

AFTER HOURS EVENT



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His story, Our Story, Their Story



70's  
THEME PARTY

## EVENT OVERVIEW AND DETAILS

**Overview:** Families/groups will participate together as they complete stations, learning stories from the Bible and demonstrating self-application through testimony (Rock Solid Testimony), prayer (Spin Your Story), worship (Disco Praise), and the importance of staying connected (Let's Get Connected).

**Theme Note:** This event is themed around the culture, entertainment, and history of the 1970s.

**Event Note:** This exciting church event is designed for families and groups to journey together through four interactive stations, each highlighting what it means to testify. Through these engaging experiences, families will see how their faith is a story worth sharing, not just in words but also in how they live, worship, and love others. Together, the event equips and inspires participants to testify boldly to the next generation about the goodness of God.

**Key Verse:** "...Then you can tell the next generation, detail by detail, the story of God, our God forever, who guides us till the end of time." Psalm 48: 13-14 (MSG)

Opening	4 Station	Closing	Time Needed
15 min	15 min each	15 min	1 hour 30 min

Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Rocks</li> <li>-Paint pens</li> <li>-Permanent markers</li> <li>-Google eyes (adhesive)</li> <li>-Copy of MY ROCK, MY TESTIMONY worksheet for each family/group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent markers (white, gold, silver)</li> <li>-Display vinyl record wall (set up prior)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dance floor</li> <li>-Action cards</li> <li>-Station Leader Script</li> <li>-Music</li> <li>-Optional: Speaker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple Connect Four games</li> </ul>

### Resource Downloads

Download the Event Guide as well as the posters, slides, worksheets, and printouts for FREE online at: [cogop.org/children](http://cogop.org/children)

# EVENT PROGRAM

## OPENING

Open the event by thanking and welcoming everyone for attending. Remind everyone that the purpose of this event is to bring families and generations together. Before proceeding with any activities, start with a prayer. Next, incorporate several whole- or small-group engaging activities that reflect the theme. These activities could be crucial in allowing individuals, groups, and families to open up and become comfortable before starting stations.

Once you complete the opening activities and explain the stations, you will invite families or groups to visit the stations around the room. Emphasize and remind everyone that these stations are intended to be completed together.

Next, introduce the prompts for each station. Say, As you visit each station, you are going to learn more about each other. We will be learning stories from the Bible and then demonstrating self-application through testimony at the Rock-Solid Testimony station, prayer at the Spin Your Story station, worship at the Disco Praise station, and the importance of staying connected at the Let's Get Connected station. Psalm 48:13-14 (MSG) reads, "Then you can tell the next generation detail by detail the story of God, Our God forever, who guides us till the end of time." You will learn about David, Hannah, Paul, and Silas, and the Fruits of the Spirit. Through Bible stories, hands-on activities, and moments of reflection, you'll discover how your personal story of faith connects to God's bigger story, and how His goodness can shape your testimony and inspire others of all generations.

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## Station 1: Rock Solid Testimony

### STATION SUPPLIES

- Rock for each person
- Paint pens
- Permanent marker
- Googly eyes (adhesive/sticker)
- Copy of MY ROCK, MY TESTIMONY worksheet for each family/group

### POSTER

In the 1970s, everyone wanted a Pet Rock. It was just a smooth stone in a box, but kids gave them names, carried them around, and even pretended they could sit, stay, and roll over. It was silly fun, but the truth is, those rocks couldn't do anything. They couldn't protect you, help you, or talk back.

The Bible tells us in Psalms 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer." God is the opposite of a Pet Rock; He is real, strong, and firm for us like a rock.

He isn't silent like a Pet Rock; He speaks to us through His Word.

He isn't powerless like a Pet Rock; He is our fortress and deliverer.

He isn't pretending to be a Pet Rock; He is alive and unshakable.

In the 1970s, kids loved to show off their Pet Rocks. They would take them to school, name them, and tell stories about them. In the same way, we're called to show off what God has done in our lives.

