



**juniors**  
**100**  
**CELEBRATING IN 2017**



**100**  
**THE**  
**BIG 100**  
**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

## Celebration Guide

We want to encourage every section to hold a special birthday party in September 2017, the month that The Boys' Brigade first started working with this age group back in 1917.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate as a section, and with the wider Brigade, so start planning and involve your young people to find out what they would like to do.

As part of your Juniors 100 celebrations and as we start a new session, consider how you could welcome new members and grow this section. We want to challenge every Junior Section to grow, so consider how you can take up this challenge.

This guide provides you with ideas and programme resources to help you with planning and running your Juniors 100 BIG Birthday Party.

We would encourage you to post on social media through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram - making use of the #Juniors100 hashtag, and to share with others what you get up to.

### Find everything you are looking for...

Everything you need to know about getting involved in the Juniors 100 celebrations can be found on our website at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/)

# Planning your Party

Start planning your BIG 100 Birthday Party as early as possible, put together a programme for your evening that includes a wide range of activities, both things you would normally do and some activities you haven't tried before. Remember to involve all leaders in your planning and also ask the young people for their ideas. We have put together some ideas to help you get going, good luck with your preparation.

## 10 Select a Date

We would like to encourage you to hold your BIG 100 Birthday Party during September, so we can celebrate together across the Brigade. If this is not possible, then feel free to hold your party whenever it suits your group.

## ✉ An Invitation to Party

It's time to party, so bring together your BB family and their friends to celebrate this September. Extend an invitation to friends of your current members, as an opportunity for them to come along and see what goes on at BB and recruit some new members.



An Invitation card has been produced which can be used to give out to members to encourage them to bring along a friend to the party. A sample Invitation Card has been sent out as part of the Company Mailing to Company Captains, additional invitation cards are available free of charge by completing an online order form at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/)

Take up the challenge to grow your section during 2017. Let's celebrate this significant anniversary by seeing growth across the Junior Section age group.

As part of your preparations make sure you have some information ready to give out to those friends coming along for the first time and an invitation for them to come along again next week. Try and allocate some time for leaders to speak to each of the children and their parent(s) before they leave that night to find out if they enjoyed themselves and ask them if you will see them again next week, be ready to answer any questions they may have.

Some additional support and resources for running Friends nights can be found on the Recruitment pages on the Leaders website at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/recruitmentresources.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/recruitmentresources.htm)

## VIP Special Guests

Consider inviting some special guests along to join in your celebration, these could include your Minister, members of your congregation, local politicians (MP, MSP, MLA, AM), ex-members (could you find the oldest ex-member?) or a local celebrity.

## 🍷 Party Food

It's all about food at a party, so consider providing some party food. Remember to be aware of allergies and dietary requirements, so that everyone can enjoy something to eat.

## 100 Birthday Cake

No party is complete without a cake and seeing as we're celebrating 100 years it needs to be something special. Think big and see what you can come up with, perhaps you could make and decorate 100 cup cakes or individually bake a number of cakes and join them together, icing it as one really long cake. Don't forget to add some candles, 100 if possible and sing Happy Birthday!



## 📷 Picture Wall

Create a display of pictures from the year (or from the last 100 years) on the wall around your meeting space. A great way for the children to remember the different activities you've done during the year and also a way of decorating your meeting space ready for your party. Perhaps they could even be organised into a timeline (month by month).

## 🎈 Balloons & Posters

A number of resources to help you celebrate have been made available through the Company Mailing including balloons, selfie frame, BIG 100 Birthday Poster and a sample BIG 100 Birthday Invitation card. You can order additional balloons and copies of these items by completing the online form at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/)



## 🏆 Juniors 100 Challenge Presentation

Your BIG 100 Birthday Party may not be taking place at the end of the year, but you could present certificates to all those who have completed challenges to date to recognise their progress. This could help encourage them to complete the remaining challenges by the end of the year. For members completing the Juniors 100 Challenge a Juniors 100 Challenge Medal is available from BB Supplies. You can download certificates from the Juniors 100 website.



## 📄 Juniors 100 Badge

If you have not already presented the Juniors 100 Badge, then this is an ideal opportunity to present the badge to members. The special badge has been designed to mark the occasion of the centenary of the Junior Section and is available from BB Supplies. The badge may be worn by Junior Section members on the right armband to the right of the service badge.



## 📄 Press Release

We have put together a template press release for you to use and send to your local media. You can download the press release from the Juniors 100 website and find additional support and resources for contacting and dealing with the media online.

# Running your Party

To help you in running your BIG 100 Birthday Party we've put together some programme ideas to help you put on a great evening.

## Wall Quiz

Download our wall quiz from Juniors 100 website and put the questions up around your meeting place, so that as the children arrive they can get involved in this activity. The quiz consists of 20 questions ready to print off, along with an answer sheet you can print off for the children to use. Have a prize ready for the child that gets the most answers correct.

## Stuff the Sweatshirt

Get the children into teams. A large sweatshirt or t-shirt is required for each team along with lots of balloons. The team will need to pick one member to put on the giant sweatshirt. The other members have two minutes to blow up and stuff as many balloons up the sweatshirt as they can. Once the time has finished, you could ask them to take the balloons out one by one and count up, or for more fun carefully pop the balloons, counting as you go.

## Looking Back



Take a look at the Juniors 100 'Looking Back' resource available to download at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/). The resource provides background information on the history of the Junior Section and some programme ideas to help children learn more about what life was like in 1917.

