

CARNIVAL

2013 NATIONWIDE GIRLS MINISTRIES SLEEPOVER





letter from the **NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Hi Everyone,

Your National Girls Ministries team is pretty excited about the packet you are reading! It's Nationwide Sleepover preparation time and this year's theme, "Carnival," promises to bring with it a night of fun and smiles your girls will long remember!

Who doesn't love cotton candy, funnel cake, hot dogs, and games with prizes? I still have wonderful and vivid memories of the Ferris wheel, fireworks, and ice-cold lemonade when my husband and I treated our girls to our annual local 4th of July carnival. Good times!

Whether this is your first girls' sleepover or you're a real pro, we have given you just about everything you need to plan and personalize your event — so be sure to pay close attention to the planning section on pages 11–25. The ideas for decorations, games, crafts, etc., are there to help you as you prepare but — as always — our desire is that you and your team design your own blueprint for the night. DREAM as you go!

As you read the fast facts about Venezuela and the 2013 Coins for Kids project, I hope you and your girls hear the heartbeat of the wonderful kids who live at Samuel's House orphanage in El Limón. And **as you view the CFK video** and see their smiles, my hope is that your girls will be excited to pray for them and give as never before! An on-site school is desperately needed. We have an opportunity to help missionaries Gary and Patricia Heiney see their vision become a reality.

Oh, I can almost smell the popcorn popping and the funnel cake sizzling, can't you? My team and I are planning our own — one-of-a-kind — **20th anniversary** call-in celebration on September 27. We will anxiously await your call or chat so be sure to build in time for your girls to "scream" a big hello to us. (You might just win a prize in the process.)

Celebrate "Carnival de Venezuela" with us!

Love & hugs, Candy Tolbert

You will find that the activities chosen for this Carnival sleepover theme are based upon the carnival/county fair experience enjoyed in many states in the US. The event is intended to draw attention to the needs of the children living at Samuel's House and to raise funds to help build a school for them. We are not promoting the carnival behavior that occurs in South America which often includes ungodly activities.



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how to use the packet

The 2013 Sleepover theme is Carnival. Your Sleepover Packet includes ideas for making the Carnival Sleepover a fun, spiritually rewarding experience. For your convenience all annual theme information is found in a separate booklet. Sleepover resources are individual, reproducible pages; these pages are also available online for your convenience. Review the table of contents on page 3 for the location of different information you will need.

This year's packet provides you with options for planning your Sleepover. We have suggested basic ideas and tips for adaptation to the needs of girls in your church.

Check out the Coins for Kids fund project reproducible flyer (page 6). Monies raised in 2013 will go to "Hope of Venezuela."

God bless you in your ministry to girls through Girls Ministries. We pray that you will be able to use Carnival to bring many girls to a deeper knowledge of Christ's love and a greater understanding of the Great Commission.

PACKET COMPONENTS

- ♥ Things to know about your packet
- ♥ This planning guide
- ♥ Reproducible pages
- ♥ Information about Sleepover products
- ♥ Coins for Kids promo card
- ♥ Coins for Kids/NGM Week offering return envelope
- ♥ Coins for Kids Flyer
- ♥ Sleepover Poster

CHILD SAFETY

Protecting children is of utmost importance to the national Girls Ministries Department. We encourage all churches 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's official site for legal matters www.ag.org/top/legal_matters pertaining to the church. You can link to this site from the national Girls Ministries home page www.ngm.ag.org. In the menu on the left-hand side of the screen, choose "Legal Matters." Also reference *Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in Your Church* by Richard Hammar.

SLEEPOVER OBJECTIVES

- ♥ Present the salvation message to girls by teaching them that God wants to be close to them and help them develop their gifts.
- ♥ Teach girls the importance of giving to missions through fund-raising efforts for the annual Coins for Kids project.
- ♥ Encourage girls to share what they have learned with neighbors and friends at school. Use E-LIFE activities to prepare your girls to witness to their friends and family. Check out www.elife.ag.org.
- ♥ Reinforce the Christian mentoring relationship by breaking away from the clubroom. Include all girls in your church.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Sleepover is designed with activities aimed at the mid-level age groups of Girls Ministries — kindergarten through fifth grade; however, we encourage including all age groups into activities in some way. Many churches find it beneficial to incorporate middle school 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 for early evening activities. Make sure you have plenty of volunteers to help with the various events.

All activities may not be best suited for your unique girls. Feel free to adapt these ideas to the regional and cultural needs of your church or for girls who may have special needs. Sleepover is most successful when coordinators tailor activities to the specific interests and abilities of girls in their local church.

PROMOTION

Build excitement by including girls in the creation of a promotional poster for the church. Display the poster in a prominent location in the church to familiarize parents and remind girls of the upcoming activity. The poster could suggest that parents contact the Girls Ministries coordinator to find out how they can donate items or help with the event.

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. You may want to use one of the following options for your Sleepover:

- ♥ While promoting your Sleepover include information about the Coins for Kids project. Get your church members involved to raise money for Samuel's House — Hope of Venezuela.
- ♥ Your district and/or sectional Girls Ministries coordinator may plan a special Sleepover you will want to participate in. Volunteer yourself and your girls to help with games, food preparation, etc. Be sure you are on the district and sectional mailing lists to receive Sleepover information.

- ♥ Host a Sleepover and invite girls from a neighboring church to be your guests.
- ♥ Before you begin planning your Sleepover, each local coordinator should:
 - 1 Check the church calendar.
 - 2 Confer with the pastor or appropriate staff member regarding preliminary plans.
 - 3 Involve leaders, helpers, and parents in planning and participating in the Sleepover.

If the date conflicts with your church, section, or district calendar, your Sleepover may be held on a date different from the designated night of September 27, 2013.



HOPE OF VENEZUELA

2013 Coins for Kids Project

"Are you my daddy?" That was the greeting the big burly U.S. missions construction workers received from Orlando, the youngest boy in Samuel's House.

Venezuela has been described as the forgotten paradise. Its beauty is impressive. It is a country rich in natural resources. Yet 87 percent of the population live below the poverty level. Many find themselves homeless, helpless, and hopeless.

While doing ministry in the streets of Caracas, missionaries Gary and Patty Heiney saw up close the problem of abandonment with 5,000 children under the age of nine living on the streets. This harsh reality birthed the desire to provide hope and a future for these children.

As with the biblical account of Hannah who dedicated the child Samuel to the Lord, so that he would "grow up in the presence of the Lord," Gary knew the key for breaking the cycle of abandonment and hopelessness would be to raise a new generation in the presence of the Lord.

Samuel's House (SH) is the result of that God-given dream. When completed, it will have eight homes that will each accommodate the parents and up to ten children.

Through donations, they now have a multipurpose hall, which serves as housing for offices, a gym, and a church. They also constructed a greenhouse. The property is abundant with orange and avocado trees, passion fruit and many other crops for consumption by the families and to sell to help sustain the home.

The only missing but crucial item is a school to help educate the children. This is where Coins for Kids comes in. Our 2013 CFK project will be to build a school for the children of SH as well as the children in the surrounding community. Because of their background, many of the children that come to SH have learning and emotional disabilities which the local schools are not equipped to handle. The school will offer top-notch education and one-on-one interaction with qualified educators who not only love teaching math and science, but also godly biblical principles.

Help us give children like Orlando who are growing up without a father and mother a quality education and solid Christian discipleship to help break the cycle of poverty and abandonment in Venezuela!

TESTIMONY

The day we met the children of Samuel's House for the first time is one I will never forget. We were riding in the back of a pickup truck, and when the children could see us coming, they started running toward us! They greeted us so lovingly! I was so thankful I was wearing big sunglasses and they could not see the tears I was fighting. They were so much fun to talk with and get to know. The quality time spent with the children, giving hugs, and playing games are memories I will always cherish!

There is something absolutely beautiful when we see the body of Christ come together to meet a need. After seeing the children of Samuel's House and hearing the vision for the school, I am so thankful for the opportunity to help with this project! I am also excited to see how through each girl from Girls Ministries Clubs around the nation pitching in, we will see this school be built. Beautiful.

Jennifer Hall, Appalachian Girls Ministries Director



Coins for Kids

FUND-RAISING IDEAS

HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Order your new Coins for Kids offering box and distribute to your girls. The boxes are free. Contact Gospel Publishing House at 1.800.641.4310 and order as many as you need. Encourage your girls and leaders to fill their banks and turn them in during the Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover. Your church will total the money and send a check to the national Girls Ministries Department where you will receive BGMC and World Ministries giving credit for your offering. You can also donate on our website at www.ngmevents.ag.org/cfk.

CARNIVAL: Carry the Sleepover theme into another event. Host a carnival at your church featuring games, food, and even entertainment. This is not only a great outreach to your local community but will also raise money for Coins for Kids. Don't forget to tell all your customers that all proceeds will go to Coins for Kids.

NEIGHBORHOOD/CHURCH YARD SALE: Let all your church members, friends, and neighbors contribute to the yard sale. They will be happy to clean out their basement or garage for a good cause. Put up flyers or place an ad in the paper with all the details and directions to your sale. Don't forget to tell all your customers that all proceeds will go to Coins for Kids. Reproduce the CFK flyer (page 6) to give to customers who ask about Coins for Kids.

