

### **CREDO**

WE ARE THE IMAGINE GENERATION
WE BELIEVE IN TOMORROW,
BECAUSE JESUS RENEWS

WE DREAM OF PEACE, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE

WE COMMIT TO CHANGE, BECAUSE THE SPIRIT MOVES

WE ARE THE CHURCH OF TODAY, THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

WE ARE THE IMAGINE GENERATION!

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### WHAT IS #IMAGINE?

#Imagine is a nationwide movement where young people come together to dream, believe and do! Every year there are four experiences (in four venues) on the same weekend where we learn more about Jesus, praise His name and get to know other young people from different communities all around South Africa.

The #imagine movement challenges teenagers with a massive vision:
Every problem in our country is a unique opportunity for someone who
can dream about change, believe in God's vision and is prepared to
do what is needed. Real change will take hard work and passion and
you have the capacity, energy and zeal to make it happen through the
guidance of the Holy Spirit! You can choose to live surprisingly different!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

#### >>EPHESIANS 3:20-21

"Aan Hom wat deur sy krag wat in ons werk, magtig is om oneindig meer te doen as wat ons bid of dink, aan Hom kom die eer toe, in die kerk, deur ons verbondenheid met Christus Jesus, deur al die geslagte heen tot in alle ewigheid. Amen."

#### >> EFESIËRS 3:20-21

"Kepha yena onamandla okwenza okukhulu kakhulu kunakho konke esikucelayo nesikuqondayo ngokwamandla asebenza kithi"

#### >> KWABASE-EFESU 3:20

"Unkulunkulu angenza noma yini oyaziyongaphezulu kakhulu kunakho konke ukucabanga kwakho, nokudlinza kwakho kanye nokucela kwakho ngisho ekucabangeni kwakho konke."

>> KWABASE-EFESU 3:20



# SURPRISINGLY DIFFERENT BIBLE STUDIES INTRODUCTION

Surprisingly different is about unexpected people that meet Jesus or encounter God. They are surprised by His "surprisingly different" attitude, message, love and grace.

May you meet the "surprisingly different" Jesus who knows you, loves you, accepts you and calls you by name, as you read and discuss the different stories in each Bible study.

#### How to use this Bible study booklet (choose your answer):

- ☐ I will do the Bible studies on my own
- ☐ I will invite my family or people I stay with to do it with me
- ☐ I will use it in mentorship conversations
- ☐ I will form a group to do it together at school
- ☐ I will suggest that my church youth group can do it together
- ☐ We will use it is part of a school or church programme (there are big group sessions available on each topic)
- ☐ We will use it as content for a #re-imagine event, camp or vouth week
- ☐ We will use it as conversation topics when we host #imagine eat-togethers



#### SURPRISED BY A SHORT RICH MAN

#### \\ THINK:

542 billion US dollars will be spent worldwide in 2018 on advertising. How important is stuff to you? How does money, success and fame form your identity?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Luke 19:1-10

#### \\ SHARE:

- What labels did people give Zacchaeus?
- What are the things people say about you?
- What is surprisingly different in this story?
- How does the story influence your life?

#### \\ LIVE:

 How can you set something right that you have wronged in the past? Decide to forgive someone or give away something or spend time with someone as a gesture.

#### \\ PRAY:

 Write down the different "labels" that describes your identity in Christ and reflect on them in prayer... new... accepted...forgiven...



#### SURPRISED BY A POOR WIDOW

#### \\ THINK:

Did you know that 30.4 million people in SA live in poverty and 7.2 million in extreme poverty? If you have a house to live in, running water, electricity and enough food, you are of the 40% richest people in the country. (Statistics South Africa Report)

- Who are the rich and the poor in your community?
- In how many different ways can someone be "poor"?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Mark 12:41-44

#### \\ SHARE:

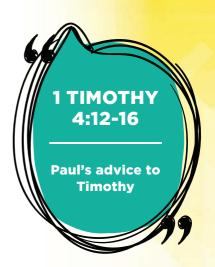
- What do you think could be this widow's history?
- Who is God for her?
- What is surprisingly different in this story?
- How does the story influence your life?

#### **\\ LIVE:**

How can you help someone this week that is physically poor? Decide to share
your lunch or donate an item out of your cupboard.

