on a wall.
- □ Shuffle the color wheel pieces and stack them color side down.

Directions:

- □ Have the girls stand in a line.
- ❑ Let the leaders hand out the color wheel pieces, color side down. Make sure each piece is used and that each girl has a piece.
- □ At your signal, the girls turn over their pieces and form circles standing in color wheel order.

* Items in italics are on the DVD-ROM.







Sleepover 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		
Girls Ministries Coordinator Nam	ne (or Event Coordinator)	
Church Address		
City, State, Zip		
Church Phone	Date of Your Sleepover (mr	n/dd/yy)
Language(s) commonly spoken of	during events: 🗅 English 🗅 Spanish 🗅 Other:	
Sleepover Location \Box Church \Box	Home 🖵 Other	
	Attendance Totals •	
Total Number of Girls	———— Was a gospel presentation given with an op	portunity to respond? YES or NO
Number of Visitors	How many girls responded to the gospel pre	esentation?
Number of Volunteers		
	Sleepover Call-In	
Did a leader phone the National	I Girls Ministries during the Nationwide Call-In? YES or	NO
What feedback would you like to	provide about the Call-In?	
	Live-Streaming Segment •	
Did you watch the 15-minute Live	e-Streaming segment? YES or NO	
What feedback would you like to	provide about this resource?	
Comments/Suggestions: ((use additional sheet if needed)	
A return envelo	ope has been included in the Sleepover packet for you	r convenience.
Church Account #		Mail to:
Church Name		National Girls Ministries
Address		 1445 North Boonville Avenue Springfield, MO 65802
City, State, Zip		_
Offering 278001-0200451 \$	Make checks payable to	o Coins for Kids.
E	nvelopes must be postmarked by December 31, 201	5. COINS

All offerings received with a later postmark will go to the 2016 CFK project.

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GIRLS 2015 NATIONWIDE MINISTRIES SLEEPOVER

Theme and Sleepover Survey

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



NO

National Girls Ministries Week/Annual Theme

1. Did your church emphasize Girls Ministries during the September 13 service?	YES	NO
2. Did you read through the Planning Guide?	YES	NO
3. Did you use the "A Beautiful Life" 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 you collect a National Girls Ministries Week offering?	YES	NO

Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover

- 1. How did you receive the Sleepover information? Mail Download
- 2. How did you hear about the Sleepover 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
- 5. What elements did you find most helpful in the planning of the Sleepover?_____
- 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 Art Party products purchased from GPH/My Healthy Church for the event? YES NO

Coins for Kids

How far in advance was the 2015 Coins for Kids Project promoted to the girls?_____ 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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 N/A
 • Leader Video
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 N/A

 • Girls' Video
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 N/A
 • Offering Boxes
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 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).

Sleepover theme and Scripture verse	12345	 Recipes, decor, and activity ideas 	12345
Bible story	12345	 Information on the Coins for Kids project 	12345
 Sleepover products 	12345	Call-In/Live Streaming (15-minute segment)	12345
Sleepover T-shirt	12345		

Mail forms to: National Girls Ministries, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802 Go to our Web site (**ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover**) to submit your offerings and/or an online report.

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product availability and timely delivery.



Bill to

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Street/Postal	Check or Money Order Enclosed	
City		
	Exp. Date	
Daytime Phone		
E-mail		
	Cardholder's Address	
Ship to arrive by		
Ship to		
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Street/Postal	Express accepted. Please provide card number, signature, and expiration date. Prices	
City	are subject to change without notice.	
State/Zip	To keep costs down, shipping methods have changed. Postage rates are subject to	
Daytime Phone		
E-mail	Rush orders MUST have street address. May generate additional charges. Foreign orders billed actual postage charges.	

Art Party		Price Each	Quantity	Total
08MY2475	Youth Small T-shirt	\$7.99		
08MY2476	Youth Medium T-shirt	\$7.99		
08MY2477	Youth Large T-shirt	\$7.99		
08MY2478	Adult Small T-shirt	\$8.99		
08MY2479	Adult Medium T-shirt	\$8.99		
08MY2480	Adult Large T-shirt	\$8.99		
08MY2481	Adult XL T-shirt	\$8.99		
08MY2482	Adult 2XL T-shirt	\$10.99		
08MY2483	Adult 3XL T-shirt	\$10.99		
17MY8063	Art Party Backpack	\$1.99		
15MY7695	Art Party Badge	\$.89		
15MY7696	Art Party Buttons (pkg of 10)	\$4.99		
17MY8065	Art Party Bracelets (pkg of 24)	\$6.99		
17MY8064	Art Party Sand Art Bottles (pkg of 12)	\$5.99		
Coins for Kids	;	Price Each	Quantity	Total
73MY4933	Coins for Kids Promo Card	FREE		
73MY4943	Coins for Kids Offering Box	FREE		
17MY8045	Coins for Kids Bracelet (pkg of 10)	\$4.99		
14MY7075	Luna the Lamb Sticker Sheet	\$.99		
17MY8026	Luna the Lamb Necklace	\$4.19		

Items nonreturnable after September 1, 2015.

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Due to changes in carrier costs, shipping rates are subject to change.

Grand Total _____

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