2013 COINS FOR KIDS PROJECT VIDEO

Open the animated Sleepover Packet to
view the Coins for Kids project video here.
(video files also available on this DVD)

A DAY AS A KID AT SAMUEL'S HOUSE

Three or four months prior to Sleepover devote an entire evening to bring all the girls together for a day as a kid at Samuel's House. Whether a Wednesday or Sunday evening service or another night, this night will be a time when the girls will learn what life is like for kids at Samuel's House. Start the evening with a viewing of the Coins for Kids project video (provided on this DVD) so the girls can see what the project is about.

A day for the kids at Samuel's House (SH) may not seem too much different than those for kids in the US, but in other ways it is very different. The kids go to school, do homework, help with chores, go to church, and enjoy playing sports, board games, and watching movies together. During the week the kids wake up at 5:30 am to begin their day. There are two separate shifts for school. Some go to school from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm, and the others go to school from 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Whether they attend school in the morning or the afternoon, they all take part in helping with chores around the farm. Chores are: helping with food preparation, feeding the animals, cleaning, and purchasing supplies. These skills help them when they leave SH to know how to take care of themselves and maintain a home for their families. It's not just work. They love to play sports such as soccer, handball, and baseball. Some enjoy board games, puzzles, and drawing. Once a week they come together for a movie night.

Included below are activities to do with your girls to give them a glimpse into a Venezuelan child's life. At the end of your night, give each of the girls a moment to fill out their Faith Promise card for this project (provided on this DVD). Remind them this is what they personally think they can raise, with God's help, for Coins for Kids. Keep the left side of their card and allow the girls to take the other half with them as a reminder of what they want God to do. For additional facts about Venezuela see page 9.

Snacks/Food: Some of the kids' favorite snacks include bananas and mandarins which are grown on their farm. Many of them prefer these two fruits over any other treat. They also enjoy a few American favorites such as Jello, popcorn, and Cheez-Its.

The traditional food of Venezuela is the *arepas* which is a kind of bread made from corn flour, water, and salt. It's easy to make and can be eaten with seafood delicacies like shrimp, oysters, fish, or even cheese, ham, chicken, etc.

Activity 1: Put together a few of the favorite foods of SH for the girls to try such as mandarins, mangoes, bananas, avocados, and arepas. You can make some traditional arepas using the recipe below. Give the girls different things to fill their arepas, such as jam, meat, cheese, or anything you may like.

Ingredients: 2 teaspoons of salt, 2½ cups of warm water, 2 cups of corn flour

Preparation: Add salt to warm water. Put the corn flour in a bowl and add the salted water little by little, mixing with the flour until it becomes doughy. Let it rest for five minutes. Now, shape the dough into rounds about 3 inches in diameter and 1-2 inches thick. In a lightly greased skillet, slowly cook the arepas until a crust forms on each side. Now place them into a casserole dish and bake in the oven at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes, until the arepas sound hollow when tapped.

Activity 2: The kids of Samuel's House like to play soccer, handball, or baseball. Often their baseball games are played without a bat. Find an area for your girls to play one of these games. There are a few different ways to play handball. Check online for options. Try a game of baseball where the runner throws the ball instead of hitting it. Play soccer with a beach ball. Be like the kids at SH. Use what you have to be able to play a game.

Activity 3: Harvesting eggs from the chickens is an everyday activity. Set up an egg hunt. Have the girls compete as teams rather than individually. Or, set up an obstacle course (use chairs, tables, whatever is available) and hide a few eggs along the way. Time the girls as they go through the obstacle course one at a time. The girl with the fastest time and/or most eggs gathered wins a small prize.

Activity 4: SH kids also have to muck or clean the cow and pig stalls. Set 2 kiddie pools (or other small containers) on a tarp or in an outdoor area. Put dirt, sand, or potting soil in one pool. Let the girls take turns shoveling the dirt from one pool to the other while trying to keep the tarp fairly clean.

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FAST FACTS ABOUT VENEZUELA

THINGS TO KNOW

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is the sixth-largest country in South America.

Capital: Caracas

Official Language: Spanish

Monetary Unit: Bolivar

FUN FACTS

Christopher Columbus first sighted Venezuela during his third voyage to the New World.

Venezuela is home to the tallest waterfall in the world, Angel Falls at 3,212 feet.

Explorers gave Venezuela the term "Little Venice" because they found houses built on stilts in a lake, which reminded them of Venice, Italy.

Baseball is the national game of Venezuela.

A Christmas tradition is to roller skate to church.

THE PEOPLE

Venezuela is the home to approximately 28 million people whose heritage is mainly European, African, or Amerindian. Venezuelans are primarily Roman Catholic and speak Spanish. A majority of people live in the northern part of Venezuela that stretches up to the Caribbean Sea. Many of the European immigrants came from Spain, however, in the 20th century, many Portuguese, Italian, German, and even North Americans migrated to Venezuela searching for oil wealth.

GREETINGS

It is customary to kiss business acquaintances on the cheek once and personal friends twice. Handshakes are common among strangers.

THE LAND

Venezuela has significant biological diversity. It is located in four major bio-regions (the Caribbean, the Andes, the Guyana Plains, and the Amazon). Venezuela has become an area of extensive diversity, which is expressed in the distinct and beautiful landscapes of the country.

About 650 types of vegetation exist in Venezuela, with some 15,000 species of plants.

CLIMATE

Due to its proximity to the equator, Venezuela experiences few climatic variations. There are only two seasons: dry and wet. The dry season lasts from December to April, the wet from May to November. The average temperature is about 27C, which is about 80F, but cooler temperatures prevail at higher elevations.

FOOD

Venezuelan food has been notably influenced by the diet of the native people, as well as those of the African communities that were brought to Venezuela when it was colonized.

Venezuela's characteristic bread is the "arepa," which is prepared with corn flour.

The banana is utilized too in the Venezuelan kitchen and is the base for many specialties of the national food.

Being a tropical country, Venezuela counts on an abundant variety of fruits and vegetables that are widely available in local markets.



planning your sleepover

Here are some ideas to make this packet work for you. It is important to keep a few things in mind when planning your Sleepover.

- ♥ Girls who are not saved will be attending your Sleepover. Be sure they hear the salvation message and have an opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior.
- ♥ Girls will be more excited about raising money for Coins for Kids if they know exactly what their funds will support. Make a copy of the Coins for Kids project reproducible page in this packet (page 6) for each girl. Order the free Coins for Kids promotional cards available on the Sleepover order form. This card explains the ministry of Coins for Kids and the current project, Hope of Venezuela. Send these two pieces, along with a Coins for Kids offering box, home with each girl after your Day as a Kid at Samuel's House event (see page 8) before the Sleepover. In the Coins for Kids resources folder on this DVD, there are labels identifying the project. You can print these on Avery labels and stick them on the back of each box. In addition to the box, you can have your girls use a potato chip can to collect coins and cash. In the Coins for Kids resources folder on this DVD there is a PDF that can be printed on a full sheet Avery label or printed on regular paper and taped to the can. These resources are also available for free download on the Coins for Kids website.
- ♥ The reproducible Coins for Kids and Sleepover participation certificates (pages 38, 39) and 2013 Sleepover Badge (see Sleepover order form on page 28) are a great way to recognize girls who participate in Sleepover. Create gift bags for each girl by purchasing Sleepover products.
- ♥ Create invitations (ideas are provided on page 17) to encourage girls to invite friends to attend the Sleepover. The invitation will also make parents aware of the time and place of the event.
- ♥ Plan on participating in our 20th Nationwide Sleepover Call-in/Telethon. You can do this through our live chat and video streaming and/or calling in. Your church will have the chance to win prizes in three different categories. Prizes include T-shirts, Sleepover badges, and Luna the Lamb necklaces. Check out pages 30–32 for more details.
- ♥ It is important that you complete and return the 2013 Sleepover Report Form to the national Girls Ministries Department, whether or not you call in. We want to include you and your girls in our final participation count. Even if your church is not affiliated with the Assemblies of God, please send in the report. We want to count you as a part of our official totals. An online form is also available at www.ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover/.
- ♥ Set firm arrival and departure times.
- ♥ Review the Sleepover planning section (pages 12–25). Carefully read and evaluate the activities of the packet before you begin planning.

a website for elementary girls

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Check it out at
www.mpact4girls.com

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Planning Timeline

3-4 MONTHS PRIOR

- ♥ Order Coins for Kids offering boxes and promotional cards. The project video is on this DVD. The project video was created to explain the ministries of Samuel's House — Hope of Venezuela. Watch the video during a club meeting, then send home the promotional card, offering box, and a Faith Promise Card (provided on this DVD). Have girls pray about what they believe God wants them to give over the course of the year.
- ♥ Host a Day as a Kid at Samuel's House: Have a Wednesday night service devoted to learning more about the Venezuela project. Show the Coins for Kids project video and remind the girls what the money they raise will go to. (See Venezuela Service guidelines on page 8.) Have girls fill out their Faith Promise Cards.
- ♥ Order fun items to promote the Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover. A Sleepover order form is provided for you on pages 28,29. Please use the order form, order online, or call 1.800.641.4310. Order early (several weeks before Sleepover to ensure product availability and timely delivery. Quantities are limited, since this is a dated event.)
- ♥ Host various fund-raisers to raise more funds for the Coins for Kids project. See page 7 for fund-raising ideas. Talk to your pastor about showing the video in a church service to get the adults involved. Encourage the girls to visit the website to watch the video with their family: www.ngmevents.ag.org/cfk/.
- ♥ Start E-LIFE activities (Check out www.elifa.ag.org) to encourage girls to invite

unsaved friends to the Sleepover.

