**Hostel Week 2**

**Objectives:**

1. Have Fun Together

2. Get Boys Connecting With Each Other

3. Get Boys Sharing With Each Other

4. Explore Identity

**1. Chair Netball:** Divide into 10 teams. Team compete against each other in 4 minute games of netball – the team with the highest score at the end of the five rounds is the winner. Have a playoff if necessary or just congratulate the winners.

**2. People in Boxes:** Objective: to make clear, the world gives us so many labels. But all of these are surface level things. There is a deeper level to who we are. Sons of God. And that we all share. That is the thing that unites us. “Hi gents. It’s good to be with you again this evening. Tonight is going to be quite interesting. We are going to be learning a bit more about one another. Some of the things I am going to say will be funny and some will be serious. But what I need you to be is as honest as possible.” To do: Mark out 7 squares on the floor (1 main one, 6 side ones)

Questions: Tier 1:

Culture / Language (what culture do you identify with / what language do you use when speaking to your folks / family): English; Afrikaans; Zulu; Xhosa; Sotho; Other.

Are you the class clown? Yes or no?

Do you have any siblings?

Are you a step-brother?

Do you think you’re a ladies man?

Do you consider yourself an academic?

Are you a sportsman?

Do you think you can dance?

Are you mischievous in school?

Now that you get the idea. We are going to dive a little deeper.

Tier 2:

Have you ever been bullied?

Have you ever bullied someone?

Who’s ever been in love?

Who’s ever been heart broken?

Have you ever lost someone close to you? Family or friend?

If you are ever in a bad mood, do you prefer to have someone cheer you up or would you prefer to be left alone?

Who here is just trying to figure out the big questions in life?

You believe a God does exists?

Then go into message of the unconditional God who Loves us purely because of what Jesus did on the cross we cant to do anything be anything or say anything that could change the love that God has for us. Ephesians 3:17-19, Romans 8:35

**3. The Lion King:**

Have you watched The Lion King movie? There is a powerful theme beating at the center of the story - one that illustrates a spiritual journey that we are all on.

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*Scene 2:* The envious Uncle Scar engineers Mufasa’s death and blames it on Simba

*Scene 3*: The young lion is deceived into thinking that he must leave the kingdom and never return.

*Scene 4:* In exile, lonely and ashamed, he is befriended by Pumba, a big-hearted warthog and Timon, a manic meerkat. Simba finds a new family, a new home and a new way of thinking – all of which help him disguise his past and his true identity.

*Scene 5:* But while Simba assembles the trappings of a new identity, his true self dogs him, prompting deep conflicts within his heart. In an awkward but telling moment, he denies his father and in turning his back on his father, encounters a wise prophetlike baboon named Rafiki:

Simba: Stop following me. Who are you?

Rifiki: The question is, Who are you?

Simba: I thought I knew, but now I am not so sure.

Rafiki: Well, I know who you are.

Simba: I think you are a little confused.

Rafiki: Wrong! I am not the one who is confused. You don’t even know who you are.

Simba (walking away): Oh, and I suppose you do?

Rafiki: You’re Mufasa’s boy!

Rafiki has Simba’s undivided attention and Simba follows him through a dark jungle that leads to a water’s edge. Peering into the water, Rafiki helps Simba take a long, hard look. As the young maturing lion stares at his own reflection, he sees the face of his father, Mufasa, overtake his image. “You see, he lives in you.” Says Rafiki with great wisdom. It is at this pivotal moment that Simba’s father comes in a cloud and speaks into his son’s confusion:

Mufasa: Simba!

Simba: Father!

Mufasa: Simba, you have forgotten me.

Simba: No, how could I?

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*Scene 6:* Simba returns and defeats Scar and rules as king of the jungle.

**Challenge:** We are more than what we have become. Like Simba, we too get confused about our identity. We too have to find out who we are so that we can fulfill our destiny.

**4. Who Are You?** (Sit in groups of 5)

Hold up your left hand and for each finger on your hand, I want you to think of a characteristic of who you are. Come up with things that define you – not things that you do at school.

Share your five identities in your small groups.

Now close your fingers and point at think of the most important descriptor of who you are!

Share that identity in your small group.

**Transition Statement:** “You are Mufasa’s boy!” …“You are God’s boy!” … “You are God’s Man!!!”

**5. Who Does God Say I Am?**

Each group is getting a passage from the Bible (a shortened version of Ephesians 1 and 2) and they have to find out what God says about their identity. They get an A3 sheet of paper (with this written in the middle: “God says I am…”) and a marker.

Pray for each other in your group to find and live your God-given identity.

**6. Closing Prayer**

I am the son of the most high God!

I am created in the image of God!

God is my heavenly father!

Jesus is my big brother!

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*Scene 6:* A brief scene where Simba returns and defeats Scar and rules as king of the jungle.