

# Putting together a programme: September - December

Holidays are over – new term – lets make a difference

Here's a question for you – what kind of leader/team are you?

1. Think it will be a breeze
2. Think no chance!
3. Somewhere in between

Actually experience shows it is not like that at all!

- ✚ With God's help you have every chance.
- ✚ Putting some ideas on paper and acting on them means that CU will not just limp along but actually achieve something.

OK - so having a great plan doesn't mean that suddenly you will attract great crowds and win your entire college for Jesus but it does mean that you will know what you are doing each week and have an opportunity to make each session the best it can be. It also means that you can have variety and provide some items for people who would not naturally want to be part of a CU.

## Number 1 requirement – think of the big picture.

This is God's work so go for it in His way and get off to a good start by praying about everything – Praise Him that He is God and therefore in control, that He is interested in all you do and that He promises to be with you. Then ask Him for help.

You have from now till Christmas, and everyone loves Christmas,  
so decide now how you can get the term going well and  
then finish on a high.

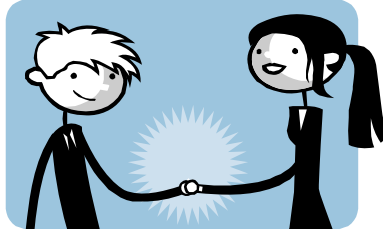
In between you have

- ✚ Meeting the new students and helping the group to start well.
- ✚ Harvest could be a chance to focus on those who don't do so well in the world and how God has a heart for the poor and needy so His people should too.
- ✚ Halloween is a great opportunity to think about Why God is pretty much totally anti-evil – sorry guys no such thing as 'naughty but nice'!

Then it is almost Christmas.

## Get down to some week-by-week ideas

September:



**First week** – meeting people – what is the best way to attract people to CU in your college?

**Second week** – Lovin’ it – why CU this year will be most excellent – plans and ideas. You could choose a verse for the year. How about:

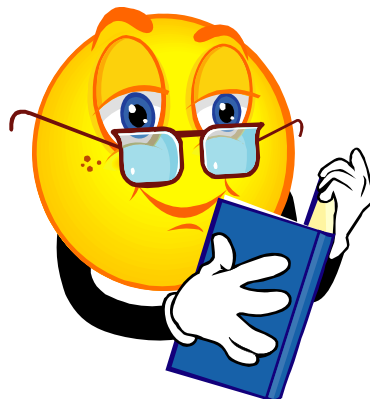
‘Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you don’t grow weary and loose heart.’  
Hebrews 12:2 – 3

**Third week** – do you know someone who can speak well who could share about some work that demonstrates God’s love in Action. No idea? You could try [www.eurovangelism.org.uk/harvest](http://www.eurovangelism.org.uk/harvest). They should have a DVD and a great idea for practical help. Watch out for the ways that their partners in Eastern Europe have not only provided the aid but also the good news about Jesus. Maybe you could adopt this or a similar project.

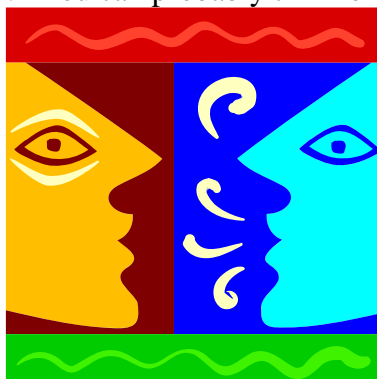
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You could **continue with your project** – but don’t just rely on this for the programme – people will lose interest. So update and then....

How about **looking at the bible together over these weeks** – try looking at our resource on Philipians – brilliant!



Towards the end of the month plan a **special event** around Halloween. You could take the theme of evil and plan a special meeting on ‘Trick or treat – is that your idea of heaven and hell?’ You can probably think of a better title!



The meeting could either be a short talk and then questions to the speaker or questions to a panel. In either case make sure you have people who can answer well. Try a survey as a way of inviting people to this special meeting. Make a list of famous people good, bad and evil. For the sake of the survey ask people to imagine there is a heaven and a hell.

1. Who on the list would be with the angels and who in the fire?
2. What about the people it is hard to make a decision about – on what basis would you decide?
3. Standards change - who is to say that what today we think is right or wrong might not be the other way round in the future – as we have done with slavery? What things do they think will always be unacceptable?
4. Where do you think you would go?
5. Where do you think would be a good place to find out more about this topic?
6. Can we invite you to our special event.....?

November:



Hopefully you have made contact with people who are interested to know a bit more about Jesus. You could start a ‘**Discovering Jesus Course**’ there’s one coming on this website but there are lots to choose from.

Meanwhile get down to **preparing for Christmas** – again watch this website for this. If you have been looking at Philippians you will know that Philippians 2:6-11 tells the events in a great way and Philippians 2:12–18 encourages Jesus’ followers to ‘shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life’.

December



**Christmas events and celebration** – do them well and have a great time – not forgetting to plan ahead for next term before you collapse over the Christmas turkey.