- ♥ Host a planning meeting with your team. Brainstorm together about how you want your Sleepover event to look and assign tasks to start on.

2 MONTHS PRIOR

- ♥ Saturate your Sleepover plans with prayer. Encourage your congregation to join you in prayer. Don't forget to include prayer for those girls who may come to Sleepover as visitors. Pray that God would make himself known to them.
- ♥ Read the games and activities ideas (pages 22–25). Familiarize yourself with instructions, begin to gather all needed supplies.
- ♥ Plan your menu for the night of Sleepover and breakfast the next morning. See pages 18–21 for ideas.

2-3 WEEKS PRIOR

- ♥ Encourage girls to bring a friend to Sleepover. Make invitations and mail them (see ideas on page 17).
- ♥ Invite parents to join their daughters for breakfast 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 as well to introduce him to the girls who might be visiting on a Sunday for Sunday School and Children's Church.
- ♥ Make identification badges. (See provided labels on this DVD in Resources folder to use with Avery template 5294.)
- ♥ Work with your children's pastor so that visitors are acknowledged in Sunday School or Children's Church when they attend.
- ♥ Make your grocery list and start planning for the food preparation.
- ♥ Plan how involved you want to be with the 20th Annual Sleepover Call-in and Telethon (see pages 30–32). We have some exciting things in the works

so be sure to stay connected with us via www.ngm.ag.org, Facebook, and Twitter to know how to connect with us the night of Sleepover!

DURING SLEEPOVER

- ♥ Use the suggested timetable to call the national Girls Ministries Department with your attendance and offering totals (see pages 31, 32). Dial 1.800.GIV.2.CFK (1.800.448.2235).
- ♥ Encourage visiting girls to bring their Sleepover Certificate (page 38) to church with them the next week to receive a special gift. Even a small item will make girls feel welcomed (see page 27 for ideas). This might get kids excited about continuing the friendships they made at the Sleepover. Make sure your regular church members are prepared to greet them as well.
- ♥ Distribute fliers (available in each *Sponsor Guide* or on our website) giving girls and their parents information about regular meeting times and places. Ask if they will need a ride and arrange for it before they leave the Sleepover.

AFTER SLEEPOVER

- ♥ Mail the enclosed 2013 Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover report form to the national Girls Ministries Department

along with your Coins for Kids offering. **Please do not send cash or coins.** For your convenience you can also fill out your report and send your donation online at www.ngmevents.ag.org/cfk/current.cfm.

- ♥ Remember to mail proper thank-you notes to those who helped and those who donated items for the Sleepover.
- ♥ Follow up with visitors who attended Sleepover and those who were saved during the event. Be sure that each of these girls has a Bible of her own. Talk with your pastor to think of ways that a Bible can be provided for any girl without one.
- ♥ Continue raising funds for Samuel's House — Hope of Venezuela. Our Coins for Kids project does not end until December 31, 2013. All monies received through this date will go to build a school. The more we raise, the more we can build to help the children of Venezuela.
- ♥ Each month during a club meeting, continue to take time to pray for our Coins for Kids project.
- ♥ E-mail pictures of your Sleepover to the national office. Send to ngm@ag.org.



Ideas

decor, invitations, etc.

CARNIVAL LINGO

- ♥ **Corny:** A person who works at a carnival.
- ♥ **Midway:** The place or way, at a carnival, on or along which amusements, concessions, etc., are located.

CARNIVAL SETUP

First things first, location. The great thing about a Carnival is that you can host it inside, outside, or both. Determine what works best for your church and girls.

SETTING THE STAGE

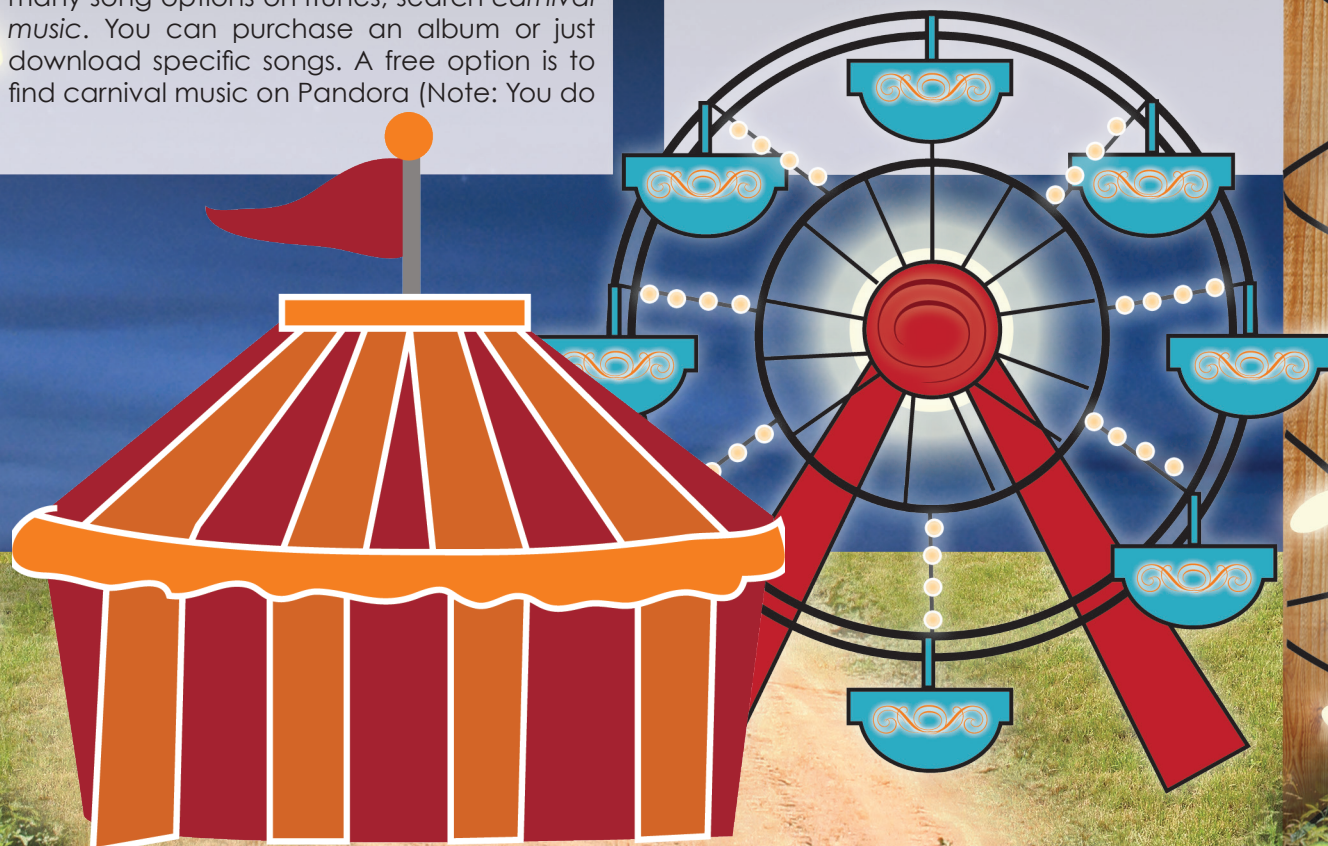
One important element to consider is music ... what is the first thing you experience when you go to a Carnival? It's the sounds — you can hear them before you even step foot onto the carnival grounds. Find music or carnival sounds to play throughout the night. There are many song options on iTunes; search *carnival music*. You can purchase an album or just download specific songs. A free option is to find carnival music on Pandora (Note: You do

not have complete control over what songs will play on Pandora, so use caution with this option. Maybe have one person in charge of the music for the night.)

TICKET BOOTH

Depending on how you want to set up your carnival, there are many different ways you can use your ticket booth. Some of those include: using it as your check-in for the Sleepover, or if you decide to use the carnival games as a Coins for Kids fund-raiser, the booth will be the place that guests come to purchase their tickets.

Constructing a ticket booth: Try to find a master craftsman in your church and ask if he/she would be willing to construct a booth for you. If that is not an option, search online to find ideas that will work for you and your budget. There are some stores that sell them and/or rent them. Another option is creating your own with a refrigerator box — just grab some paint and a box cutter (there are many tutorials for these online as well). Another option is to find a high standing table, drape it with red fabric and make a sign.



DÉCOR IDEAS

Here are some options of things you can use to decorate for your Carnival Sleepover.