#### \\ PRAY:

• Pray for someone who is emotionally "poor".



#### SURPRISED BY A TEENAGE BOY

#### \\ THINK:

"Leadership is not about a title. It's about impact, influence and inspiration."

Robin S. Sharma

- Who in your community have leadership positions?
- Can you think of people who influence others without a title, position or without being older?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Did you know that Timothy was not only a teenager, but also a church leader?
Paul was his mentor who supported him.

#### \\ SHARE:

- How is God using Timothy?
- What is surprisingly different in this story?
- How does the story influence your life?

#### \\ LIVE:

• Think of an average week in your life and the people you come in contact with. How can you influence your friends, sport's team, family, Christian group, neighbours, etc.? Also ask God for whom you can be a mentor.

#### \\ PRAY:

Pray for prefects, teachers, pastors, and other leaders in your community.



#### SURPRISED BY A RICH MAN

#### \\ THINK:

Did you know that South Africa is known for its extreme income inequality, which is one of the highest in the world? 10% of the population earn around 55%-60% of all income.

- When would you consider someone to be extremely rich?
- When would you consider someone to be important and of influence in your community?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Matthew 19:16-26

#### \\ SHARE:

- With what preconceived ideas did this rich young man came to Jesus?
- In verse 20 the young man replied: "All these (Commandments) I have kept."
- Do you think he thought of himself spiritually on a higher level than others or do you think he thought he could do everything by himself to receive eternal life?
- Put yourself in this man's situation. How will you feel and react if Jesus says to you:
   "Go and sell all your possessions and give to the poor. Then come and follow me."?

#### \\ LIVE:

 What are the things you spend your money and time on? What are your highest priorities? Which of them can stand in your way to fully commit yourself to Jesus?

#### \\ PRAY:

 Ask that Jesus will show you how to prioritise the things in your life so that Jesus will be first.

**MATTHEW** 2: 1-12

The Magi from the East visit the Messiah

#### SURPRISED BY AN ARABIAN, AN INDIAN, AND A CHINESE!

#### \\ THINK:

Tell a story of someone from a different religion that taught you something.

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Matthew 2: 1-12

Did you know that Magi were educated, affluent people from Eastern countries who served kings in palaces with their wisdom? We don't know where they come from, but it could be Arabia, India or even China!

#### \\ SHARE:

- Why do you think this surprisingly different story of eastern people following a star is included in the Bible?
- How does God use the Magi (wise men) in this story?
- What do you think happened to them when they returned home?
- How does this story influence the way you think about other religions?

#### \\ LIVE:

• Get to know someone from a different religion. Acknowledge the good they are doing, show respect and share your own faith story.

#### \\ PRAY:

• Praise Jesus and give Him gifts of thanksgiving.



#### SURPRISED BY A TEENAGE GIRL

#### \\ THINK:

Think of an occasion that meant a lot to you, when someone was faithful to you. What did that person do to show their faithfulness?

\\ LISTEN:

Read Luke 2:1-7

#### \\ SHARE:

- Why do you think Mary agreed to God's plan?
- How was Mary's life influenced by her obedience to God?
- How does this story inspire you?

#### \\ LIVE:

- Think of ways we can live out our faith.
- Find someone whose faithfulness to God encourage and motivate you to persevere.

#### \\ PRAY:

• Pray for patience and strength from God to help us persevere in faith.



#### SURPRISED BY A STRANGER

#### \\ THINK:

More than 200 000 people in South Africa live on the street. Think of people that are a part of your everyday life that you do not acknowledge: the beggar at the street corner, the old lady selling newspapers or even some of the teens in your school.

- Why do we see people who live or work on the street as strangers?
- Who do you see as your neighbours?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Luke 10:25-35

Did you know that Samaritans and Jews were enemies? They saw each other as strangers. They would never talk to each other, let alone help each other.

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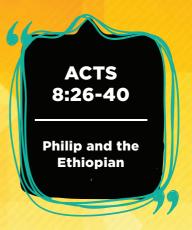
- Why does the man want to know who his neighbour is?
- Why are the Samaritan's actions surprisingly different?
- How does the story influence your life?

#### \\ LIVE:

Greet strangers who you encounter this week and ask them their names.

