



CHRISTMAS

With

HOPE

A guide on bringing Christmas to your home

The way we celebrate may look different this year,
But why we celebrate remains the same.
This season, open your home for Christmas, so that
many will come to know the greatest story of Hope,
and encounter the saving love of Christ.

A Note From Our Senior Pastor

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Hi Church,

This year has been different in many ways, one of which is not being able to meet physically as a church for the last few months. While many things have changed, our vision to love neighbours, make disciples, and plant churches remain unchanged.

This Christmas, we will not be gathering physically for service but this should not dampen our hearts to bring Christmas to people who need Christ. In fact, let's take every opportunity to celebrate Christmas by making the Gospel known!

We've put together some useful resources for you to run a Christmas gathering wherever you are, and to share the true meaning of Christmas to neighbours and friends around you.

Let's go and make Christ known this Christmas!

With you,
Senior Pastor Jeff Chong

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Christmas Celebrations

English Christmas services

Audience	Service Timing	Programme Highlights
Students (Ablaze)	24 Dec 2pm	<p>Interactive Game: Love Christmas carols? See how well you do in our very own interactive game, 'Don't Forget the Lyrics: Hope Christmas edition'. Top scorer walks away with dining vouchers!</p>
Students (Tertiary)	24 Dec 5pm	<p>Story of Hope: Tensions and fights at home were Jane's reality since young. Sometimes things got so bad that the police had to step in. Discover how Jane regained a hope that freed her from years of hurt, and how the Circuit Breaker season became the beginning of breakthrough for her family.</p>
Adults 1	24 Dec 8pm	<p>Celebrity Panel Interview - The Music Industry The pandemic has caused many concerts and shows to be cancelled. Singer and songwriters Diya, Carrie, and Jungang share how the unexpected outbreak has reshaped the music industry and how they overcome and face the current challenges. They will also share about this unshakeable hope that has helped them pull through all these years.</p>

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Adults 2	25 Dec 2pm	<p>Interactive Game: Love Christmas carols? See how well you do in our very own interactive game, 'Don't Forget the Lyrics: Hope Christmas edition'. Top scorer walks away with dining vouchers!</p> <p>Story of Hope: What would you do if you contracted a terminal illness in your mid-20s? Shaun's world came to a grinding halt when he was diagnosed with Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Hear how he went through a whirlpool of emotions and found hope in the midst of anger, bitterness, disappointment and fear.</p> <p><i>*Kids Programme available</i></p>
Adults 3	25 Dec 5pm	<p>Celebrity Panel Interview - Family What does Christmas mean for families? Seasoned artistes Zhu Houren, Moses Lim, and Lina Ng, will share openly about what Christmas means for their families, and the up-and-downs they faced as parents when bringing up their kids. They will also share about how Jesus played a vital role in their families.</p> <p><i>*Kids Programme available</i></p>
Adults 4	25 Dec 8pm	<p>Celebrity Panel Interview: Artistes impacted by the Pandemic The circuit breaker season has put some artistes' careers in jeopardy. Some of them, who are also business owners, are also greatly affected by the economic downturn. Besides their careers, their relationships with their loved ones are also tested. Hear Chew Chor Meng, Apple Hong, and Peter Yu share about the hope that they are clinging on to during this entire year.</p>

★ Kids Christmas Services ★

- 25 Dec 2pm & 5pm ◦
(played after Adults programme)



'An Out-of-the-Box' Christmas: 30-min drama video

A group of primary school alumni friends come together to plan a Christmas performance. However, they received the wrong set of costumes! Will they make it work? Celebrate an out-of-the-box Christmas with beloved HopeKids characters and learn about the true meaning of Christmas through this wacky drama!



3D Standing Christmas Tree Card-Making Activity

Have fun with the family and learn about the Gospel through making a 3D standing Christmas Tree!

Refer to **Appendix A** on how to run the Kids Programme.

★ Mandarin Christmas Service ★

'No Stopping The News'

Part 1: 19 Dec 4:30pm ◦ Part 2: 25 Dec 10am



Tune in to Hope Singapore Mandarin Facebook Live.

While Christmas may look different in this pandemic, the fact is that nothing can stop the spread of the Gospel. This Christmas, discover the reason for the resilience of the Gospel and the tremendous generosity of believers touched by it, even in the most virulent of times.