TISSUE PAPER POM-POMS

Materials makes 1

10 Sheets of tissue paper
Craft wire or floral wire
Scissors
Ribbon or fishing wire

- 1 Start with 10 sheets of tissue paper in the color of your choice. Make 1½-inch wide accordion folds across the pile, creasing with each fold.
- 2 Fold it in half and secure with craft wire on the fold. Secure the craft wire as tight as possible without tearing the paper.
- 3 Cut the edges of the tissue paper to a point or round them off depending on the look you like best.
- 4 Fan out the paper on both sides of the wire.
- 5 If you are wanting to hang the poms, tie a ribbon or fishing wire around the center, where the craft wire is to the appropriate length you need to hang.
- 6 Carefully separate the tissue paper one by one on alternating sides of the wire. Continue to separate until it looks even.

The more tissue paper you use the fuller they will look; use multiple colors per Pom, or paper with designs to create a different look.

PAPER ROSETTES

Materials makes 1

3 - 8½ x 11" Sheets of scrapbook paper
Glue stick
Scissors
Ribbon or fishing wire
⅛" Hole punch
Buttons (optional)

- 1 Fold 3 sheets of paper lengthwise accordion style with ¾" folds.
- 2 Fold length of each accordion in half and glue together (creating a fan-like piece).
- 3 Repeat for the other two accordions.
- 4 Optional: To give your rosette a rounded or pointed edge, take your scissors and round

off one side of your folded paper.

- 5 Take all 3 fan-like accordions and connect each side together with glue, forming a circle.
- 6 Get Creative: Dress up your rosette with a simple circle cutout or button glued to the center. Don't just use a single color of scrapbook paper, find patterned paper that will match your color scheme. (Optional)
- 7 To hang: Using your hole punch, punch a hole at one edge of the rosette, then string your ribbon or fishing wire through and tie to secure.
- 8 Make different sizes: Use larger sheets of scrapbook paper for larger rosettes, or cut your paper in half for smaller ones.

Different ways of using your rosettes: Hang the rosettes together at different levels to create a back drop; make garland with smaller rosettes by stringing ribbon or fishing wire through the center hole of each rosette; hang the rosettes from the ceiling throughout your room; decorate a doorway with different sizes and colors/patterns of rosettes.

STREAMER CHANDELIERS

Materials makes 1

12 inch Embroidery hoop
Rolls of crepe paper streamers (3 or 6 colors)
Double sided tape
Ribbon to hang

- 1 Determine the height your chandeliers need to be in the space you plan to hang them using a tape measure. Cut 30 or so streamers per chandelier.
- 2 Separate the embroidery hoop into two parts (you will not need the outer hoop). Cut small pieces of double sided tape and apply to the inside of the embroidery hoop.
- 3 Fold the end of the streamer over top of the hoop from the outside edge to the inside edge and press against the double sided tape until it is firmly adhered.
- 4 Repeat the process around the embroidery hoop, overlapping the strips slightly. If using 3 colors: use four to five strips of the same color in a row before alternating for the best results. If using 6 colors: alternate colors

around the entire hoop (this will give a rainbow effect — great colors to use would be yellow, green, pink, orange, teal, red, then repeat).

- 5 Tie three pieces of 18-inch ribbon to the hoop set at an equal distance. Knot the strings together in the center of the hoop to create a hanger for the chandelier. Be sure to trim down any long pieces of ribbon for a polished look. The streamers at the bottom can also be trimmed to equal lengths or left to hang at different lengths if preferred.

SPANISH PAPER FLOWERS

Materials makes 1

Tissue paper
Scissors
Stapler

- 1 Choose the 3 colors that you would like to make up the flower. Use about 3 sheets for the center color of the flower, 4 sheets for the middle color, and 6 sheets for the outside color.
- 2 Stack your tissue paper on top of each other according to how you prefer the colors. From the short end of the paper, fold the paper accordion style all the way across.
- 3 Staple the center of the accordion.
- 4 Gently pull each sheet of tissue paper towards the center individually. It's okay if the paper rips, you won't be able to tell.
- 5 Scrunch the paper to give the flower a fuller shape.

Note: This makes a large flower. If you prefer a smaller flower, trim the paper to desired size after step 3.

LIGHT GARLAND

This is a great way to use those white lights and add a little flare to them by creating colorful shades to cover each light.

Materials

Strand of LED white lights
3 oz. Paper cups (enough for each light)
Scrapbook paper
Double-sided tape
Pencil
Utility knife

- 1 Carefully cut apart a cup and smooth it out so it is as flat as possible. Trace the smoothed out cup carefully onto a piece of paper to make your cup shade template. It may take a couple times until the template wraps around the cup perfectly. Make as many shade cut outs from your scrapbook paper as you will need to cover each individual bulb on your light garland.

- 2 Using double sided tape, adhere one end of a shade cover to a cup. Add another piece of double sided tape to the other end of the cut out and carefully wrap the entire piece around the cup. Try to slide the edge of the cut out against the lip of the cup to give the shade a more seamless look. Make sure your edges match up. Repeat this step until all of your cups are covered.

- 3 With a pencil, make an X on the bottom-center of the cups. Carefully using the utility knife cut an X-pattern into the cup. This is where the bulbs will poke through (the X needs to be small enough that the cups won't slip out and fall off). Repeat this step until all of your cups have slit Xs in the bottoms and then carefully begin popping each bulb into the bottom of the cups, stringing along until your garland is covered.

Caution: If using regular holiday lights, they can get very hot, it could cause the cups to melt or catch fire. Due to this we recommend only using LED lights.

PHOTO BOOTH

In the resource folder on this DVD we have provided props you can use for the photo booth activity mentioned on page 24.

Materials

White cardstock paper
Printer
Scissors
Hot glue gun
Wooden dowels

- 1 Print PDF on cardstock paper.
- 2 Cut out each art piece.
- 3 Place the cut out pieces face down on your workspace. Glue a wooden dowel to the right side and let dry.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS:

- ♥ Tent Effect: Use colorful fabric, sheets, or plastic tablecloths to make your Sleepover area look like the inside of a circus tent. You can hang them from ropes suspended from trees, tent poles, or from the ceiling. Another option is to drape streamers from the ceiling to create a canopy.
- ♥ Pinwheels: Find a DIY pinwheel on Pinterest (or use our directions on page 25), or purchase some at a local craft store. By making your own you can choose the size, large pinwheels would be fun! These can be used as décor and/or giveaways for your girls.
- ♥ Wooden Milk Crates: These can be used for décor and also for storage. Fill them with peanuts for girls to eat, use them to store carnival prizes, or use them on your food table to place your food at different levels.
- ♥ Balloons: Use clusters of balloons throughout your carnival midway and/or have a leader walk around giving balloons away to girls.
- ♥ Lanterns: If you are hosting your carnival outside, use lanterns to light up the midway.
- ♥ Paper Lanterns
- ♥ Apothecary Jars: Fill these with candy and prizes.
- ♥ Round Bulb Lights: String these up around different game booths and/or along the midway to add to the carnival atmosphere.
- ♥ Striped Popcorn Boxes: These can be found online or at some local party/crafts stores. Use these for décor in addition to holding popcorn as girls walk around to different activities.
- ♥ Peanuts and Popcorn Kernels: They aren't just food but can also be used for décor. Place popcorn kernels in a crate and use them to hold up your cotton candy sticks or lollipops.
- ♥ Chalkboards: Use small chalkboards to identify each activity and game booth. In addition to the name let players know how many tickets it takes to play.
- ♥ Pennant Flag Streamers: These can be purchased or you can make them to go along with your color scheme. All you need is some fabric or scrapbook paper, scissors, glue, and ribbon. String them across a room, between trees, or even use them to add

color to each booth.

- ♥ Bubbles: These can be used for prizes for your girls or you could also give them to each carry volunteer to use when girls visit their game booth.

INVITATIONS

On this DVD we have provided 3 options you can use for invitations (provided as a separate file, in the folder titled *Resources*). Each design provides an invitation with September 27 as the date and an undated option with space to add your own date if you are unable to host your Sleepover on that night. Print on cardstock and cut out. Write the name of your church, the location, and the date and time of your Sleepover.

- ♥ Mail out 2-3 weeks before your Sleepover.
- ♥ Make additional invitations for the girls to use to invite their friends.
- ♥ Include a ticket with each invitation and let the girls know if they bring a friend the ticket can be redeemed for a prize.



Carnival Food

Note: Be sure to check for food allergies
dinner

FOOD ON A STICK

What is more fun than eating food on a stick while walking through the carnival. Here are some fun items you can find at your local grocer or you can make and place on a stick:

Corndogs
Corn on the cob
Mini sliders
Chicken fingers or nuggets
PBJ rolls (see recipe below)
Pizza (see recipe below)
Assorted fruit (strawberries, grapes, watermelon, etc.)
Pickles

PBJ ROLLS

Need:

Peanut butter (or any another nut butter)
Jelly
Tortillas or sour dough bread (or another dense bread option)

How to make:

- 1 Spread peanut butter and jelly on your tortilla or bread.
- 2 If using tortilla: Roll tortilla and cut into 1-inch section. Place on a stick.
- 3 If using bread: Place your sandwich on a panini press until warm. When finished cut into squares and place on a stick.