#### \\ PRAY:

 Pray for people in need in your community and ask God to make you their "neighbour".



#### SURPRISED BY A FOREIGNER

#### \\ THINK:

Did you know that 65 million people are displaced in the world, in other words they live as refugees in other countries? (www.unhcr.org)

- How many different cultures, languages and religions in your community can you name?
- What perceptions do people have of other groups?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Acts 8:26-40

#### \\ SHARE:

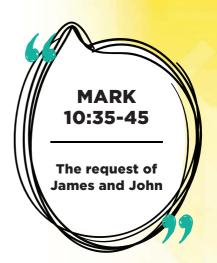
- How many facts about the Ethiopian can you find in the story. You can also use the internet for background.
- Why do you think the Ethiopian was reading from the Old Testament?
- What is surprisingly different in this story?
- In which way can you relate to the Ethiopian? And to Philip?
- · How does the story influence your life?

#### \\ LIVE:

Get to know someone from a different culture, language group or religion.
 Ask them about the meaning of their name, their family and their dreams for their future.

#### \\ PRAY:

 Pray for people that are easily excluded by your church or friends. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus' love with them.



#### SURPRISED BY TWO BROTHERS

#### \\ THINK:

- Can you think of people using relationships to gain power, popularity or a following in your community or school?
- Where do you see signs of corruption?
- Are there people who abuse their position for selfish reasons?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Mark 10:35-45

#### \\ SHARE:

- Why do you think James and John asked Jesus this?
- How do power, influence and leadership work surprisingly differently for followers of Jesus?
- In which way can you relate to James and John? How high do you value power, fame and popularity?
- How does the story challenge you to think differently?

#### \\ LIVE:

- How can you lead by being a servant-leader?
- Think of practical ways in which you can serve at your home and school?

#### \\ PRAY:

 Thank Jesus for setting an example. Pray that you will be a humble and willing servant.

JOHN 4:1-26, 39-42

Jesus and the Samaritan woman

#### SURPRISED BY AN OUTCAST

#### \\ THINK:

- What makes someone an insider or an outsider?
- When do you consider someone an outcast?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read John 4:1-26 and 39-42

Did you know the Jews referred to the Samaritans as "dogs," or "half-breeds"? They did not like to interact with each other.

#### \\ SHARE:

- What do you find interesting about Jesus' attitude towards, and interaction with the "bad reputation" Samaritan woman?
- Try to imagine the woman's thoughts and emotions during and after her encounter with Jesus. How would you have felt?
- How did her interaction with Jesus turned her life around and ultimately changed her reputation?

#### \\ LIVE:

- What kind of reputation do you have?
- What things in your life contribute to this reputation? Is there something you need to change?

#### \\ PRAY:

 Ask Jesus to change those things in your life that may give you a bad reputation in the hearts and minds of other's.



#### SURPRISED BY SIMPLE FISHERMEN

#### **\\ THINK:**

- Think of people in your community who are seen as either very important or as very unimportant.
- What is the reason for this perception of these two kinds of people?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Luke 5:1-11

#### \\ SHARE:

Did you know that Peter, Andrew, James and John were simple fishermen? They probably didn't have any formal education. Maths was not their strength!

- Why do you think Jesus chose fishermen to become his disciples?
- What is surprisingly different in this story?

#### \\ LIVE:

- Think of an occasion where someone in your school that was labelled as not "good enough" or not "important enough" made a difference.
- What "labels" have people given you? How does Jesus see you?
- What must change in you to see all people equal and without labels?

#### \\ PRAY:

 Pray for a change in your attitude towards the so called less important people. Thank Him for using all kinds of people!

#### SURPRISED BY A PARTY ANIMAL!

#### \\ THINK:

Did you know that South Africa is ranked as the third biggest drinking nation in Africa? Drinking can lead to sexual assaults and rape. About 4 out of 10 teenagers between grade 9 and 11 have had sex, with 2 of the 4 having more than 3 sexual partners.

- What does it mean to be a "party animal" in your school?
- Why do you think people need to make themselves feel better by doing these kind of things?

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Luke 15:11-32

#### \\ SHARE:

- What caused the youngest son to make the choices he did?
- Who is God for him?
- What is surprisingly different in this story?
- In what ways do you identify with the different sons' choices?
- How does the story influence the way in which you make choices?