In 1 Samuel 17, we learn about a boy named David. God's people, the Israelites, were afraid because a giant named Goliath stood against them. He was huge, wore heavy armor, and shouted no one could beat him. Everyone was scared except David, a young shepherd boy. David trusted God more than his own strength.

He said, "The Lord who helped me fight lions and bears will help me fight this giant too!" That was David's testimony—his story of what God had already done.

Instead of armor, David took his slingshot and five smooth stones. With just one stone, he aimed and struck Goliath right on the forehead. Goliath fell to the ground, and God gave Israel the victory. David trusted God as his strength and used a stone to defeat Goliath, showing God is our Rock and Protector.

Your testimony is your story of how God has been your Rock. Maybe He gave you courage when you were afraid. Maybe He helped you forgive someone. Maybe He answered a prayer in a big or small way. Just like kids couldn't stop talking about their rocks, we shouldn't stop talking about our Rock, who is Jesus!

### APPLICATION

1. Each person takes a rock, some markers, and googly eyes to create their own Pet Rock.
2. On the bottom or back of the rock, write a personal reminder: "God is my Rock," Or a word that describes how God helps you (Protector, Guide, etc).
3. After completing your Pet Rock, take a "MY ROCK, MY TESTIMONY" sheet from the table and find a location to complete the interview sheet with a family member or partner.

Once you have completed the worksheet, you may move to the next station.

Station 1: Rock Solid Testimony

# MY ROCK MY TESTIMONY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is something that made you feel shaky, scared, or worried?

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When did you feel like you needed something or someone strong to lean on?

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How did God give you strength or peace in that moment?

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Who did God send to help you (a friend, parent, teacher, pastor, church family)?

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What is one prayer God answered for you?

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How do you know God is strong and steady like a rock?

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If you could tell a friend your testimony about how God has been your Rock, what would you say?

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## Station 2: Spin Your Story

### STATION SUPPLIES

- Permanent markers (white, gold, silver)
- Display vinyl record wall (set up prior)

### POSTER

In 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2, there was a woman named Hannah. She prayed and prayed, even when it seemed like nothing was happening. Hannah really wanted a baby, but for a long time, she didn't have one. This made her very sad. One day, she went to the temple. While there, she prayed so hard she started crying. She told God everything in her heart.

The priest named Eli saw her and at first thought she was mumbling, but Hannah said, "No, I'm talking to God!" Eli told her, "Go in peace, and may God give you what you asked for."

Guess what? God heard Hannah's prayer! After some time, she gave birth to a baby boy and named him Samuel. The name Samuel means "God has heard me." Samuel grew up to be a great leader and prophet.

Here's what we can learn: God always hears our prayers. Even if we're waiting, God doesn't forget us. He's always listening.

### APPLICATION

Now it's your turn to spin your story.

1. On the record wall, write down either a prayer request (something you're asking God for) or a thank you note for something He's already done.
2. If it's a prayer request, share it with your partner and take time to pray over the request.
3. If it's a thank-you note, take a moment to share it with your partner.
4. When we look at the wall, we'll see a whole collection of prayers and stories, all spinning together just like God's playlist of prayers He hears!

Once you have completed this activity, you may proceed to the next station.

## Station 3: Disco Praise

### STATION SUPPLIES

- Dance floor
- Action cards
- Music
- Speaker

### POSTER

In the Bible, there were two men named Paul and Silas. They were traveling around telling people about Jesus. One day, they helped a girl who was being mistreated. Some people got angry at Paul and Silas for helping her, and they were thrown into jail!

The jail was dark and scary. They were locked in chains, and it didn't look like anyone would help them. Instead of crying or being angry, Paul and Silas prayed and sang songs to God! The other prisoners were listening as they sang. Paul and Silas were brave and full of joy because they trusted God.

Suddenly, an earthquake shook the whole prison! The doors swung open, and all the chains fell off. The jailer was shocked. The jailer's job was to make sure the prisoners didn't escape. Now that the chains were gone, he was worried he would be in trouble because the prisoners were free to run away. He was about to hurt himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped, but Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer was amazed and asked, "How can I be saved?" Paul told him about Jesus, and that night the jailer and his whole family decided to believe in God. God used their joy and praise to change everything!