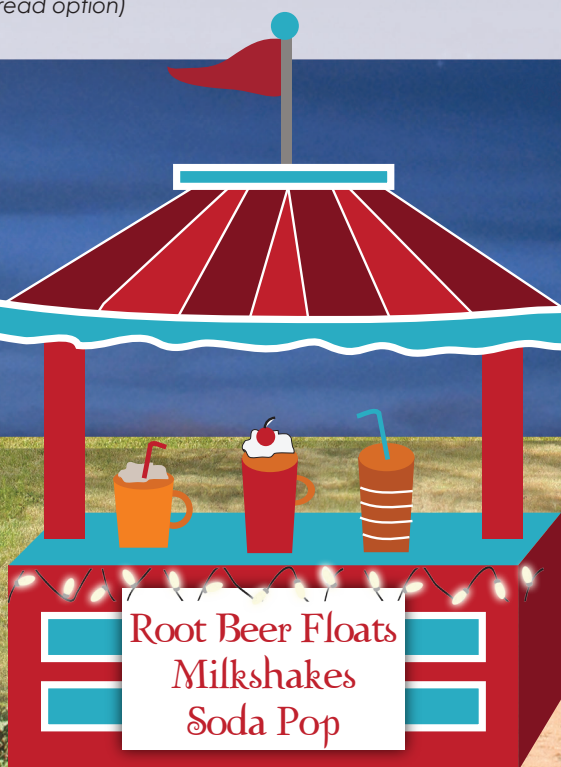
PIZZA ON A STICK

Need: yields 24

1 Pound of pizza dough
½ cup Pizza sauce or crushed tomatoes
1 cup Grated mozzarella cheese
Pepperoni or other toppings

How to make:

- 1 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line 2 or 3 baking sheet pans with parchment paper — set aside.
- 2 Roll the dough out into a ¼-inch thick rectangle, using enough flour so the dough does not stick.
- 3 Layer the sauce, cheese, and pepperoni. (The cheese will be like your glue for the pizza rolls, so be sure to leave some exposed and not covered by toppings).
- 4 Starting on the long end, roll the dough into a log.
- 5 Cut the dough into ½-inch thick sections. Place them on the prepared sheet, leaving room for them to expand while they bake.



6. Allow pieces to rest on the counter for 15-20 minutes.

7. Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until golden brown and cheese has melted and caramelized.

8. Remove from the oven and place on a stick.

MINI HOTDOGS & SLIDERS

Girls love things that are just their size. Make the girls miniature hot dogs and hamburgers. If you can't make them from scratch most grocery stores have them in the frozen section.

CARNIVAL NACHO BAR

Have options available for girls to create their own carnival nachos.

Need: *(these are just suggestions add or take away what works best for your group)*

Chips (tortilla or corn)

Cheese (queso dip and/or shredded)

Salsa

Beef and/or chicken

Beans

Tomatoes

Lettuce

Onions and/or scallions

Sour cream

Guacamole and/or chopped avocados

There are a couple ways you could set up the nacho bar. One option is to set it up buffet style and the girls can just walk through. Another is to have a Carny (a carnival worker) man the table and prepare the nachos for the girls.

MORE IDEAS

Hot dogs

Curly fries

Grilled cheese

Tater tots

Soft pretzels

Watermelon

snacks & sweets

MINI FUNNEL CAKES

A carnival is not a carnival without funnel cake! If you have the time and the resources this would be a fun addition to your Carnival Sleepover event.

Need:

Squeeze bottle *(as used for ketchup or mustard)*

4 inch round metal cookie cutters

Cinnamon and confectioners' sugar for dusting

3 Large eggs

2¼ cups Milk

½ tsp Pure lemon extract

4 cups Flour

1 cup Light brown sugar

1 tbsp Baking powder

½ tsp Salt

Oil for frying

How to make:

1. Combine some powdered sugar and cinnamon in a container and mix well (add cinnamon to taste). Set to the side.

2. In a mixing bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, and lemon extract. Whisk well.

3. In a separate bowl, sift the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, and salt together.

4. Fold the flour mixture into the egg mixture. Stir until smooth.

5. Pour mixture into a large container that you can easily pour from (like a pitcher). Then, from your pitcher pour batter into a squeeze bottle, if needed use a funnel. (Batter will be thick so be patient)

6. In a large pan, pour in your frying oil until it is about ½ inch deep, and heat to 375 degrees F. Place metal cookie cutters into pan. Depending on the size of pan, you can fit 1-4 of them.

7. Before you begin forming your cake, shake the batter towards the top of the squeeze bottle (you want a nice consistent flow of batter). Squeeze batter into cutter, keeping the dough inside the metal circle, start with a circle around the edge of the cutter then scribble and crisscross (overlap as much as possible so your cake will stay together). Cook until batter is solid (30 seconds - 1 minute).

8. Using tongs, remove cookie cutters, and let cakes float. Flip and cook the other side. Fry until golden on both sides.

9. Remove from the oil and drain on paper towels. Dust with cinnamon sugar mixture.

Topping options: Topping with powdered sugar right after cooking is a must. On top of that you could try chocolate sauce, strawberry preserves, whipped cream, ice cream, or syrup.

Note: These cook very quickly so be careful not to burn and keep girls away from cooking area. Try experimenting with your first few to find a cooking time that works best for your oil and pan set up.

COTTON CANDY

Cotton candy is another staple at carnivals. There are many options to provide this tasty treat for your girls. Many event rental companies have cotton candy makers available to rent. Another option is to purchase prepackaged cotton candy from your local grocer. Lastly, is to make your own! If you have the time this would be a fun activity to do with your leaders prior to your Sleepover.

Need: yields 8

4 cups Granulated sugar
1 cup Corn syrup
1 cup Water (plus extra in a glass)
¼ tsp Salt
2 drops Food coloring of choice (optional)
1 tsp Coconut or vanilla extract
Candy thermometer
Pastry brush
Old whisk and wire cutters
Skewers or candy sticks

How to make:

- 1 Use your wire cutters to cut the round ends off the whisk. Arrange the tines so they are evenly spaced.
- 2 Be sure you have a large enough area to make your cotton candy. Lay down plastic on the floor and line your work table with parchment paper.
- 3 In a large heavy sauce pan combine the sugar, corn syrup, water, and salt over medium-high heat. Stir until sugar is melted. Dip your pastry brush in your glass of water, then wipe down the sides of the pan to prevent sugar crystals from forming.
- 4 Use a candy thermometer to cook the sugar mixture to a temperature of 320 degrees (Make sure the thermometer is positioned so it is not hitting the bottom of the pan). Once the candy is heated to 320 degrees remove it from the heat and carefully pour it into a heat-safe glass bowl. (Make sure to remove all the sugar mixture from your pan so it doesn't continue to cook.)
- 5 Add the food coloring and extract. Stir well. You will need to work quickly so the sugar mixture doesn't cool. *Be careful not to touch, it will be very hot!*
- 6 Dip your whisk into the sugar syrup and let it drip over the pot for a second or two. Hold the whisk (tines down) a foot above the parchment and swing the whisk back and

forth quickly so that thin hairs of sugar fall onto the paper. Repeat this a few more times until you have a nice nest of spun sugar.

- 7 Immediately wrap around your stick. Don't wait too long, or it will break and not bend. Repeat until the sugar syrup is gone.
- 8 Eat immediately or seal in air-tight containers — any moisture will make the cotton candy soggy.

Tip: Don't wait until you have enough spun sugar for a completed cotton candy. Rather, fling some sugar around, then wrap it around your stick quickly before it cools and prop the stick up in a container. Fling some more sugar around, and add another layer. Repeat until you're happy with the size and look of your cotton candy. If you try to wait to roll it just once, the sugar will harden too much and will be difficult to roll.

SALTED HONEY BUTTER POPCORN

Need:

½ cup Popcorn kernels
4 tbsp Canola or peanut oil (only for stove top)
2 tbsp Melted butter
2 tbsp Honey
Salt to taste

How to make:

- 1 Air pop the kernels. If you don't have an air popper, pop them on the stove. (If air popping, skip to step 4.)
- 2 For stove top popcorn: Heat the oil in a saucepan on medium heat. Put a few kernels into the oil and cover with a lid. When the kernels pop, add the rest of the kernels in an even layer. Cover, remove from heat for 30 seconds. This method heats the oil to the right temperature, then waiting 30 seconds brings all of the other kernels to a near-popping temperature so that when they are put back on the heat, they all pop at about the same time.
- 3 Return the pan to the heat. The popcorn should begin popping soon, and all at once. When the popping starts gently move the pan back and forth over the burner. Keep the lid slightly ajar so steam can release. Once the popping slows to several seconds between pops, remove the pan from the heat, remove the lid, and dump immediately into a wide bowl.
- 4 Melt the butter in a microwavable bowl. Add the honey and microwave for about 20 more seconds. Stir together. Drizzle honey

butter over the popcorn and toss (you can use salad tongs to toss around the popcorn) so all the popcorn is evenly coated.

5. Sprinkle with salt to taste. (Be sure not to salt too much because you still want to be able to taste the honey.)

ADDITIONAL POPCORN OPTIONS

♥ Setup a popcorn bar with a variety of popcorn flavors and fun popcorn cups or bags. There are many recipes you can find online, from caramel corn, cheddar popcorn, and kettle corn.

♥ Want a piece of the carnival aroma? Rent a popcorn machine from a local event company.

MORE FUN IDEAS

♥ Peanuts: Set up crates full of shelled peanuts, with scoops and paper food trays or bags. Be sure to check into allergies.