#### **\\ LIVE:**

• Get to know a "party animal" in your school and their story.

#### \\ PRAY:

 Pray for people who need second chances, whose choices took them into bad places.

#### SURPRISED BY BUSINESS WOMAN

#### \\ THINK:

- What does it mean to be hospitable? Tell a story when someone that you did not know well showed you hospitality.
- OR: Share of a time when you were hospitable towards someone else.

#### \\ LISTEN:

Read Acts 16:13-15 and 40

Did you know that Lydia was a successful business woman? She stood strong in a "man's world".

#### \\ SHARE:

- God opened Lydia's heart to Paul's message. What must happen in your life to be "open" to God's Word?
- How do you think Lydia's life changed when she accepted the message from God?
- How can hospitality be surprisingly effective to share God's love?

#### \\ LIVE:

- At the start of this Bible study you shared your story about someone who
  was very hospitable towards you and made you feel comfortable.
  - o What was the reason for this person acting in such a way towards you?
  - o Or the reason for you acting the way you did towards someone else?
- How can you be hospitable towards strangers?
- Make a decision to be hospitable towards someone that is not necessarily a friend.

#### \\ PRAY:

Ask God to be become a hospitable person towards others even strangers.
 Pray for Christians to show more love and acceptance towards others.

## WHAT IS NEXT? TAKE THE #IMAGINE CHALLENGE.

Just as a large wave breaks on the beach, spreading its foam all over the sand, so can the #imagine experience weekend be described as a huge WAVE that inspires us. That which follows the experience when #imagineers go back to their towns, is the FOAM that splashes over the whole of South Africa. The movement can only grow if you serve, share and build bridges in your school, local church and your community.

• HOW can you be part of the #imagine movement?

Tick at least one way	you want to	DREAM with	God and	others	about	His
Kingdom by:						

□ Doing Bible Study	□ being or getting a mentor						
□ Prayer with and for others	□ starting a Bible study group						
Tick at least one way to BELIEVE and share your faith by:							
□ using social media							
□ being creative							
□ activating other for a specific cause							
□ sharing your faith story							
Tick at least one way to DO something that will make a difference by:							

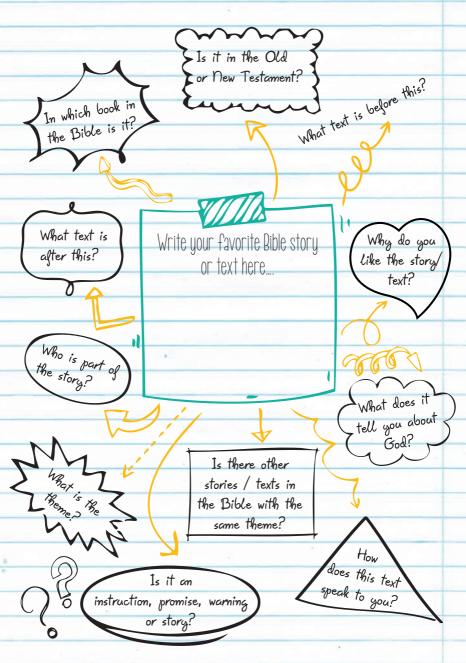
□ serving at your local church

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□ hosting an #imagine eat-together	□ being part of kids ministry
□ organising a local outreach	☐ going on a mission trip

□ organising a #re-imagine event

□ building bridges with others □ becoming a #imagine partner

#### **#READ THE BIBLE**



# **NTERSTATIONS #DREAN**

#### **#PRAY WITH ENCOUNTER STATIONS**

#### Create your own Encounter Stations for your church or school



Write your name as a sign that God has called you by name.



Take a block for each family member or friend you want to pray for and add it to the wall of hope.



Wash each others hands while praying for each other that God will use you to serve others.



Kneel at the cross as a sign of your surrendering to Jesus.



Reflect on your new image in Christ while looking in the mirror and reading the words such as new, forgiven, accepted, loved, etc.



What are the things that are standing in the way for you to see Jesus? Write them down, then erase it as a sign of God's grace and forgiveness.



Plant a seed as a symbol that you are asking the Spirit to help you grow in your faith.



