



"it's a wonderful life" party (christmas)

Attraction

The classic Frank Capra film, "It's a Wonderful Life", starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

Bridge

A light-hearted, fun, neighborly event provides a relational bridge. Fellowship created by the gathering will encourage interaction.

Communicating the Gospel

After the party, the host and/or hostess takes the opportunity to make a few comments about the teachable moments in the movie and explain why, in their personal view, "it's a wonderful life."

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Event-Specific Preparation

- The film "It's a Wonderful Life" tells the story of George Bailey and the angel-in-training, Clarence Oddbody, who shows George what life would be like for family and friends if George had never been born. George, who had been considering suicide, decides that it really is a wonderful life. The video is available for purchase or rental at many video and discount stores. The original film was black and white.
- Systematically ask families in each neighborhood represented by your church to host a party.
- After showing the movie, the host or hostess could say something like, "A movie like this reminds us that many perfectly normal people experience a lot of pain and hardship in life, but that the struggles we face aren't all that bad when put in context. There is always a chance for redemption when we fail or struggle. My life is a wonderful life because the Lord Jesus Christ gave me a 'second chance' and caused life to be purposeful and joyful. I'd love to tell you more about my relationship with Jesus, or to pray for any of you, any time."
- Use a specific invitation and carefully invite neighbors, friends and coworkers who don't know Christ. Mix into the group one or two individuals or couples who do know Christ and understand the purpose of your party.

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Enlist, equip, and mobilize the following ministry teams. Refer to the Ministry Team Preparation section of the manual for instructions on how the teams will function.

- Counseling/Follow-up Team
- Spiritual Preparation Team