♥ Cracker Jacks

♥ Caramel or Candy Apples

♥ Snow Cones: All you need is a blender or an ice shaver. Crush up your ice and scoop into cone cups. Pour your choice of flavoring over the ice. You can use fruit juice, flavored soda, lemonade, or flavored drink mix.

♥ Candy Bar: Gather several apothecary jars and set up an area with carnival candies such as: round lollipops, gumballs, candy buttons, jelly beans, candy necklaces, rock candy, circus peanuts, and/or ribbon candy.

beverages

SUNSHINE STRAWBERRY LEMONADE

Need:

Frozen lemonade concentrate
1 cup of Strawberries per can of lemonade (frozen or fresh)

How to make:

1. Make lemonade according to package directions.
2. Place all of your berries in a blender, blend until smooth. Add the berries to your lemonade. (Option: you could also use mixed berries instead of just strawberries)

MORE FUN IDEAS

♥ Set up a tin beverage container full of ice and place a selection of sodas and drinks in

the traditional glass bottles. Provide striped straws for the girls to use.

breakfast

DONUT HOLES

Need: yields 20 Donut Holes

1 Can of biscuit dough
Jelly (strawberry or raspberry) optional
Canola oil for frying
¼ cup Sugar
1 tsp Cinnamon

How to make:

1. Separate dough into individual biscuits. Flatten each biscuit dough with the palm of your hands and cut in half.
2. If using jelly, place ½ teaspoon of jelly in the middle of each half.
3. Form each biscuit into a ball by pinching together the ends and then rolling between your palms.
4. Fill a saucepan about ⅓ full with oil and heat. Once the oil is hot, lower heat to medium-low. (Note: If the oil is too hot the donuts will not heat evenly.)
5. Drop 2-3 donuts at a time into the saucepan.
6. Fry them in the oil until golden, then flip with tongs to fry the other side.
7. In a bowl combine cinnamon and sugar. Toss the donuts in sugar mixture while they are still warm. Serve immediately.

Cotton Candy recipe taken from Sugar Baby by Gesine Bullock-Prado - published by Stewart Tabori & Chang, 2011.

Carnival games & activities

SETUP IDEAS

- ♥ Drape colorful fabric on a clothes line that is secured to the wall or trees if you are outside. This will create a backdrop for each game. Add a colorful sign that tells girls what game it is, for example: "Bean Bag Toss." Secure sign to the line with fishing wire and clothes pins.
- ♥ Carny (Game Workers): Want to add to the fun? Have them wear the Sleepover T-shirt, a derby hat, a red bow-tie, and a red utility apron to hold tickets.

KNOCK IT DOWN

Need:

Baseballs
Tin cans

How to set up:

- 1 Stack a pyramid of tin cans on a table.
- 2 A few feet away mark a line on the ground for the player to stand (depending on the age of your girls make the line closer or farther away).

HOW TO PLAY: Give each player 3 baseballs to throw at the cans. Try to knock down as many cans as possible.

BEAN BAG TOSS

Need:

5 Bean bags
5 Metal buckets

How to set up:

- 1 Set the buckets in a line (front to back) and label them with point values (25, 50, 75, 100, and 500). The lowest point value should be in the front and the highest in the back.
- 2 Place a line on the ground with tape or chalk at least 3 feet away from the first bucket — this is where each player will stand.

HOW TO PLAY: Give the player 5 bean bags. The goal is to get as many points as possible.

BALLOON POP

Need:

4 x 5½ Foot piece of foam board
2 Yards of burlap or other fabric
Duct tape
Removeable hooks (optional)
50 + balloons
Confetti
Candy (small pieces work best)
Pump, for balloons (options)
T-pins
Darts



Swing
Rides



Carousel
Rides

How to make/set up:

- 1 Cover foam board with burlap; secure in back with duct tape. Adhere board to wall with hooks or you could also use a heavy object to lean the board against.
- 2 Fill balloons with confetti (using a funnel) and candy. Leave a few treat-free to add to the suspense.
- 3 Inflate the balloons with your pump; tie off with a knot. Attach balloons to board with T-pins.

HOW TO PLAY: Place a line on the ground with tape or chalk at least 6-8 feet away from the board — this is where each player will stand. Give each player 3 darts. Toss at balloons and win the prizes inside burst balloons.

PENNY PITCH

Need:

Large sheet of foam core, or wood
Different colors of paint
Colored duct tape
Buckets
Dustpan and broom
A lot of pennies

How to make/set up:

- 1 Paint different sizes of polka dots all over the front of the foam core or wood.
- 2 Wrap the outside edge of the board with duct tape to show the out of bounds area.
- 3 Set the board on buckets and make a throwing line several feet away.
- 4 The dustpan and broom is optional but will make clean up of the pennies much easier.

HOW TO PLAY: Give each player 10 pennies. The player tries to get their pennies on a painted circle. You can also make it more difficult for older girls by making the circles farther away worth more points. Option: Tell the players to bring their own pennies to play this game and all the pennies brought go to Coins for Kids.

CASCARÖN (Confetti Eggs)

Need:

Scissors
Donated eggs*
Egg dye *optional*
Sheet of paper, for funnel
Confetti
Light colored tissue paper

Non-toxic glue

How to make:

- 1 Using the points of a pair of scissors, crack a small hole at the larger end of an egg. Let the egg drain, carefully rinse its interior, and allow it to dry. Use dye to color the eggshell; allow to dry thoroughly.
- 2 Fashion a funnel from a piece of paper, and fill the egg about halfway with ready-made confetti or with your own homemade version (simply cut up several sheets of colored paper into tiny squares).
- 3 Cut a piece of tissue paper slightly larger in size than the egg's hole. Run the glue around the edges of the hole and over one side of the paper; seal the hole by pressing the paper over the opening.
- 4 Store in egg cartons.

HOW TO PLAY: These eggs are used to crack on someone's head. One option is to use them in a game of tag — see what player can last the longest without any eggs cracked on their head. You could also allow girls to purchase them and they get to be sneaky and find a way to smash them on a friend's head. Note: You will only want to use these outside.

**Starting months before your carnival, ask local grocery stores if they will save cartons of eggs that are past their sell by date. This will make this activity practically free.*

CAKE WALK

Make your own variation of this popular carnival game. All you need is music and prizes. You could use cupcakes, candy, or even Girls Ministries product. Be creative!

Need:

8 x 10" Sheets of cardstock
Permanent marker
Tape
Prizes
Music

How to set up:

- 1 On each cardstock sheet draw large numbers from 1-10. Depending on the number of girls in your group, you can add additional numbers.
- 2 Place your numbers in a circle and tape them to the ground so they do not move around when stepped on.
- 3 Place each number on a small piece of

paper. Fold them in half and place in a bucket to draw from.

HOW TO PLAY: Start your music and instruct each player to walk around the circle until the music stops. Players should stand on the nearest number when the music stops. (Stop the music after 30 seconds or 1 minute.) Draw a number out of your bucket. The player standing on the corresponding number wins a prize.

BOBBING FOR THE GREEN APPLE

Need:

Large basin of water
Low sitting table
12+ Red apples *(depending on the size of your basin)*
Small green apples *(enough for every player)*
Towels

How to set up:

- 1 Fill your basin with water, and place it on a low table. (Putting it on the ground will lead to wet knees.)
- 2 Place your red apples in the basin to float, taking care not to overload the basin.
- 3 Add one small green apple for each new player. (Make sure they are small enough for a child to grab.)

HOW TO PLAY: One by one, the girls hold their hands behind their backs and try to catch the green apple with their teeth. The apples all move around and make it hard to set your teeth into. For hygiene purposes, change the green apple before the next player.

RING TOSS

Need:

6 Glass soda bottles
Spray paint *(optional)*
Low sitting table or crate
3 Rings *(wide enough to fit over your bottles)*

How to set up:

- 1 Spray paint each of your glass bottles with your choice of color and give time to dry.
- 2 Place your bottles in a straight line across the front of your table.
- 3 Place a line on the ground with tape or chalk at least 3 feet away from the table — this is where each player will stand.

HOW TO PLAY: Give the player 3 rings to toss — the goal is to get as many rings as possible around the neck of the bottles.

DIGGING FOR GOLD

Need:

Plastic tarp
Small plastic kiddie pool
Sand *(enough to fill the pool, you want a mound)*
Prizes *(gather an assortment of small plastic objects to hide in the sand, ex: coins, toys, etc.)*
Tools for digging Sand shovels, strainer, etc.

How to set up:

- 1 Place a plastic tarp on the ground. Put your pool on top. (This will make for easier cleanup.)
- 2 Fill pool with sand — as you are filling, begin to hide prizes in the sand.

HOW TO PLAY: Each player has the chance to find one prize in the sand. To add to the fun you could add a marked coin to the prizes and if found the player wins an even bigger prize. Start digging!

DUCK POND

Need:

Basin of water
24+ Floating ducks
Permanent marker
Prizes

How to set up:

- 1 Fill your basin with enough water for the ducks to float.
- 2 Mark the bottom of each duck with a number. If you have 2 dozen ducks — 10 are marked with 1, eight are marked with 2, and six are marked with 3.
- 3 Determine what prizes are won for each number. Small prizes for ducks with the number 1, medium prizes for number 2, and large carnival prizes for number 3. (Option: have the prizes displayed to show what prize is won with each number.)

