



The Bridge Church

## How to Host a Gingerbread Event at Home

*'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.'* Acts 2:46-47

**Purpose:** To assist members of our church with inviting family & friends into their homes to make gingerbread houses, hear a gospel presentation and possibly share a personal testimony of how they came to believe in the Christ of Christmas.

### Evangelism principles:

- Hospitality - a wonderful way of experiencing the joy of Christian fellowship.
- Buddy up - Jesus always sent his disciples out two by two. Aim to include another Christian friend or family member as a helper, they may be able to take gospel conversations further than you ever have.
- Prayer – always plead with God for people, before you plead with people for God.
- Responsibility – We are not responsible for making our friends believe, but we are responsible for sharing the gospel so that our friends can believe. Take personal responsibility to ensure your friends come and that they engage with the gospel presentation.
- Power of personal testimony – one of the most powerful ways for our friends to hear the gospel is when we ground the good news of the gospel in the story of our lives. Testimonies put words to the Christian difference our friends should already be noticing in our lives, and they are an excellent springboard to further gospel discussions.
- Follow up – every person's journey to Christ is made up of many steps. A great next step would be a personal invitation to attend one of our many Christmas Services.

### What hosts & helpers will need:

- Gingerbread kits (Coles & Woolworths stock these or you can source from many other places. Church has previously sourced from this supplier - <https://www.jordansgingerbread.com.au/> (note: icing to be stored in your fridge)
- Hosts may need to provide:
  - Any additional lollies you would like for your houses
  - Scissors
  - Sieve for icing sugar
- Perhaps also provide your own drinks and nibbles or invite your guests to bring some
- Access to Spotify if you would like to use our Christmas Spotify playlist (<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2wqKlaWm4DNF7AatTFE6m?si=ee4ac0821ce34507&nd=1>)
- Prepare to talk about what Christmas means to you or your testimony.



• SUGGESTED RUNSHEET

30mins	<p>Host &amp; Helper meet and set up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for: friends, for fun, for gospel opportunities, for the Holy Spirit to fill the home &amp; flood friends' hearts.</li> <li>• Drinks &amp; food prepared</li> <li>• Christmas music playlist</li> <li>• Tablecloths on table</li> <li>• Lolly stations</li> <li>• Icing sugar</li> <li>• Scissors</li> </ul>
15mins	Guests Arrive – drinks & welcome
15mins	<p>Event Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introduce everyone</li> <li>• Explain the plan</li> <li>• Hand out kits</li> </ul>
15-30mins	<p>Construct houses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow kit instructions</li> </ul>
15-30mins	<p>Let icing set &amp; present Christmas message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about what Christmas means to you</li> <li>• Invitation to come to Christmas at The Bridge Church</li> <li>• Encouragement to guests to ask about our personal faith stories of hosts or helpers</li> </ul>
30-45mins	<p>Decorate houses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host or helper may want to share personal testimony</li> <li>• Take some photos of your finished houses</li> <li>• Why not tag 'The Bridge Church' if you're posting the photos on socials</li> </ul>
15mins	Icing sugar and wrap houses (perhaps outside!)
30mins	<p>Pack up</p> <p>Farewell &amp; mention of invitation to Christmas at church</p>

**Enjoy!**

**And we look forward to seeing you this Christmas Season!**

see [thebridgechurch.org.au](http://thebridgechurch.org.au) for Christmas events & gathering times

