

BB KNOWLEDGE

MODULE 1: BB HISTORY

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- To share the history of The Boys' Brigade and the impact of The Boys' Brigade in the birth of other similar uniformed organization such as Boy Scouts

TEACHING BRIEF

- The Boys' Brigade was founded on 4 October 1883 by Sir William Alexander Smith at Free Church Mission Hall, North Woodside Road, Glasgow, Scotland.
- It was called the 1st Glasgow Company with an initial membership of 59 Boys. The Boys wore simple uniform which consisted of a rosette, a forage cap, haversack and belt while some of the activities conducted were drill, gymnastics and games.
- The Boys' Brigade is the first uniformed youth organization in the world
- By the early 1890's, The Boys' Brigade grew to become a worldwide organization. Among other organization formed based on the root idea of The Boys' Brigade were:
 - Church Lads' Brigade [1890]
 - Girls' Brigade [1893]
 - Boys' Life Brigade [1899]
 - The Jewish Lads' Brigade [1900]
 - Catholic Boys' Brigade [1900]
 - Girls' Guildry [1900]
 - Girls' Life Brigade [1902]
 - Boy Scouts [1908]
 - Girl Guides [1910]
- The Boys' Life Brigade became part of The Boys' Brigade and was called 'Life Boys' in 1926. This resulted in the incorporation of the Red Cross from The Boys' Life Brigade emblem into The Boy's Brigade Emblem.

TEACHING IDEAS

Games:

- Conduct a role-play session after your have share with them the history of The Boys' Brigade
- Pair up the members or a group of 4 -5 members. Choose a member to be the instructor and the other as the student
- Provide them a brief of the BB history, picture of Sir William Alexander Smith, map of Scotland, etc to help them with the role-play
- Encourage those acting as students to ask questions regards to The Boys' Brigade History

Group Dynamics

- Let them discuss what they know about The Boys' Brigade as well as other organizations formed based on the root idea of The Boys' Brigade.
- You may provide them mahjong paper and marker pen to write down their discussion

- Encourage the members to speak / share and help facilitate the discussion as to ensure that at the end of the class, they have gained the correct knowledge about BB

Words Puzzle / Pictionary

- Prepare pictures or words about Sir William Alexander Smith, The Boys' Brigade, 4 October 1883, 1st Glasgow Company, Free Mission Church, rosette, haversack, forage cap, belt, Red Cross, Emblem, map of Scotland, Boys in uniform, etc. You may google search for the required pictures, map or words
- Let members work as a group. Give them limited time to work on the words puzzle / pictionary and present The Boys' Brigade story. The most interesting presentation wins.

SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT

PRE-JUNIOR

Option 1

- You may pair up the members and instruct them to cut out respective words from newspapers / magazines or pictures and present the history of The Boys' Brigade in a manila cardboard. The best will be put up in BB notice board, if any. (** You may need to prepare a sample for them, so that they understand better what is required of them to do.**)

Option 2

- You may recycle teaching ideas (Words Puzzle) and get the members to arrange the words accordingly within a limited time (perhaps 15 minutes – depending on age and maturity) as a benchmark to pass this topic.

JUNIOR

Option 1

- Get them to look for pictures from the internet on BB history such as photo of Sir William Alexander Smith, Free Mission Church, Boys, etc and use these pictures to depict the BB history on a manila cardboard.
- Ask them to present their assignment to the class and assess them accordingly. (*Inform them that they will be assessed based on this presentation*)

Option 2

- Get them to google-search for pictures of the Boys when The Boys' Brigade first started in Glasgow including Sir William Alexander Smith and make a comparison with today's BB uniform.
- Alternatively, you may prepare the pictures or related materials for them especially for those who do not have internet access at home
- Instruct them to paste pictures of these uniform parts on a piece of manila cardboard. Depending on the age, you may also ask them to present and explain the differences to the others.

Please feel free to create your own assessment mode; accordingly to the age and maturity of the members.