Take a stand and choose any issues in South Africa you want to pray for eg poverty, the environment, healthcare, education, etc.

#### **#GET A MENTOR OR BE A MENTOR**



How to have a mentorship conversation:



HOW ARE YOU? HIGHS AND LOWS OF YOUR WEEK?



HOW IS IT GOING WITH YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS?



DO YOU FEEL PROUD OR ASHAMED OF THE CHOICES YOU MADE?



WHERE DID YOU SEE GOD WORKING
IN YOUR LIFE OR WORLD THIS PAST
WEEK? HOW DID IT SHAPE YOU?



READ A TEXT OR DO A #IMAGINE BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW.



PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!

Remember a mentor sets an example, keeps appointments, cares for others and encourages a mentee's own faith journey! Read 1 Timothy 4:12.

# #START A BIBLE STUDY GROUP Complete the invite and send via WhatsApp to your friends



YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF OUR #IMAGINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE: WE WANT TO SHARE OUR FAITH AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER. WE HAVE A #IMAGINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY BOOKLET WITH BIBLE STORIES TO READ AND QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS. WE WILL ALSO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AND PRAY FOR FACH OTHER HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! FROM



#### **#CONNECT ONLINE**



Like the imagine fb page and share your faith story with a video https://www.facebook.com/imaginemove #imaginefaithstory

Join the imagine event page to read your friends testimonies or to post a challenge www.facebook.com/pg/imaginemove/events/?ref-page\_internal



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Describe in ONE tweet what you want to remember of the \*imagine experience or the \*imagine quote or text that inspires you \*imaginemovement2018



Share a phto of yourself with friends serving your local community, church or school.

Tag @imagine.movement! \*imaginechallenge



Save the WhatsApp number 079 991 7847 on your phone and send your name, grade, school, and province to the number so that you can receive WA massages from \*magine.

DREAMBELIEVEDO #**BEL** 

Use the words "dream", "believe" and "do" en write your own piece of slam poetry. You can also use paint, pencils, photos, music or a symbol to portray them. Remember to share your creativity online with us.

Dream

Believe

Do

#### **#ACTIVATE OTHERS**

BRAINSTORM IDEAS BY LINKING

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to possible

action plans...

Water

Education

Recycling

Health care

Orphans

HiV/Aids

Poverty

Unemployment

Animal welfare

Hunger

Crime

Addiction

Racism

Sexism

Teachers

Evangelism

Disasters

Human trafficking

Paint a banner

Talk to a leader

Write a newspaper article

Start an online protest

Organize a prayer march

Launch a fundraisi ng drive

Start a community project

Organize a training workshop

Start a support group

Share stories of hope online

Serve at a organization that already helps

Share information from reliable sources

Make a poster

Organize an awareness week

Encourage someone working in the fields

Donate

Give your time and skills

Organize a fun run



#### **#SHARE YOUR FAITH STORY**

Fill in the gaps and then choose someone to share your faith story with:

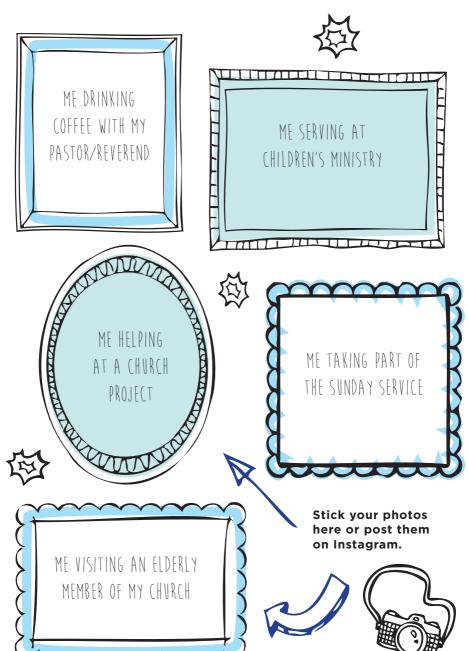
The story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10 is about...

Zach is short and can't see Jesus because of the crowd. I realized that there are obstacles / challenges hindering my view of Jesus, like...

Other people labelled Zach a simmer and looked down on him. Jesus however, called Zach by name and decides to visit his home. This reminded me of what Jesus thinks of me, namely...

