

## Jungschi Christmas market



Earning and spending money... That's the basic principle of this year's Christmas market. After a short review of the year with the parents of the Jungschikinder, we created our own Christmas market.

The children could hire people at various stands and earn money with a job, then spend the money again at the Christmas market. This game principle results in a program that is interesting for a wide age group and makes children's eyes light up for several hours. The children are always very enthusiastic here, they love serving and being served.

Now you might be wondering what kind of stalls are on offer? Our Christmas market consisted of face painting, can throwing, "sales" of dressing-up material, chocolate kiss hurling, casino (games of chance to increase your money), cinema (individual shows with Shaun the Sheep), karaoke in the church hall and a skills course (if you estimate your own time well, you win). Of course, food stalls are a must. Here we offered fresh waffles, popcorn, punch with sugar rim, baked ham croissants and pieces of a donated honeycomb.

The busy children helped with the sound equipment for the karaoke, cleaned the Sunday school rooms, cut and fried everything for the communal dinner, helped to bake waffles and operate the popcorn machine, collected money, supervised the casino table, ran around as a walking advertising poster to attract customers and were busy raking leaves.

After a whole three hours of playing, we had already tidied up and finished cooking thanks to the children we had employed. Now it was time to walk with torches to our Jungschi forest. By candlelight and campfire, we enjoyed pasta with bacon, cream and carrot sauce and ended the Jungschi year with a prayer.

The idea of the Christmas market can be adapted to different themes. In our PfiLa, we played it as a Nineveh game with businesses such as a café, hairdresser, beauty salon, sports studio, Punch and Judy show, casino, disguise sale and dishwashing kitchen. The prices got higher and higher, wages were no longer paid and eventually the economy in Nineveh collapsed due to dishonesty.

If you want a great game in a camp or otherwise, we can highly recommend the principle of the "city game" described above. It can be extended over several hours, which is why it is more suitable for our youth group for special occasions and camps. The game requires a large number of leaders to ensure that the children are well supervised despite the "hustle and bustle". However, as the children really enjoy it, we recommend that you give it a try - perhaps at your next youth choir Christmas as a Christmas market "by youth choir children - for youth choir children"