HOW TO PLAY: Each player picks a duck and looks for the number on the bottom. They win the prize that corresponds to the number on the duck.

PHOTO BOOTH - Grab a Prop & Strike a Pose

Need:

Backdrop *(see below for ideas)*
Cord to hang fabric
Command™ hooks
Props
Camera

How to set up:

- 1 Look around your home to see what you can re-purpose for the backdrop before you head to the store. Old curtains, a shower curtain, a large piece of fabric, a table cloth, or sheets work like magic to create a backdrop for a photo booth.
- 2 Simply fold fabric over a cord and anchor using Command™ clear utensil hooks to create your backdrop. Follow package instructions for hanging Command™ products.
- 3 Place some props, such as hats, sunglasses, mustaches, clown noses, or other party themed items on a table so the girls can dress up for their photo opportunity. See the activities folder on this DVD for some props you can use (just print, cut out, and glue to a dowel rod with a hot glue gun).
- 4 Have a volunteer take photos of the girls throughout the night (this would be a great job for your teen girls). The photos can also serve as a fun Carnival Sleepover favor for everyone to enjoy the next day.

PINWHEELS

Need:

12 x 12" double-sided, lightweight scrapbook paper
Round-headed pins
Wooden dowels
Push pins
Scissors
Ruler
Tape
Hot glue gun

How to set up:

- 1 Measure, divide, and cut a piece of scrapbook paper into four 6 x 6" squares.
- 2 Find the center of the paper by folding each square corner to the opposite corner, then unfold. Cut along the lines stopping 1-inch short from the center.
- 3 Bring one corner of each flap into the center of the pinwheel. Tape it down. Stick a pin through the center of the pinwheel.
- 4 Using the pushpin, create a pilot hole about ½ inch down from the end of the wooden dowel.
- 5 Put a drop of hot glue on the hole then insert the pin running through the center of

the pinwheel into the dowel. *Note: Don't let the pinwheel paper touch the glue while drying or else it won't spin.*

Make sure a leader is available to help girls with steps 4 and 5.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- ♥ Spoon Relay: Grab some large wooden spoons and a couple hard-boiled eggs (another option is a small water balloon). See which team can get the farthest without dropping their egg.
- ♥ Horseshoes
- ♥ Jar of Jelly Beans: Each player has a chance to guess the number of beans in the jar. Who ever is closest wins the jar of jelly beans.
- ♥ Hula Hoop Contests: See which girl can hula for the longest time.
- ♥ Potato Sack Races
- ♥ Balloon Animals
- ♥ Face Painting
- ♥ Circus Show: Have your teen girls put together a small circus show for the younger girls. (Fun idea: dress someone's dog up as a lion and use them as part of the show.)
- ♥ Rental Ideas: Bounce house, bubble machine, dunk tank, and or a jail. (Idea: the dunk tank and the jail could be used as a fundraiser for Coins for Kids — girls can pay to have someone dunked or put in jail.



suggested schedule

Friday Night

6:00 Check in at the ticket booth

Have games and activities ready so once girls have checked in they can begin their carnival fun

7:00 Midway Food and Drinks

**** Participate in the Nationwide Call-in/Live Streaming
See pages 30-32 for details and your call time

7:45 Discuss Coins for Kids Project and show video
Hope of Venezuela - Samuel's House

8:15 More Carnival Games & Activities

9:20 Devotion and Prayer time

10:00 Award Ceremony

10:30 Pictures

11:00 Closing Time (bed prep)

12:00 Lights Out

Saturday

7:30 Rise & Shine

7:45 Midway Clean up

8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Check out/Pick up



Sleepover Product

Order by August 1, 2013, to ensure product availability & timely delivery.

A.



B.



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D.



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G.



H.



I.



Make your sleepover an event to remember with these Carnival de Venezuela resources for door prizes, awards, and gifts!

A. Carnival T-shirt*

5.3 oz, navy shirt with full-color Carnival logo. 100% cotton. Pre-shrunk. Color may vary due to dye lot.

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| YM | 08MY8801 | \$7.99 |
| YL | 08MY8802 | \$7.99 |
| S | 08MY8803 | \$8.99 |
| M | 08MY8804 | \$8.99 |
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| XL | 08MY8806 | \$8.99 |
| 2XL | 08MY8807 | \$10.99 |
| 3XL | 08MY8808 | \$10.99 |

B. Carnival Sleepover Badge* ⚠

Satin. 1 1/8" Diameter. 15MY7034 89¢

C. Punching Balloon* ⚠

Rubber punch balloon, assorted colors, rubber band handle. 16". Choking hazard for children under 8.

17MY8040 10 for \$4.99

D. Carnival Activity Booklet*

Join Luna the Lamb for an exciting adventure in this full-color book of puzzles, games, and facts about Venezuela. Available for free download on our website: www.ngm.ag.org.

E. Hope of Venezuela Bracelet*

Red, adult size silicone bracelet. 8 x .5"

17MY8041 10 for \$4.99

F. Luna the Lamb Necklace ⚠

Your girls will love wearing this new 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.

17MY8026 \$3.99

G. 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 a 1 1/2" square with rounded corners.

14MY7075 \$0.99

H. Coins for Kids Promo Card

Promote Hope of Venezuela Coins for Kids project with this 4-color promo card. Pass them out to every girl in your clubs.

73MY4933 FREE

I. Coins for Kids Offering Box

Give these out to your girls and encourage them to fill them with money for Coins for Kids.

73MY4943 FREE

*While supplies last.



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| Description | Price Each | Quantity | Total |
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| B. 15MY7034 Carnival Sleepover Badge | \$0.89 | | |
| C. 17MY8040 Punching Balloon | 10 for \$4.99 | | |
| E. 17MY8041 Hope of Venezuela Bracelet | 10 for \$4.99 | | |
| F. 17MY8026 Luna the Lamb Necklace | \$3.99 | | |
| G. 14MY7075 Luna the Lamb Sticker Sheet (12 stickers per sheet, sold in individual sheets) | \$0.99 | | |
| H. 73MY4933 CFK Promo Card, Hope of Venezuela | FREE | | |
| I. 73MY4943 Coins for Kids Coin Offering Box | FREE | | |

TOTAL _____

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| Youth, Small | _____ | 08MY8800 | \$7.99 | _____ |
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| Youth, Large | _____ | 08MY8802 | \$7.99 | _____ |
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| Adult, Medium | _____ | 08MY8804 | \$8.99 | _____ |
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Announcing the Coins for Kids Telethon Live Chat & Video Streaming

Are you ready for a Sleepover Call-in like you have never seen before? We are in the process of planning our first telethon for Coins for Kids. You will get to hear from the missionary in Venezuela, watch your national staff take your phone calls, and so much more! We have some exciting things in the works so be sure to stay connected with us via www.ngm.ag.org, Facebook, and Twitter to know how to connect with us the night of Sleepover!

If we raise \$25,000 the night of Sleepover, your national director, Candy Tolbert will have a surprise for the girls! You don't want to miss it!



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20th Anniversary Call-In



1.800.GIV.2.CFK

Your church has the chance to win prizes in three different categories the night of the 2013 Nationwide Girls Ministries Carnival Sleepover. One winner from each of the 10 call-in zones will be selected. The categories and prizes include:

- 1 Most girls in participation: 3 Sleepover T-shirts*
- 2 First to call in: 10 Sleepover badges*
- 3 Highest Coins for Kids offering: 3 Luna the Lamb necklaces

** Choose from this year's theme or next year's*

Note: Only churches who call in during their designated time zones on the night of September 27th will be eligible.

CARNIVAL

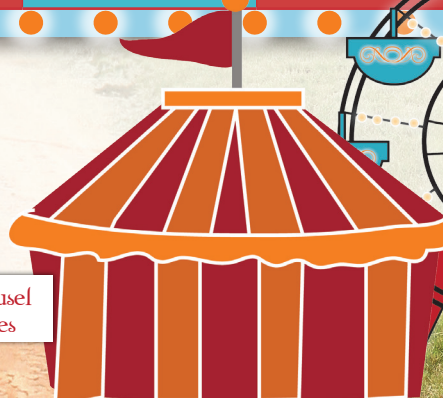
2013 Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover

Call-In Regions

Call or connect via chat with the national Girls Ministries Department on Friday evening (September 27) during the time assigned to your time zone shown below (example: North Carolina call at 8:30 p.m. your time). If you receive a busy signal, please keep trying until your call can be completed. We want to hear from you!

