

Christian Education Badge

Background / Vision

The Boys' Brigade is a worldwide Christianity mission movement. Teenagers are the target of The Boys' Brigade. This badge aims at promoting all-rounded development of our teenagers through the teaching of the Holy Bible, personal experience, social life and trainings of different skills. The Boys' Brigade wishes to introduce the life of Jesus Christ to our teenagers through the aforementioned ways and activities. The Boys' Brigade hopes that Brigaders can have a new life in Jesus Christ through personal experience and the belief in God.

Introduction of the badge

Faith is a personal experience and the growth of faith is important; the motivation of growth depends on self-reflection and cultivation which base on the knowledge and teaching of the Holy Bible. Therefore, the purpose of the Christian Education Badge is to motivate Brigaders to learn and develop appropriate life values from the Holy Bible. This badge contains three stages; each stages focus on Brigaders with different levels of understanding towards the faith. The assessment of each stage should not be the dominant part of the badge but the interest of Brigaders in learning the Holy Bible is stressed.

Course Outline

1. Stage 1 Badge

- i. Target: The major target is those who engage in the Christianity and bible study for the first time.
- ii. Aim: To raise Brigaders' interest and encourage them to join church gathering and fellowship other than activities of the Boys' Brigade
- iii. Direction of the course:
 - Some teaching materials used for Sunday schools can be adopted. (It is suggested that one chapter of the teaching materials used for Sunday schools should be finished each time so as to keep Brigaders concentrating in the course.)
 - Four gospels can be used as teaching materials such as reproducing them into stories and raise Brigaders' interests in thinking and asking questions.
- iv. Auxiliary teaching materials
 - Lively and relaxing hymns can be considered.
 - PowerPoint
 - Multi-media
 - Some games can also be introduced for assistance

- v. Notes: The course outline is flexible to be adjusted anytime according to the variation of age and learning level among different Brigaders.
- vi. Assessment Criteria:
Being able to recite the content, the lord's prayer in the Holy Bible
The major assessment criteria are the level of participation, motivation and attendance of a Brigader. During the learning period, some simple quizzes should be included. At the end of the course, there will be an assessment session.
- vii. Requirement for the course:
 - Brigaders should have 80% attendance
 - Joining church meetings or fellowship other than activities of the Boys' Brigade for not less than 10 time. (For example : worship, sunday school, fellowship, cell group)

2. Stage 2 Badge

- i. Target: Brigaders who have been joining the Boys' Brigade for not less than one year.
- ii. Aim: Providing knowledge mentioned in the Holy Bible to provoke their thinking and further understanding of the Christianity.
- iii. Direction of the course:
 - Suitable teaching materials used for Sunday school can be considered but the difference of age and learning level of different Brigaders have to be considered as well.
 - Scrolls in the Bible can be chosen as well. It is suggested that the scrolls should be short and easy to understand.
 - The testimony and introduction of a missionary can be introduced. Identifying the difference between Christianity and paganism / heterodoxy. If Brigaders have been a Christian already and there are enough officers for supporting in the company, another development courses can be organized for enhancement of life such as Basic Christian Living etc.
- iv. Auxiliary teaching materials
 - Popular gospel songs
 - Multi-media
 - Thought-provoking questions

- v. Notes:
Since Brigaders enter the puberty period, they start to develop personal values which have not been consolidated. During this period, a coach can help them to build the value in Christianity through teaching. Thus, a coach is recommended to use more inspiring stories and questions to help their Brigaders.
- vi. Assessment Criteria :
The major assessment criteria are the level of participation, motivation and attendance of a Brigader. Brigaders should join the course actively. A coach may consider asking Brigaders to finish some simple homework or assignments, recite The Apostle's Creed. If Briadgers have become a Christian already, they are encouraged to submit his testimony and may not need to do the assessment.
- vii. Requirement for the course:
➤ Brigaders should have 80% attendance
➤ Joining church gatherings or fellowships other than activities of the Boys' Brigade for not less than 15 times.(It is expected that the total time of Brigaders joining the worship accounts for at least 50% out of the required amount. Other meetings can be worship, sunday school, fellowship, cell group etc.)

3. Stage 3 Badge

- i. Target: Brigaders who have been joining the Boys' Brigade for not less than two years
- ii. Aim: It aims at facilitating them to work out the teaching of the Holy Bible, meanwhile, motivating them to participate in worship leading and continue to study the Holy Bible. Thus, Brigaders are inspired to think of the life of being a Christian and consolidate their faith in Jesus Christ the Lord.
- iii. Direction of the course
Some books of the Holy Bible can be selected for this course while the content should not be too lengthy and it is comprehensive to Brigaders. Regarding the needs of new believers, some introductory tools can be used to facilitate their learning and growth; For senior believers, it can start by teaching them to use tools for gospels spreading, writing and sharing personal testimony. In this stage, some introductions of Hong Kong or overseas missionaries can be included as well. Some controversial topics, such as smoking, gambling or sexual abuse etc.

can also be covered while positive and appropriate guidance is given during the discussion.

iv. Notes:

At this stage, guiding questions and teaching are welcomed by our Brigaders. Officers should provide Brigaders more chances to discuss and understand their feelings and values instead of giving them stringent rules. After the discussion, officers can share their personal ideas with them.

v. Assessment Criteria:

At this stage, an assessment session is not necessary. A coach can require Brigaders to do a report in groups in order to unleash their creativity and response to some specific questions.

vi. Requirement for the course:

- Brigaders should have 80% attendance
- Joining the meetings outside their companies stably. (For example : worship, sunday school, fellowship, cell group etc.)
- Constantly joining worship activities or services in church
- Participating in one short-term mission activity
- Spreading gospel to five people