Planning Your Christmas Outreach

Before The Event

1 Decide a suitable timing to invite your neighbours

- Option 1: Watch it online at these dates/timings

	24 December	25 December
2pm	Students (Ablaze)	Adults 2
5pm	Students (Tertiary)	Adults 3
8pm	Adults 1	Adults 4

- Option 2: Download and watch it on-demand

The various service segments will also be available as on-demand videos. These videos are for us to have the flexibility to run our Christmas outreach outside of the designated service timing and catch the best timing for our visitors. You can **download these videos in Appendix B** and use them for your own programme.

2 Download or collect Christmas Service invites



Download E-invite

- Main (all service timings)
- Students (24 Dec 2pm & 5pm)
- Adults 1 (24 Dec 8pm)
- Adults 2 (25 Dec 2pm)
- Adults 3 (25 Dec 5pm)
- Adults 4 (25 Dec 8pm)

E-invites will be made available on the **Grow Portal on 4 Dec.**



Collect Invite Brochure

Service invite containing the various service dates and timings, including Kids Programme. You may use this for your Go LG outreach efforts.



Collect Christmas Postcard

Specially-designed 'Christmas with Hope' greeting cards with a link to our Christmas website for service details. There is a space for you to write **a personalised message** and include it as part of your blessing pack to your visitors.



Send a Christmas E-Postcard

Visit our Christmas website and **make your own e-cards!** You can include your own personalised message, or use any of our templates. Put in your house party date and time too for a full customised e-invite!

Collection timings

Centre	Venue	Day/Time
Axis, West	Axis Facilities Office	5-13 December Mon-Sun, 9am-9pm
NorthEast	Hope @ NTP, Lobby F Display Shelves New Tech Park Level 2	

3 Invite your neighbours

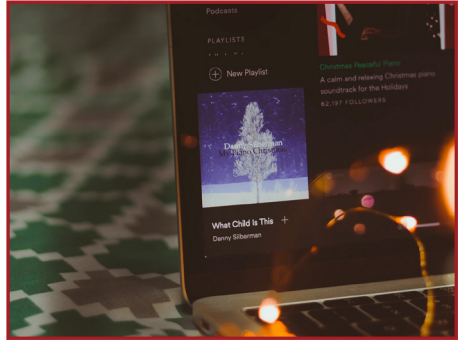
Hi Neighbour,

My family and I are going to have a time of celebration for Christmas and we hope you can join us! We are planning to have some food, simple games and then watch a Christmas Programme together. More details are in the invite. Let me know if you can join us by **[insert date]** and how many pax so that we can prepare for food. See you around!

4 Prepare to host



- Dress up your venue with Christmas decorations!
You can get simple and nice decorations from [Daiso](#).



- Prepare a Christmas Playlist, such as:
[🔗 Christmas Jazz](#)
[🔗 Christmas Songs](#)



- Prepare Food and Drinks
Upkeep hygiene by including serving spoons and hand sanitisers!

- Logistics
Ensure that the following is working:
Can the audio be played?
Is the Internet working?
Are there enough chairs for guests to sit?

* During The Event *



You may follow this suggested programme:

Duration	Programme	Remarks
30 mins	Food Free & Easy Mingling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a cosy place to eat and mingle • Play Christmas background music
30 seconds	Welcome	Refer to Appendix C for suggested chairperson script
10 mins	Icebreakers	Refer to Appendix D for a list of icebreakers and choose 1-2 suitable for your visitors
70 mins	Watch the Christmas Service	Refer to Appendix B for the list of on-demand videos
30 seconds	Close and invite back for next event	Refer to Appendix C for suggested chairperson script Refer to Appendix F on the list of post-Christmas events



* Post Event *

Break into smaller groups or 1-to-1 to have a better opportunity to follow up on the visitors' response.