If you can't call at your scheduled time, please call us anytime during the evening. The telephones will be answered until 10 p.m. Central Daylight Time. If you live in Alaska or Hawaii and are unable to reach us during these times, please call us at 1.800.GIV.2.CFK on September 30 - October 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time to report your totals. If you're having a district event or have churches from more than one state at your event, please call with the state where the Sleepover is being held.

| Zone 1 | Zone 2 | Zone 3 | Zone 4 | Zone 5 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| 7:00 Central 8:00 Eastern | 7:15 Central 8:15 Eastern | 7:30 Central 8:30 Eastern | 7:45 Central 8:45 Eastern | 8:00 Central 9:00 Eastern |
| Connecticut Maine New Hampshire Puerto Rico Rhode Island Vermont | Delaware Maryland Massachusetts New Jersey New York Pennsylvania | Florida N. Carolina S. Carolina Virginia West Virginia | Alabama Georgia Kentucky Mississippi Tennessee | Illinois Indiana Michigan Ohio Wisconsin |
| Zone 6 | Zone 7 | Zone 8 | Zone 9 | Zone 10 |
| 8:15 Central | 7:30 Mountain 8:30 Central | 7:45 Mountain 8:45 Central | 7:00 Pacific 8:00 Mountain 9:00 Central | 7:15 Pacific 9:15 Central |
| Arkansas Iowa Louisiana Missouri Oklahoma | Minnesota Texas Kansas North Dakota South Dakota | Colorado Montana Nebraska New Mexico Wyoming | Arizona Idaho Nevada Utah | Alaska California Hawaii Oregon Washington |





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To ensure that your offerings go to the Hope of Venezuela project please make sure the envelope is post-marked by December 31, 2013. All offerings postmarked after that date will go to the 2014 project.

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Questions? Contact us at ngm@ag.org.

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Sleepover Ideas



Coins for Kids Ideas



Activities

Looking for more fun ideas for your girls? Check out our pin boards on Pinterest. We have included ideas for Sleepover, Coins for Kids fundraising, activities, & more. Search "NatGirlsMin" to view our boards.

pinterest.com/natgirlsmin/



Sleepover Report Form

****Click here to be taken to our website to submit your offerings and/or an online report.**
(www.ngmevents.ag.org/sleepover/)

****Printer friendly forms available on this DVD in the forms folder.**

Church Name _____

Coordinator Name _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ ☐ English Church ☐ Spanish Church

Sleepover Location ☐ church ☐ home ☐ other _____

Date of Sleepover (mm/dd/yy) _____

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

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| Total Number of Girls | Number of Helpers |
| Number of Visitors | How many girls accepted Christ for the first time? |
| Number of Sponsors | How many girls were baptized in the Holy Spirit for the first time? |

SLEEPOVER CALL-IN

Did you contact the national Girls Ministries Department? YES or NO If so, how? If not, why?

Did your call get through? YES or NO

This report form will be used for official records for the Sleepover.

Even if you reported by participating in the call-in, please mail in this completed form to the national office.

Comments/Suggestions: (Use additional sheet if needed)



A return envelope has been included in the Sleepover packet for your convenience.

Church Account # _____

Church Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Offering **278001-0200451** \$ _____ **Make Checks Payable to Coins for Kids**

Envelopes must be post-marked by December 31, 2013

All offerings received with a later post-mark will go to the 2014 CFK project

Mail to: National Girls Ministries
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CARNIVAL

2013 Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover

Theme & Sleepover Survey

After your Theme and Sleepover events, please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it to the national Girls Ministries Department. To create materials with lasting impact on girls across the nation, we rely on your expertise and ministry in the local church. We read every survey and truly value your comments and suggestions.

National Girls Ministries Week Theme

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| 1. Did your church let you emphasize Girls Ministries during the September 8 service? | YES | NO |
| 2. Did you read through the Theme Booklet? | YES | NO |
| 3. Did you use the "Shine, Shimmer, Glow" message 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

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| 1. Did you receive the Sleepover packet in the mail? | YES | NO |
| 2. Did you use any of the suggested activities, etc.? | YES | NO |
| 3. Did you collect a Coins for Kids offering? | YES | NO |
| 4. Did you buy any Carnival products? | YES | NO |

Coins for Kids

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| 1. Did you promote the Venezuela project prior to Sleepover? | YES | NO |
| 2. Did you have A Day as a Kid at Samuel's House event? (see page 8) | YES | NO |
| 3. Did you order any CFK promo cards? | YES | NO |
| 4. Did you order any offering boxes? | YES | NO |
| 5. Did you use any of the CFK resources provided on this DVD? If so, list portions used in comments section below. | YES | NO |

If you responded **no** to any of the above questions for NGM Week, Sleepover, and CFK, please explain why in the comments section below. This helps us to know what we need to work on.

Social Media

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| 1. Are you connected with us on Facebook and/or Twitter? | YES | NO |
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Rate the following Sleepover components on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

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| Sleepover theme and Scripture verse | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Devotion | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sleepover products | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sleepover T-shirt | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Recipes, decor, and activity ideas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Information on the Coins for Kids project | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sleepover Call-in/Telethon | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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sleepover DEVOTION

by kim greenwald

Sleepover Scripture: 1 Samuel 1

As a kid growing up in Western Montana, one of my fondest memories was going to the County Fair every summer. My parents would take my sister, brother, and me to the carnival and when we arrived they would designate a "meeting spot," someplace visible and easy to get to in case we were separated. The carnival was ablaze with activity. Thrilling rides and entertaining activities like greased pig races where you'd sign up to compete with others to see who could catch a grease covered pig the fastest. There were yummy treats like funnel cakes, fresh squeezed lemonade, caramel apples, cotton candy, and, of course, there were games galore. Shooting games, tossing games, races — and the winners could be seen carrying around huge stuffed animals they had won. Try as I may I never could win one but that didn't matter because the best part of the carnival was just being surrounded by all the action. The screams of kids on wild rides, bells, buzzers, and lights going on and off, people laughing, and the smell of popcorn and other amazing foods — that was what made the carnival fun!

All that joy can turn right around when you get separated from your loved ones. Being lost is frightening. When one is lost feelings of abandonment and helplessness flood the mind and bring fear. Fear destroys peace and the longer one goes without peace the more hopeless the situation seems. As a kid the loving foresight of my parents prepared a way for me and my siblings to conquer the fear of separation and regain peace as we made our way to the designated "meeting spot" to wait to be reunited with them. Then the joy of being able to experience the fun of the carnival was restored.



The Girls Ministries 2013 Coins for Kids project aims to restore joy to some kids who have experienced feelings of abandonment and helplessness. Money raised will provide a school building for the children at Samuel's House in El Limón, Venezuela. Samuel's House is an incredible place that allows children who are orphaned to live in a safe home setting. The example from the Bible that missionaries Gary and Patricia Heiney chose to name the orphanage after comes from the life of the prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 1). At a young age Samuel's mother dedicated him to the Lord and he grew up in the presence of the Lord his whole life.

For a lot of different reasons, the children at Samuel's House have found themselves without parents or family who can look out for them. They have experienced abandonment and fear. Many have lost hope of being loved and the ability to trust. Each child that comes to Samuel's House is dedicated to the Lord and provided a place where he or she can learn about the love of God and experience His peaceful presence. The Heineys and their team followed God's leading to provide a "meeting spot" for children who are orphaned. This "meeting spot" is not a temporary fix. The Heineys are dedicated to providing a safe haven where children can experience love, acceptance, and security. Where they can learn and grow into the individuals God has planned for them to be and then go out and make a difference in Venezuela and perhaps the world.

Regardless of the circumstances that surround us in life, it is important to know we belong to Someone who loves us and is capable of caring for us. In the Bible Jesus talks to those who followed Him in John 15:9 saying, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." How much does God love? He provided the ultimate "meeting spot." Look back a few chapters to John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jesus then encourages His followers by giving them the key to knowing how to experience continual joy in this love, "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:10,11).

Jesus continues to show His love by preparing His followers for life after He was gone from their presence, telling them about the Holy Spirit who would be sent to be with them in His absence. In John 16:1, "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away," and in verse 5, "Now I am going to him who sent me...." Then He continues in verse 13, "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth." Jesus continues to encourage His followers in verse 33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." It is an amazing feeling to know that Someone loves us and we can trust Him because He has prepared/arranged all we need to have joy and peace which gives us hope and a future!

If you need to know this peace and want to feel the joy of God's presence, the "meeting spot" is just a prayer away. Simply talking to God and asking Him to come into your heart and wash away your sins will allow you to be a Jesus Follower and give you access to the promises we talked about today.



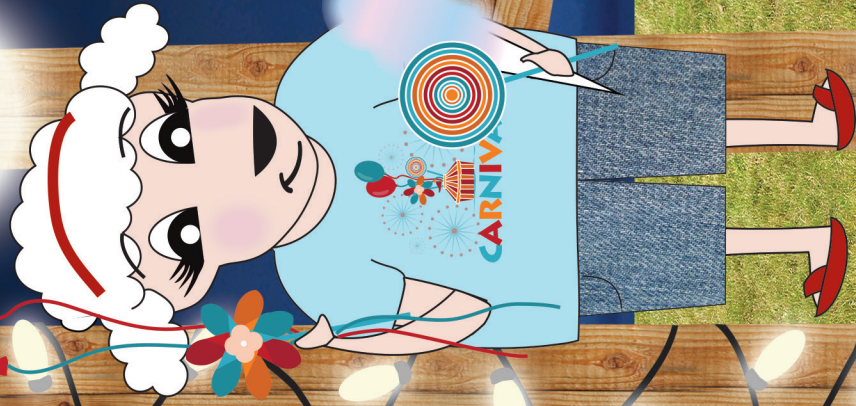
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