

Prayer Stations for Bulletin

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Addiction: Sometimes people who are trafficked are forced to become dependent on drugs — this keeps them vulnerable and in need. Take hold of the chains. As you feel the heavy, cold, hard metal, pray for people who feel completely trapped by addiction; for people who feel there is no way out of the hell they live in. Ask God to break chains in people's lives. Run the links of the chains through your hands and with each link, pray for someone who is struggling with addiction.

Domestic Slavery: Take a potato and scrub it clean. Some young people and children will do domestic and repetitive tasks like this thousands of times a week, and they'll earn almost nothing. As you scrub, pray for young people and children who have been caught in domestic slavery or child labour. Ask God to provide a way out for them.

Identity: Look in the mirror. Who are you? What makes up your identity? Your name? The place you live? The things you like doing? Your family and friends? God designed you and knew you long before you were born. Even before you had been given a name and an official identity, God knew all about you. Nothing that happens to you in life can ever change that. You are God's child, marked with love, the delight of God's life. Thank God for who you are, for who God made you to be.

Sex Trade: Look at some of the pictures in these magazines. According to the media, being 'worth something' means looking good, having a lot of money or being famous. But God doesn't measure our worth that way. To God, we're precious and valuable, no matter how we look, how much we earn or how many people have heard of us. Pray for people you know who feel like rubbish, worthless. Ask God to show them how much God loves them. Pray for people who've been trafficked into the sex industry, that they will be set free and discover their own true worth.

Taste: A few days before Jesus died, Mary had Jesus over for dinner and took nard (an expensive perfume) and poured it on Jesus' feet, wiping his feet with her hair. Mary showed great love to Jesus. Nard smelled similar to hummus which is ground garbanzo beans. For dinner, they often ate Matzo and hummus. Spoon some hummus on a cracker and taste Mary's love for Jesus.

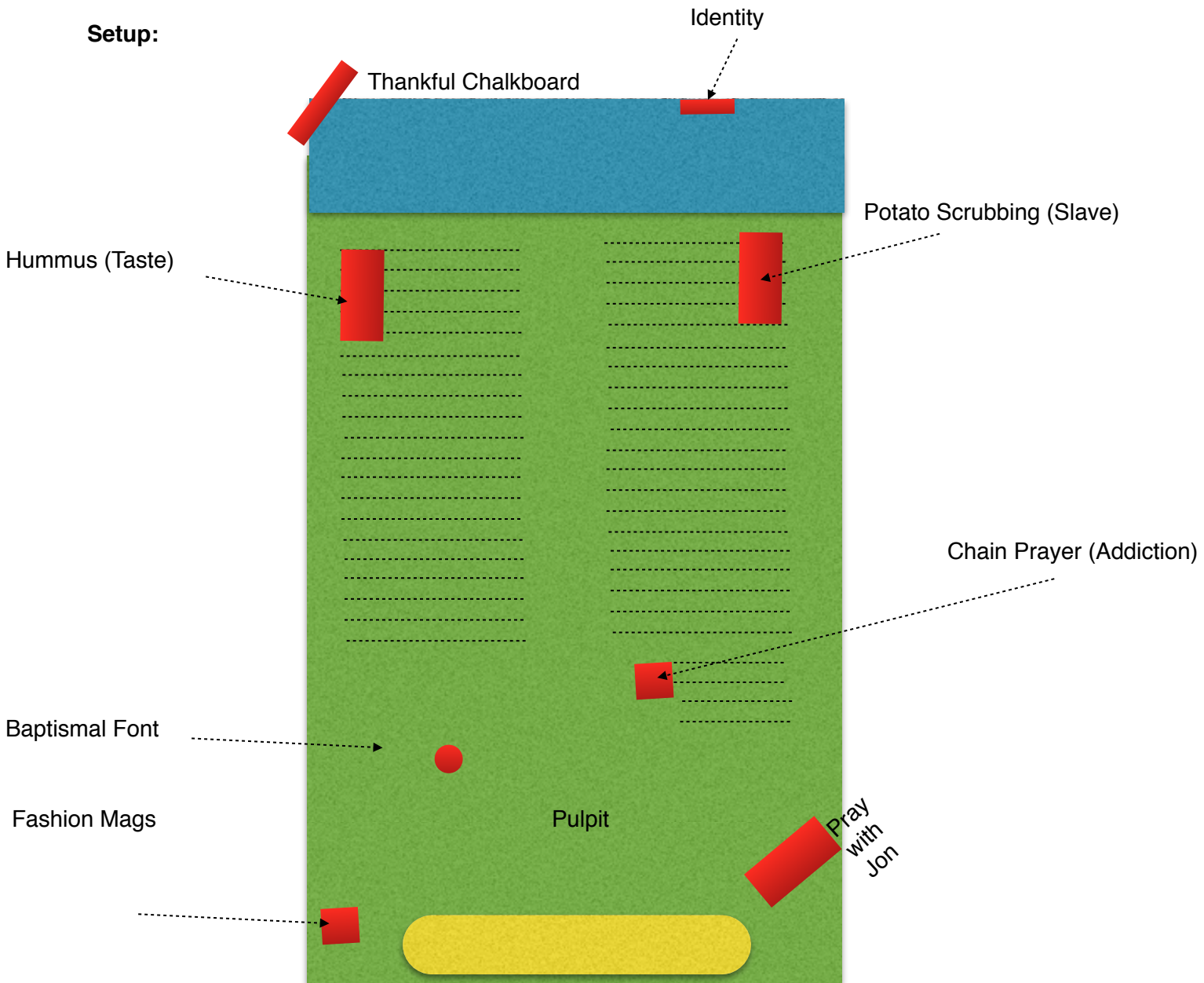
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Remember Your Baptism: This morning, we baptized a child and claimed her as God's own. Touch the waters of baptism and remember that the same promises have been made to you—that you are loved, cherished, and made whole in God's eyes through the waters of Baptism.

Things to Procure:

- Potatoes (two sacks)
- Fashion Magazines
- Full length Mirror (Jon will bring his)
- Hummus (big tub)
- Pita chips
- bowl for hummus
- basket for pita chips
- chain (maybe 1.5-2 feet)

Setup:



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