

Christmas treats

This is a two night programme.

Preparation: A *Parent advice/authority to participate* form must be completed for each Joey for the second night.

FIRST NIGHT

OBJECTIVES: To teach the Joeys to cook simple biscuits and to share their skills with other people.

5 minutes

Opening: Hop, flag break and welcome

10 minutes

Game: In the stable, out of the stable

Stand the Joeys in a circle facing the centre. When a Leader calls *In the stable* the Joeys jump into the circle, and when the Leader calls *Out of the stable* the Joeys jump out of the circle. This is a fun game where they have to listen carefully to the instructions (while being a little noisy) to know which way to go. Keep mixing up the directions and enjoy it.

30 minutes

Activity: Making biscuits and bags

Divide the Joeys into two groups. One group goes into the kitchen and makes simple biscuits with Leaders and helpers.

Simple Monte Carlo biscuit recipe:

1 1/2 cups self raising flour	3/4 cup sugar
125 gms margarine	2 tspns custard powder
1/2 tspn lemon juice	1 egg
pinch salt	

Melt the margarine, mix the sugar and margarine to a creamy consistency, beat in the egg, and add the lemon juice, then the custard powder and flour. Roll the mixture into small balls, place them on a greased oven tray and press them down with a fork. Bake in a moderate oven for about 10 minutes until golden brown.

The second group makes small bags to hold the biscuits, and also gift tags. Have a variety of materials on hand and let them use their imagination. After 15 minutes change the groups over.

10 minutes

Christmas carol singing

Practise singing simple Christmas carols so that the following week the Joeys can entertain a group of elderly people. A few weeks beforehand you will need to arrange with an elderly citizens' home or similar place for the Joeys to go and visit for about half an hour.

5 minutes

Closing: Hop, and lower the flag

Prayer

It's Christmas time, Lord.
Thank you for your gift.
Let us share our gifts with others, especially at this happy time of the year.

Amen.

Farewell and any notices.

RESOURCES

You will need ingredients and cooking utensils for the biscuits, materials and instructions for the bags and tags, and copies of the words of the Christmas carols the Joeys will sing.

SECOND NIGHT

The following week you may decide to meet at the elderly citizens' home so that the Joeys have more time to entertain the residents before each Joey gives one of the bags of biscuits to a resident. You may also be able to arrange to share afternoon tea with the residents to make it even more special for both Joeys and residents.