Refer to:

- Appendix E for conversational tips •
- Appendix F on the list of post-Christmas events to invite visitors back again •
- Appendix G on new believer resources •

Appendix A Kids Programme

* Before the Event

① Collect HopeKids Christmas Activity Booklet

- Collect 1 activity booklet per participating child
- Add 2 extra for the facilitator
- Take extra for outreach purposes

Collection timings

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Axis, West	Axis Facilities Office	5-13 December Mon-Sun, 9am-9pm
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② Download HopeKids Drama Video on Grow Portal

- Available on **18 Dec**

③ Preparation

- Make sure that you have a **conducive room** with a laptop or TV that can play the HopeKids video
- **Familiarise yourself** with contents of the activity booklet
- Try out the craft included in the booklet so that you can help the kids during the event
- Practise **sharing the colour gospel** included in the booklet

* During the Event

Duration	Programme	Remarks
5 mins	Welcome	Set some simple ground rules such as no talking when the facilitator is talking, no running around, no exiting the room without permission, etc
30 mins	Play and watch the HopeKids Christmas video	A group of primary school alumni friends come together to plan a Christmas performance. However, they received the wrong set of costumes! Will they make it work? Celebrate an out-of-the-box Christmas and learn about the true meaning of Christmas through this wacky drama!
20 mins	Activity Booklet	Follow the instructions in the booklet. Help kids complete their craft. Upon finishing the craft, share the colour gospel with them.
5 mins	Closing	End with a simple prayer.

Appendix B On-Demand Package

Videos will be made available on the [Grow Portal on 18 Dec.](#)

Item	Duration	Description
Powerpoint slides	N/A	Title slide, upcoming events slide, blank slide
Opening video	2 mins	What happens when you don't skip the ads? Find out what really goes on beyond the first 3 seconds.
Christmas Medley Songs	5 mins	A medley of the greatest Christmas carols performed by Hope singers. Songs include 'Deck The Halls', 'Feliz Navidad', and 'White Christmas'.
Living Room Style Christmas Song A	5 mins	'O Holy Night' performed by Hope singers To be played after 'Christmas Medley Songs'
Living Room Style Christmas Song B	5 mins	'Angels We Have Heard On High' performed by Hope singers To be played after 'Christmas Medley Songs'
Jane's Story	30 mins	Tensions and fights at home were Jane's reality since young. Sometimes things got so bad that the police had to step in. Discover how Jane regained a hope that freed her from years of hurt, and how the Circuit Breaker season became the beginning of breakthrough for her family.
Shaun's story	38 mins	What would you do if you contracted a terminal illness in your mid-20s? Shaun's world came to a grinding halt when he was diagnosed with Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Hear how he went through a whirlpool of emotions and found hope in the midst of anger, bitterness, disappointment and fear.

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Interview with Moses Lim, Zhu Houren, and Lina Ng	38 mins	What does Christmas mean for families? Seasoned artistes Zhu Houren, Moses Lim, and Lina Ng share openly about what Christmas means for their families, and the up-and-downs they faced as parents when bringing up their kids. They will also share about how Jesus played a vital role in their families.
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Message + Response [Students]	15 mins	Pastor Timothy shares the gospel message and invites viewers to respond. Sharing is catered to student groups.
Message + Response [Adults]	15 mins	Senior Pastor Jeff Chong shares the gospel message and invites viewers to respond. Sharing is catered to young adults and family groups.

Appendix C Chairperson Script

- **Welcome**

Hi, my name is (xxx), welcome to my home! This year is a very different year. We typically invite friends to join us at church for Christmas celebrations but this year we can do it at home. Today, we will just eat, chat, play a simple game then watch a Christmas programme from my church. So let your hair down and let's enjoy this time together!

- **Introducing the Christmas Service Video / On-Demand Video**

My church has put together a special Christmas programme this year. Let's watch it together!

- **Closing**

Thank you for joining us today, I hope you enjoyed yourself!

Christmas is more than just a festive holiday. It is about Jesus. Thank you for taking time to hear about His story and His love for you. Since it is a special occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to end our party with a prayer for all of us.

- **After Prayer**

We also have many meaningful programmes upcoming. If you are free, please join me to watch them, or you can also watch in your own time!

(Flash slide of upcoming programmes and refer to Appendix F on the list of post-Christmas events to invite visitors back again)

Appendix D Icebreakers



1 Ornament Guess

Have guests guess the total number of ornaments on the tree as they arrive.



2 Holiday ABC's

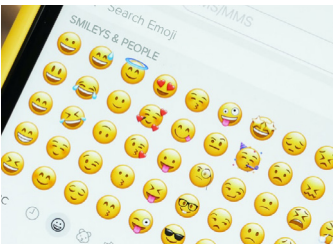
Give each person or team a piece of paper and instruct them to write the alphabet vertically from A to Z. When you say, "Go!" they are to write a holiday location/ item that starts with each letter. The first one(s) to complete the list wins.