When things are hard or scary, we can praise God just as Paul and Silas did. God sees us, hears us, and can turn even the toughest situations into amazing testimonies. Just like Paul and Silas, our praise can shine and help others see God, too!

Now it's your turn to praise God!

### APPLICATION

Station Leader Script:

- Once the group finishes reading the poster, you will oversee giving the directions for the activity. You will also be responsible for starting and pausing the music.
- Say, "**We're going to learn a few simple disco moves.**" Then you can demonstrate moves such as twist, turn, spin, clap, and point to the sky.
- Say, "**When the music starts to play, find a spot on the dance floor and praise God like Paul and Silas did! When the music stops, everyone freezes. I will select someone who is frozen to draw an action card. You must complete the action on the card. Once you complete the actions, the music will start again.**"
- Repeat this until all action cards are completed.

Once you finish this game, you can move to the next station

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Clap your hands 3 times and shout one thing you are thankful for!

Spin in a circle once and say, "I testify!" while pointing to the sky.

Jump up twice and name someone or something God has blessed you with.

Take 4 steps forward while saying one thing God helped you with this week.

Clap 5 times while moving your feet side to side and shout "Praise God!"

Spin around twice and think of a time God made you happy. Say it out loud if you want!

Turn to a friend,  
give them a high  
five, and say one  
thing you admire  
about God  
together.

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give them a high  
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about God  
together.

Do a short dance  
move (clap, step,  
or spin) and say,  
"God is awesome!"  
loud and proud.

Do your best  
disco move then  
say, "Praise the  
Lord!"

Hop 3 times then  
clap your hands!

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## Station 4: Let's get Connected

### STATION SUPPLIES

- Multiple Connect Four games

### POSTER

Our next story is found in John 15:1–8. One day, Jesus and His friends were walking through a vineyard. A vineyard is a place where grapes grow on long vines. Jesus pointed to the grapevines and used them as an example to his friends on how to help them understand how to stay close to Him.

Jesus said, “I am the vine, and you are the branches.” That means Jesus is the strong part that gives life, like the vine. We are the parts that grow from Him, like the grapes. When a branch stays connected to the vine, it gets water and nutrients, and it can grow green leaves and delicious grapes. If a branch breaks off, it starts to dry up, because it’s no longer getting what it needs from the vine.

Jesus was teaching that when we stay close to Him by praying, reading His Word, testifying, worshiping, and showing love, we grow good fruit—not apples or grapes, but the fruit of the Spirit like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control! These can be found in Galatians 5:22–23.

When we try to live life on our own and do not listen to Him—not connecting with Him—it’s like being a branch that has fallen off. We stop growing and lose our fruit. Jesus wants us to stay connected to Him because that’s where our strength, love, and purpose come from!

In 1974, the game Connect 4 was invented. In Connect 4, each piece only matters when it’s connected; one by itself cannot win. Jesus said we are like branches—we grow strong when we’re connected to Him, the Vine. When we stay close to Jesus, He fills us with good fruit like love, joy, and peace. Let’s remember to stay connected to Jesus and to each other!

### APPLICATION

You will need:

- Connect 4 game(s) (or giant version for visual fun)
- Optional: Write “LOVE,” “JOY,” “PEACE,” and other fruits of the Spirit on the game pieces

### How to play:

1. Each player takes turns dropping a piece.
2. Before you drop your piece, say one way you can stay connected to Jesus.
3. Examples:
  - a. “I can pray before bed.”
  - b. “I can sing worship songs.”
  - c. “I can forgive someone.”
  - d. “I can be kind to a friend.”
4. Keep playing until someone gets Connect 4!
5. When someone wins, everyone cheers and says together,
6. “Stay connected to the Vine!”

### Optional Twist for Families:

- One person plays as “Jesus” (the Vine), and all others are “branches.”
- The goal is to work together to build a full row (Connect 4) as a team instead of competing.
- Talk about how staying connected and helping one another makes everyone stronger.

Once you play a few rounds, discuss with your group ways you can continue to stay connected to Jesus and the people in your group. Once the discussion is finished, move to the next station; or if finished, go back to where you were at the opening of the event.