## Party Bunting

This activity could be done at the start of your party or the week before. Get the children to decorate bunting on a Juniors 100 theme. Another idea is to get each child to personalise a piece of bunting with their name, this could be something that you keep after the party as a memento of all those present at your Juniors 100 BIG Birthday Party as well as being a great way of decorating your meeting space. You can purchase lengths of blank bunting from BB Supplies (£3 per 5m length) at [shop.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://shop.boys-brigade.org.uk)

## Pass the Polo mint

Get the children into teams. Each child needs a drinking straw, which they hold in their mouth. They can hold it with one hand only. The first child in the team has a mint threaded onto the straw. On the whistle, the children have three minutes to pass as many polo mints as they can down the line from straw to straw. Any that fall to the floor are sent back to the front of the team.

## Pie Face

Try out this hilarious game with your group, you can purchase Pie Face (by Hasbro) or a cheaper alternative Splatter Face (by Games Hub). Players turn the handle and hold out to see whether they will end up with pie in their face. Can be played individually or as a team, scoring points every time they do not get splatted.

## Hoop Rolling

A favourite past-time to try out with your group. Using a stick, move a hoop about, this could be around a set course or just freestyle around your meeting space. The hoop is propelled, rolled and steered using the stick. The concept is that the stick does all the work, and the hoop should always remain in contact with the ground. The hoop may only be touched by hand if it falls over.

## Make your own Party Poppers

Get the children making these fantastic DIY party poppers which you can use at the party.



### Equipment:

- ▶ Toilet roll tube (or you could use a paper cup)
- ▶ Balloon
- ▶ Coloured paper
- ▶ Glue or Pritt Stick
- ▶ Tissue Paper and/or Confetti
- ▶ Scissors

### Instructions:

1. Tie a knot at the end of each balloon.
2. Cut about 1/3 off of the top of the balloon.
3. Wrap the balloon around the base of the toilet paper roll (secure if necessary with glue or tape).
4. Glue coloured paper or a printed graphic (could print off with Juniors 100 logo) around the toilet roll tube.
5. Cut up small squares of tissue paper (multiple colours) or confetti to put inside the toilet roll tube.
6. If not using straight away you may want to cover by taping or gluing a piece of tissue paper over the end of the tube.
7. Pull the end of the balloon (remove tissue paper over end if necessary) and let it go with a bang!

## Charades

Get the children into teams. Make a stack of cards, each with a typical Juniors activity or something to do with BB on it. In turn, the children each take a card and without speaking, get the rest of the team to guess what is on the card by acting or drawing it out.

## Pass the Parcel

An old party favourite, why not include some Juniors 100 merchandise as prizes. If you want to add a twist why not a forfeit/challenge with every layer (i.e. sing a Happy Birthday to Juniors, count to 100 backwards, etc). Why not use some music from years ago linking back to 1917 when the BB started work with this age group.

## Juniors 100 Photo Jigsaw



Get the children into teams. Collect a large number of pictures of Juniors activities using your own resources or pictures from the Gazette. Each picture should be cut in half in a zig-zag fashion to make two pieces of a simple jigsaw. The leader has a set of one half of the pictures, whilst the other halves are spread around your meeting space. Team members are given one piece by the leader and have to find the matching piece before posting the two pieces in their team post box. They then collect a new piece and continue. Which team can post the most completed pictures? This game could also be played individually with a tally kept of how many completed pictures each individual completes.

## Juniors 100 Challenges

Complete a Juniors 100 Challenge or several during your BIG 100 Birthday Party. Many of the challenges can be completed in your meeting space and with minimal equipment, see how many you can fit into your programme (we have heard of groups completing as many as 6 challenges in one evening!). You can find a full list of all the challenges on the Juniors 100 website.



As you complete challenges don't forget to update your Juniors 100 **Challenge-o-meter** which has been sent out in the Company Mailing to Company Captains.

## Getting into the Bible - We're on an Adventure Together

Ask the children to put together a simple jigsaw. When completed, they will see it isn't right as there is one piece missing. Produce the missing piece and complete the jigsaw.

### Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

In the Bible verse it says that two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one person can on their own. This Bible verse says that we are stronger if we work together and do not try to do things alone. With others by our side, if we find ourselves in difficulty there will always be someone there to help us out. Like the jigsaw puzzle, it's not complete without all its pieces, a team is not complete without all its members. Teams are about being there to support each other, to play our part whatever it may be.

Ask the children what teams they can think of? They might first think towards sports teams, but they may also come up with other answers and encourage them to do so. Point out that in all teams everyone plays a part in making that team complete, teams are about working together to achieve something. If they haven't already mentioned it, talk about the Junior Section (BB) which they are part of also being a team. You could ask them what other teams they are part of?

At BB we are there to support and help each other, the things that we achieve (point out some activities achieved as a team) on our BB adventure are about us working together. So, as we celebrate the centenary of the Junior Section, let us remember the importance of working together and helping each other in all that we do. And we remember that ultimately, we are all part of God's team, created by God, loved and supported by God, encouraged to love and support each other.

### Let's Pray

Dear God,

We thank you for our friends,  
 We thank you that they are there for us  
 when we need a helping hand,  
 We thank you God for your love and support  
 and that we can always count on you,  
 We thank you for our BB team  
 that we can meet together as friends,  
 that we can support and help each other,  
 Be with us in all that we do here at BB,  
 and as we go out into the world,  
 keep us safe and surround us with your love.

Amen.

# BB SUPPLIES

### FOOTBALL RATTLE

Product: 11 699 1



Make your Juniors 100 event special with this Juniors 100 rattle.

### DRAWSTRING BAG

Product: 11 709 1



Blue 'heavy duty' plastic duffle style bag with blue cord featuring Juniors 100 logo.

### KARABINER KEYRING PEN

Product: 11 678 1



Blue plastic pen with karabiner keyring fitment featuring Juniors 100 logo.

### WRISTBAND

Product: 11 540 1



Blue tubular adjustable wristband featuring Juniors 100 logo.