



## Party Ideas

Whether your party is a big bash or a small gathering, there are lots of ways to make it go with a swing. There's no right or wrong way to host a PP10 birthday party, but here are a few ideas that you may find helpful. There's plenty of scope to make your birthday party a great event, so think big and be as creative as you like.

### Themes

#### Children's birthday party

Entertain kids (and big kids!) with a traditional children's birthday party, complete with games and a big birthday tea.

Food: Hula Hoops and Monster Munch crisps, sausage rolls, cheese and pineapple on cocktail sticks, fairy cakes, jelly and ice-cream.

Context and décor: paper-chains, balloons, streamers.

Games: Pass-the-Parcel, Musical Chairs/Bumps/Statues, Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Donkey. Check out our Activities Resource sheet for group, prayer, and quiz ideas.

#### Dinner / supper party

Treat your guests to a sophisticated evening of fine food and drink. A dinner /supper event works equally well for a small home-group setting or a larger dinner event. For larger events consider turning your church building into a dining space with several tables. Ask your guests to buy tickets or give a donation towards the cost of the evening to raise money for **Pavement Project**.

Food: provide your guests with dinner / supper.

Context and décor: create the right atmosphere with low lighting, music and candles. For larger events consider live music in the shape of a band or solo artist.

Games: place 'table games' on tables for guests to participate in throughout the evening. Check out our Activities Resource sheet for a Party Quiz.

#### Club/disco night (for youth groups)

Gather your youth group together for a club / disco night. Play the DVD partway through the evening, whilst maintaining the 'club' atmosphere. Afterwards, spend time praying in small groups before continuing with the party.

#### Brazilian samba carnival...

Create a party with a theme that links to one of the countries **Pavement Project** works in – e.g. Kenya, Brazil, India, Mexico – and provide music and food that help create a party atmosphere.



## Timetable

Think about how long you want your party to last – and how to keep people entertained.

Here’s a suggested timetable (you’ll need to adjust timings and activities according to the style of your party):

Activity	Duration
Guests arrive	
<p>Allow guests to mingle</p> <p>Serve drinks and food (this will vary in duration depending on whether you’re serving snacks or a sit-down meal)</p> <p>Encourage guests to take part in activities (see Activities Resource sheet) whilst they mingle or before dinner</p>	45mins – 1.5hrs
<p>Watch the <i>Beautiful dreams</i> DVD (for a dinner event this could take place between courses, or whilst coffee is served)</p> <p>Use the DVD Intro Script Resource Sheet, available online</p>	25mins
<p>Group activity / discussion / prayer (see Activities Resource sheet; include birthday card signing (and a group photo!))</p>	15-30mins
<p>Make sure you distribute <b>party bags</b> and encourage your guests to <b>tell, take, and give ten</b> for <b>Pavement Project!</b></p>	