



GAME DAY PLANNER

The Bible commands us to be hospitable for our joy and for the joy of others (1 Peter 4:9).

We want to encourage you to begin using your home as an outpost to reach Jacksonville. Hosting people in your home can be easy and quickly build warm personal relationships with friends and neighbors that wouldn't be possible otherwise.

In our culture, the Super Bowl is a good opportunity to host people in your home for the sake of building a relationship with them. Hosting a party can be a part of the "knowing," "serving," and "social invite" steps of Reach. God might even use it for an opportunity for you to have a spiritual conversation that leads someone to the saving knowledge of Christ. Prayerfully consider hosting people in your house to welcome them and bring them closer to Jesus.

We want to make the process as easy for you as possible, and have included a step-by-step hospitality plan.

Hospitality

noun

- The friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers.
- The quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.

EVANGELISTIC STRATEGIES

1. You could use halftime to show a testimony of an athlete.
2. Consider sharing your own testimony.
3. Use the designated time to give them each a gift or play a game together such as halftime cornhole, bocce ball, or ultimate frisbee.

Recommended resource:

The Gospel Comes with a House Key by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Write out questions that will help start discussion.

GAME IDEAS

GAME DAY BINGO

- Need: Printables and markers
- Game prep:
 - Go online and search for “football game day bingo.” There are many free bingo cards available for download. You can even choose from different themes such as “football commercial bingo” or “football plays bingo.” Print enough for everyone.
 - Gather enough markers for everyone to be able to cross off each item on their cards. Tip: for more fun, use candy pieces or paper footballs to cover the bingo boxes!
- How to play:
 - Hand out a bingo card to each person before the game gets started.
 - When everyone has arrived and they each have a bingo card, announce the start of the game.
 - When an item on a player’s bingo card is seen on television, that player must cross off that box on the bingo card.
 - The first person to get five boxes in a row either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and shouts “BINGO” wins the game!
 - Keep score of how many bingos each player can successfully get!

PIN THE FOOTBALL IN THE FIELD GOAL

- Need: Paper, tape, scissors, bandana
- Game prep:
 - Create a field goal out of paper and tape it to a wall.
 - Create small footballs out of paper and attach tape to the footballs.
- How to play:
 - Use bandana to cover player’s eyes.
 - Player attempts to walk to wall and tape the football in the field goal.
 - Keep score of how many field goals each player can successfully make!

Visit [Pinterest](#) for more game ideas.

PARTY PLANNING CHECKLIST

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT

- ☐ Partner with a friend(s)
 - Is there another church member in your neighborhood you could partner with?
 - Is there another Christian on your street that would make a good partner?
- ☐ Set a time
- ☐ Make a guest list and send invitations (mail, email, text, in person)
 - Will you invite neighbors, friends, or co-workers?
 - Make it clear on the invite what your plans are (e.g. we have some special plans for halftime, or we will do something different during commercials). You don't want it to be a bait and switch.
- ☐ Plan the menu (potluck? catered?)
 - Ideas: Crockpot/comfort food, taco bar, finger foods, chili, BBQ, sandwich rings, deli platters, and a few sweets.
 - TIP: Choose recipes that can be prepared ahead of time, that require just warming/assembly the day of the event.
 - Stretch your hospitality muscles.
 - Get creative with football themed food.
 - Don't forget the drinks
 - Make shopping list
 - Plan cooking schedule
 - It's always a good idea to have food labels available, so guests aren't left wondering (it's also a great way to alert those with allergies and dietary limitations). This can be done simply with construction paper and a sharpie.
- ☐ Other activities
 - Trivia or prediction games associated with the Super Bowl (Kids love this).
 - Football themed Minute-to-Win-It Games (Pinterest has a ton).
 - Football Bingo (free printables available online)
 - Consider a plan for the awkward event of an inappropriate commercial.
- ☐ Decorations (not needed, but always fun if you want to take the extra step)
 - TIP: The Dollar Tree is a great, inexpensive resource (also Pinterest!).

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Add to shopping list
 - Paper products (plates, cups, napkins, silverware, disposable tablecloths).
It's a good idea to have twice as many plates and cups as you have guests.
 - Cleaning supplies (paper towels for accidental spills, all purpose cleaners).
 - Make sure your restroom is well stocked with toiletries that are easy to find.
 - Coffee, tea, creamer, sugar
 - Salt and pepper
 - Garbage bags
 - Sharpies for labeling drinks and food
 - Ziplock bags, plastic wrap and tin foil for leftovers
 - Extra ice
- ☐ Do first round of grocery shopping (prep any dishes that can be frozen)
- ☐ Inventory chairs and tables (you may need to borrow any folding tables/chairs from friends, or invite guests to bring folding chairs)
- ☐ Plan the layout of the rooms
 - Food tables and chairs should be spread out to ensure smooth flow for people to mingle.
 - Will there be kids? Put most of the toys away and plan a special area for them (covering a small table with butcher paper and having crayons and other activities).

ONE WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ Clean house thoroughly
- ☐ Inventory serving dishes (do you need to pick up serving trays at The Dollar Tree?)
 - TIP: Label dishes with a small piece of paper, to be sure you have a dish for everything you are serving. Place empty dishes on tables to make sure you have plenty of space.
- ☐ Plan to have plenty of beverages (bottled waters are great to have in case you run out. You don't want your guests looking for something to drink and unable to find anything).

THREE DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ Grocery shop for final items needed
- ☐ Detail cooking schedule
- ☐ If grilling, check the fuel
- ☐ Send text to guests
 - Tell them you are excited they are coming.
 - Ask them if they have any questions.

ONE DAY BEFORE

- ☐ Set up tables
- ☐ Finish food prep
- ☐ Last-minute cleaning
- ☐ Designate area for shoes, coats, purses
- ☐ Check medicine cabinets and secure any items in master bedroom

DAY OF THE EVENT

- ☐ Last-minute cooking
- ☐ Touch-up restroom
- ☐ Plenty of seating
- ☐ Set out food that won't spoil 1-2 hours (keep covered!)
- ☐ Empty trash right before event starts, monitor it throughout the event
- ☐ Aim to have everything in place 30 minutes before the party starts. This gives you extra time for last minute surprises and allows you to welcome guests that may arrive early.
- ☐ Greet guests as they arrive
 - Welcome them to eat.
 - Give brief tour (restroom).
- ☐ Take pictures!
- ☐ Stay calm and give grace. Spills may happen, guests may forget to bring food they committed to, kids may have meltdowns. Today is about growing relationships and making your guests feel welcome and comfortable.
- ☐ Have fun and mingle! Try not to spend all of your time on logistics.



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