3 Christmas Memory Game

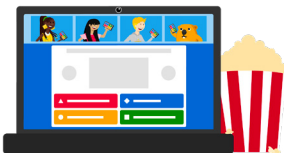
Place Christmas items on a tray and give people 1 minute to memorise the items. Take the tray away and have them write as many as they can remember down in 30 seconds.

More Christmas icebreakers [here](#).



4 Christmas Pictionary Emoji

Print out these emojis [here](#) and split everyone into 2 teams. The team that managed to guess the most correct in 5 mins will win the game.



5 Christmas Trivia Kahoot!

Everyone who has a phone with data can take part in this game [here](#). Flash on the TV /wall through a smart TV or a laptop to play this together.

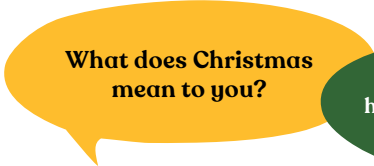
More party games [here](#).

Appendix E Resources for Sharing Christ

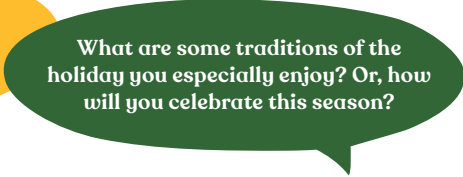
1 Christmas Conversations that can lead to Gospel sharing

Christmas is as much a time to give as it is to receive. Good questions can convey genuine care, turn a conversation toward Jesus or possibly lead another to find God's great gift of salvation in Christ.

Here are some questions related to the topic of Christmas that you might find of value:



What does Christmas mean to you?



What are some traditions of the holiday you especially enjoy? Or, how will you celebrate this season?

• What does Christmas mean to you?

An alternative to asking, “what is your spiritual background?” – a good conversation starter the rest of the year – this question can similarly provide a rather direct, quick survey of a person's spiritual beliefs.

Be ready for any natural opportunity the question invokes to be able to talk of why, as a Christian, Christmas is such a special time for you.

• What are some traditions of this holiday you especially enjoy? Or, how will you celebrate this season?

Either of these questions can produce a similar result. By tapping into traditional practices, you can likely talk of how Christian musicals, Christmas Eve services, the reading of the Christmas story or any other spiritual aspect of Christmas is important to you.

More on Christmas conversations [here](#).

2 Conversation Tips

Before The Event

Get to know them better:

- Ask them about their Family, Occupation, Recreation (hobbies / interests)
- Find out their receptivity towards Christianity

End of the Event

If your visitor has not accepted Jesus, you can ask:

- What do you think of the video today, was there any part you specifically enjoyed or felt that God was speaking to you?
- What kept you from accepting Jesus today?

After that, invite them for the post Christmas services.

If your visitor has accepted Jesus, you can refer to Appendix F.

3 The Bridge Diagram & Sinner's Prayer

The Sinner's Prayer is a prayer a pre-believer can pray to accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. When you pray, it is not the words of the prayer that is powerful but praying with a sincere heart. The Bible says: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

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Dear Jesus,

 I confess that I'm a sinner

 And I want to thank You

 for dying on the cross for my sins

 Right now, I invite You to come into my life

 Be my Lord, be my Saviour, help me to become


 the kind of person you want me to be

 In Jesus' name I pray,

 Amen
 ”

GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD

有个好消息，你听见了吗？



1

US 我们	GOD 上帝
God is our Creator. He loves us and desires to share a close relationship with us. 上帝是我们的创造者。祂爱我们也渴望与我们有亲密的关系。	

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US 我们	GOD 上帝
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">SIN 罪</div>	
But because of sin, we cannot live out the fullest lives God has intended for us. In everyday life, wrongs are done against us, and we do wrongs that harm others. We may do selfish acts, say hurtful words, and think hateful thoughts. This is called sin and when we sin we fall short of God's ways. 但是因着罪的缘故，我们无法活出上帝为我们预备的丰盛生命。 在日常生活中，我们都会做错事，自己也做了伤害和得罪别人的事情。我们或许会有自私的行为，说出伤人的话及有过可恶的思想。这些都是罪，而罪使我们达不到神的标准。	