## 1970s' Trivia

(The correct answers are bold.)

1. Which toy from the 1970s is a colorful puzzle cube you can twist and turn?

- A) Lego
- B) Rubik's Cube**
- C) Etch A Sketch

2. What kind of music was very popular in the 1970s, with lots of shiny clothes and mirrored balls?

- A) Jazz
- B) Disco**
- C) Country

3. Which cartoon about a group of talking dogs solving mysteries first appeared in the 1970s?

- A) Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?**
- B) The Flintstones
- C) Tom and Jerry

4. What colors were famous in fashion and home decor in the 1970s?

- A) Neon green
- B) Brown and orange**
- C) Blue and white

5. Who is the superhero that became popular in comic books and TV in the 1970s, wearing a green and red costume?

- A) Spider-Man
- B) Batman
- C) Robin**

6. What type of phone did most families have in the 1970s?

- A) Smartphone
- B) Rotary phone**
- C) Cell phone

7. Which movie from the 1970s features a young boy who joins a disco dance contest?

- A) Saturday Night Fever**
- B) Grease
- C) Footloose

8. Which toy lets you draw pictures with a grey screen and two white knobs?

- A) Rubik's Cube
- B) Lite-Brite
- C) Etch A Sketch**

9. Which 1970s' TV show was about a family living in the suburbs, with a dad named Mike and a mom named Carol?

- A) Happy Days
- B) The Brady Bunch**
- C) Laverne & Shirley

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## GAMES THAT CAN BE USED FOR OPENING

### The Price is Right (Fast Play)

Say, **The Price is Right** premiered with **Bob Barker** as host in **1972** and became one of the most iconic game shows and, as he said, the “fastest moving show in television.”

How to play:

#### 1. Contestants' Row

- Four players are called to “Come on Down!”
- Show a picture of a 1970s item.
- Each player guesses the price of the item.
- The one closest to the actual 1970s price without going over wins the round.
- Repeat this as many times as desired with same or new contestants.

#### 2. The Showcase

- Present a group of 1970s items (like a lava lamp, jeans, and a record player).
- Each winner of a round played earlier gets to guess the total price of the package.
- The closest without going over wins the showcase prize. (You can have a mini prize, if desired.)

#### 3. Tips

- Keep rounds quick, rotate often so everyone gets a turn.
- Use visual slides or pictures of the items to make it more engaging.
- For prizes, give small rewards (stickers, snacks, certificates).
- To adapt for younger or special needs students, you can give multiple choice prices.

There is a slideshow prepared for following along. A worksheet is also available, if you would rather play a different way.

1970s items and prices:

1. McDonald's Hamburger: \$0.25
2. Coca-Cola (12 oz can): \$0.15
3. Levi's Jeans: \$12.00
4. 25-inch Color TV: \$500.00
5. Vinyl Record Album: \$5.00
6. Ford Pinto (1974): \$2,300.00
7. Bean Bag Chair: \$25.00
8. Rubik's Cube (1977): \$1.95
9. Yahtzee Game: \$3.50
10. Barrel of Monkeys Toy: \$2.00
11. Hot Wheels Car: \$0.59
12. Easy-Bake Oven: \$8.95
13. Sony Walkman (late '70s): \$200.00
14. Apple II Computer (1977): \$1,298.00
15. Half-Gallon Ice Cream: \$1.00
16. Lava Lamp: \$19.95

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To improve our ministries for children, we would like to know your assessment of our special event! We invite your honest feedback. If you have additional thoughts not covered in this survey, please include them in the additional space of this paper or attach them. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve your child.

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the poorest and 10 being excellent, please rate the event we just completed. Circle your response.

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1. What did your child enjoy the most about our event?
2. What did your children not enjoy about our event?
3. Did you feel like your child was safe/protected throughout this event?
4. What is something we could have done better?
5. Name one thing that impressed you.
6. Should we do this program/event again in the future?
7. Any other comments:

**Please return this form to the Children's Ministry Director within two weeks.**

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One copy for each family