Zach's whole life changes because he thinks differently about his priorities after meeting Jesus. I pray that Jesus will help me...

#### **#SERVE YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**



# MAGINEMUNCHMUNCH #D(

#### Look for the words:

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fellowship invitations stories food juice time

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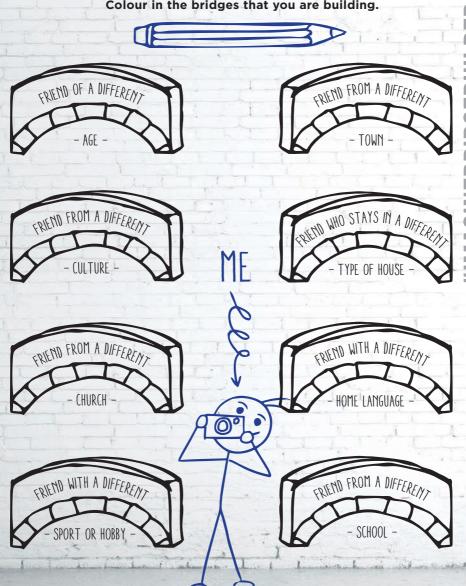
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#### **#ORGANIZE A LOCAL OUTREACH**



#### **#BUILD A BRIDGE**

Colour in the bridges that you are building.



#### **#ORGANISE A RE#IMAGINE EVENT** \* WHO? (Get a group of friends together) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \* WHY? (Share ideas about bridge-building) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \* APPROVED? Chat with a teacher or church leader \_\_\_\_\_\_ \* REGISTERED? (email info@imaginemovement.co.za) \_\_\_\_\_\_ CONNECTED? (another school / church / community) \* PRAYED ABOUT ITP \_\_\_\_\_ \* TYPE OF EVENT? (e.g. praise and worship night, youth week, a camp, or 4 eat-together opportunities) \_\_\_\_\_ \* BUDGETP \_\_\_\_\_ \* TICKET COSTSP \_\_\_\_\_ \* CONTENT? (encounter stations, \*imagine music, games and videos, 2018 experience content or this booklet can be used) \_\_\_\_\_ \* PROGRAMME? \* DATE? \* TIME? \* VENUE? \* LOGISTICSS (Organize food / band /speaker etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ \* MARKETING? INVITED PEOPLE? \* PHOTOS AND VIDEOS TAKENP \* EMD \* FEEDBACK GIVEN? \*\* SHARED ONLINE? \_\_\_\_\_

# #BECOME PART OF #IMAGINE KIDZ



Create an acronym with the letters K I D Z using words that will inspire you to be a good leader of kids:

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#IMAGINEKIDZ #

Decide to host an #imaginekidz 3 day event for primary school children in the school noliday<mark>s or</mark> to be a leader at one, by sending an email to **info@imaginekidz.com**. For more information visit www.imaginekidz.com.

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#### **#GO ON A MISSION TRIP**



ALL PROGRESS TAKES PLACE
OUTSIDE THE COMFORT ZONE



You have the opportunity to let your toes be submerged into the kalahari sand of botswana, your nostrils being blocked with african dust, and your skin being exposed to scorching heat in the day and freezing cold temperatures at night, whilst broadening your worldview as you engage and interact with the botswana people.

#### ON THIS 9 DAY MISSION EXPOSURE TRIP YOU WILL:



Learn more on God's Mission and how you can partake



Be exposed to different cultures and ways to serve God's Mission



Listen to stories from the mission field



Use your passion to serve the

communities of Gaborone and Maboane

Stay in a small village which is not yet listed on Google Maps



Partake in a 9 day 24hr
Prayer Tower!

To Register go to www.MovingIntoAction.co.za

#### **#BECOME A PARTNER**





Helps #imagine to host awesome experiences





Gets a BUS to transport #imagineers



Sponsers ONE #imagineer



Helps us grow a NATIONAL movement



Gets a new TOWN to send respresentives to #imagine



Helps #imagine host MISSION EXPOSURES



Helps us communicate via social media



Helps to get a GROUP to an #experience



Helps 10 imagineers to receive a Teen BIBLE STUDY BOOKLET



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