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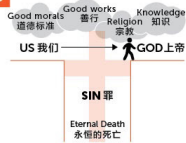
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">SIN 罪</div>	
Because God is perfect, He cannot tolerate sin. As a result of our sin, we are destined for an eternal separation from God. <i>"The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 6:23</i> 因为上帝是完美的，祂不能忍受罪。因此，我们注定永远与上帝隔绝。 “因为罪的工价就是死，但神的恩赏，在我们的主基督耶稣里，却是永生。” - 罗马书 6:23	

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US 我们	GOD 上帝
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">SIN 罪</div>	
People try many ways to draw close to God. Some may do good works, have good morals, join a religion, and acquire knowledge. But all these are not enough to close the gap between God and us, because we are still sinful. 人类尝试通过各种方式亲近神。这些包括行善，好的道德，参与宗教和以教育来获取知识。 但是这些都不能拉近我们和上帝的距离，因为我们仍然还有罪。	

Good works 善行 Knowledge 知识
 Good morals 道德标准 Religion 宗教

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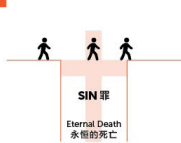
But God **loves** us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for our sins.

If we have faith in Jesus, we will have forgiveness of our sins. No longer be separate from God but have eternal life with Him.

不过神爱我们，甚至派了他的独生子，耶稣，死在十字架来为我们的罪付上代价。

若我们相信耶稣，我们就不再和神隔绝，反而得着永生及和神建立关系。

6



Where are you in this picture?

Would you like to have a personal relationship with God? God loves you and longs for you to know Him personally.

在这图中，你在哪里？

你想和上帝建立个人的关系吗？神爱你，祂渴望你能亲自认识祂。

7

How do you have a relationship with God?
你如何与上帝有个人关系？

You can start with a simple prayer to invite Jesus into your life to be your Lord and Saviour.

今天，你想认识这位耶稣吗？你可以从一个简单的祷告开始。

以邀请耶稣进入你的心，成为你的神和生命的带来者来开始这全新的生命。

8



Dear Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and I want to thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Right now, I invite you to come into my life. Be my Lord and Saviour, help me to become the kind of person I was created to be. All this I pray in Jesus' name, amen.

亲爱的主耶稣，我承认我是一个罪人。我感谢你，为了我的罪而被钉死在十字架上。现在我邀请你进入我的生命，成为我的个人救主。帮助我成为我所被创造的人我的祷告，奉主耶稣的名求，阿门。

Congratulations! 恭喜!

You have taken the first step to **know Jesus** in your life! We pray that you will continue to know Jesus and grow your faith in Him. We want to walk with you in this journey of faith and invite you to be part of our church family at Hope Singapore.

你踏出了认识耶稣的第一步！我们祷告你会继续认识耶稣和增加你对祂的信心。在这信心的旅程，我们想跟你同行和邀请你成为我们新加坡希望教会的大家庭！



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Appendix F Post-Christmas Services

ENGLISH Tune in on [Church Online](#) or [Hope Singapore Facebook*](#) (*Sun only)

'Hindsight in 2020'

- 26 Dec 2pm & 5pm
- 27 Dec 10am

'2021 Starter Kit' Student series

- Part 1: 2 Jan 2pm & 5pm
- Part 2: 9 Jan 2pm & 5pm

'First Things First' Adults series

- Part 1: 3 Jan 10am
- Part 2: 10 Jan 10am

FILIPINO Tune in on [Church Online](#) or [Hope SG Filipino Facebook](#)

'The Beauty of God'

27 Dec 2:30pm, 5pm, 6:30pm

Start and End the Year with God

3 Jan 2:30pm, 5pm, 6:30pm

MANDARIN Tune in on [Hope Singapore Mandarin Facebook](#)

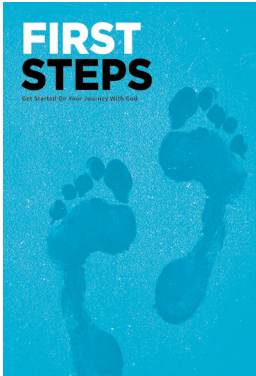
Starting The Year Right

2 Jan 4:30pm



Appendix G New Believer Resources

If your visitor has received Jesus into their lives, watch this short [video](#) on how you can do an immediate follow up.



You can also arrange for a meal to follow up on your new believer using the [First Steps resource](#).

You can find some new believer resources here:

[🔗 Book of Mark](#)

[🔗 The Bible App](#)

[🔗 7 Days Devotion](#)



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