

## HAVE A BALL WITH A MASKPARADE OFFERING

Since the very beginning, the Holy Spirit has drawn believers together to worship and to serve. Life among early believers was marked by their coming together in prayer, worship, and generosity toward one another and those in need around them. In the same way, the Church of Jesus Christ continues its gathering in prayer and worship as well as engaging God's transformative mission around the world. This activity is a fun, interactive, and simple way for your congregation to do just that.

The tone of the activity is light and joyful, but the impact of sustainable agriculture projects supported through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is profound. It is our hope that your congregation will celebrate and share its coming together "with glad and generous hearts," drawing you closer to people in need all over the world.

Acts 2:43-47

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### Celebrate giving with your church by hosting a MaskParade offering during a Sunday worship service!

This activity spans three weeks, involving youth in a Sunday parade offering that will have your members smiling as they give toward a farm-themed item(s) in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Consider this activity as an alternative to your next children's sermon!

#### Don't have many youth in your church?

Remember, adults are just kids who grew up. Doing this activity can be fun for people of any age.

#### Preparations

- Order the free mask kit at [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com). (Item 12112-18-982)
- Choose a goal item(s) at [presbyteriangifts.org/MaskParade](http://presbyteriangifts.org/MaskParade). A Cow or the Farm Bundle make excellent goals for this activity!
- Schedule three weeks for the activity and plan 2-5 minutes of each service for announcements and the parade.
- Download the Group Giving Campaign Presentation Templates at [presbyterianmission.org/pgcdownload](http://presbyterianmission.org/pgcdownload). Update the ready-made PowerPoint slides to use in your Sunday morning announcements throughout the activity.
- Create a farm-themed photo booth backdrop with your youth using felt or poster board, and hang it in your Sunday school wing or hallway.



## Week 1

- **Assemble masks:** Have Sunday school classes color and assemble masks. Children can color the black-and-white reverse side of the masks.
  - » *Note for teachers: Assemble additional masks so youth who didn't attend Week 1 can still participate in the MaskParade.*
- **Before worship:** Include the Group Giving PowerPoint slides in your Sunday morning announcements.
- **During worship:** Announce the MaskParade offering happening the following Sunday and the item(s) you've set as a goal. Share how the Presbyterian Giving Catalog supports Presbyterian mission around the world, and encourage them to attend when the children will take the offering.
- **After worship:** Have fun in the photo booth posing with friends and family in your masks! Share photos and videos on social media using the hashtag **#MaskParadeFarm!**
  - » *Note for teachers: Ask the children to return their masks to the classroom before they leave.*



## Week 2

- **Before worship:** Have the children retrieve their masks from their Sunday school classrooms and line up outside the sanctuary. Build excitement by including photos from the photobooth in your Sunday morning announcements PowerPoint.
- **During worship:** Announce the MaskParade and the item(s) your church has set as a goal, encouraging members to help reach the goal. Have the children enter with their masks, joyously parade to the front, and pass the offering plates among the rows.
- **After worship:** Enjoy the photo booth again and share pictures and videos on social media using the hashtag **#MaskParadeFarm!**



## Week 3

- **During the week:** Total the amount raised by the MaskParade offering.
  - If you met your goal:** Announce to your congregation how much you raised. Remind them of the item(s) you will donate as a church and how it provides a sustainable source of income and nourishment for families and communities in need.
  - If you didn't meet your goal:** Explore the Giving Catalog for items up to the amount your church gave. Announce which item(s) you selected from the Giving Catalog and explain how these items help support Presbyterian mission around the world.
    - » *Just shy of your goal? Consider one more giving opportunity to ask your congregation to make up the difference!*



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