



# Half Day Vision Casting

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PRESENTER'S GUIDE

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# Preparation

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## SESSION ONE

# The Need

### Introduction

10-25 min



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(Welcome everyone, introduce yourself and open the event with prayer.)

#### Meet Three, Share Three

5 min

(Have participants introduce themselves to at least three people around them and share at least three interesting facts about themselves, their families, or their ministries.)



#### Optional Activity The Getting to Know You Game

20 min

(To replace Meet Three, Share Three)

(Have participants get into groups of 8-10 and stand in a circle. Have each group choose one person to be first. Explain that this is a game to get to know one another better. Each person must say their name and then something they like or enjoy doing. For example, "My name is John, and I like to sing." When they say what they like to do, they must create a hand motion to go with the word. At that point, everyone else replies, "Hi, John, who likes to sing!" and does the same motion. As each person introduces themselves, the group adds their name and action to the greeting. "Hi, John, who likes to sing. Hi, Mary, who likes to cook, etc." Continue around the circle with introductions until everyone has introduced themselves and been greeted by the group.

Networking and relationships are invaluable components of the 1for50 Movement as we work together to reach, disciple and empower the next generation. Today as we explore 1for50, it is our hope that each of you will discover that God has a place for you in fulfilling this incredible vision!

As we go throughout the day, please write down any questions you have, and we will be sure to answer them at the end of every session.

#### 1for50 Promo

5 min



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(Show the "1for50 Promo" Video.)

## The 1for50 Dream

5-10 min



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What if every child in every community had someone to reach, disciple and empower them to become an influential Kingdom Champion? This is the dream of 1for50. Let's discover together what it means. (Optional: include the actions described in parentheses as you describe each phrase.)

**What if every child** – Every infant, toddler, school-age child, teenager; every child in your home and in your church; every child on your street; those who know Jesus and those who have never heard his name; every child right now and every child who is yet to be born. **Every** child. (Imagine that there are children in front of you and you are touching them on their heads one at a time.)

**In every community** – In your community, in the other communities in your city, your country and all around the world; rural and urban communities, rich and poor communities; coastal, mountain and plain communities; communities that have been reached with the gospel, and those which have not. **Every** community. (Imagine there is a map of your region on the wall in front of you and you are pointing to each community represented.)

**Had someone** – That “someone” could be a parent, grandparent, teacher, pastor, coach, neighbor or trusted friend. **Someone.** (Hold up one finger.)

**To reach** – We want to reach every child with the life-changing love of Jesus. Every child needs to hear the Good News. **Reach.** (Extend your hand in front of you as if you are reaching to grab hold of someone who is slipping away from you).

**Disciple** – We want every child to know, love and follow Jesus for a lifetime. We want to see children shaped into the image of Christ. **Disciple.** (Imagine you are molding a piece of clay like God, our Potter is doing to us as he shapes us into people more and more like him.)

**And empower them** – We want to partner with children; to come alongside them and mentor them in ministry. **Empower.** (Flex your biceps confidently.)

**To become an influential Kingdom Champion** – We want children to have their minds set on God's eternal perspective so they understand that what they do on earth is making an eternal difference. We want to release them to use their gifts as children, to serve God in age-appropriate ways. As they do they will influence others for the sake of God's Kingdom. (Place your thumbs together and your pinkies together forming a “crown” with your hand, then place the crown on your head.)



**Optional Activity:** (After explaining the dream statement, have the participants stand up and learn the 1for50 dream statement with actions. Repeat this three to four times together, then have participants form pairs and practice the dream statement with each other.)

This is the dream of 1for50. And we believe it is possible, because it's God's dream, not ours. God has called us to make disciples of all nations. God invites every person in the world, including children, to know him and love him. But is there really a need to focus on children?

## The Need for 1for50

### Our World Today

Right now the world's population is 7.6 billion people. 2.3 billion of these people are children under the age of 18. **What does 2.3 billion children look like?** (If you are not using the PowerPoint, display the 2.3 Dots Banner, with each dot representing 100,000 children. The banner can be downloaded from resource page on the 1for50 website.)

Imagine each circle represents 100,000 children. Ten circles would be 1 million children, 50 circles would be 5 million. Now look at 2.3 billion.

### How does this visual of all the world's children make you feel?

**How many children are in our country?** (Before the session, gather the statistics for the number of children under 18 in your country.)

The sheer number of children is staggering. But so are the challenges facing our children today:

- Two out of every three children today are living in crisis.
- There are 28 million refugee children (UNICEF).
- There are 100 million children living on the streets (CYC-Net).
- There are 153 children who have lost one or both parents (UNICEF).
- There are 168 million children trapped in child labor (UN).
- And 29,000 children die each day, mostly from preventable causes (UNICEF).

These are the big crises. But what about issues like bullying, Internet addictions, pornography, child trafficking and substance abuse? This list goes on and on.

It is important for us to be aware of these great needs around the world, but we also need to be aware of the needs of children in our own communities.

25 min

10 min



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### Note to Presenter:

You may choose to skip some of the content in this section if your audience is already committed to children's ministry.



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**What are the needs or challenges that children in your own community face?** (Invite participants to share with 3-4 people around them. After several minutes hear a few responses as a group.)



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**How does this information make you feel? How do you think it makes God feel?** (Share answers.)



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## The Greatest Need

5 min

Our children have many needs, but their greatest need is Jesus. Two out of every three children today do not know Christ, with many having little access to the gospel. Nearly half of the population in many unreached areas of the world are children.

Over 2000 years ago, in light of the world's great need of him, Jesus gave a command to his disciples, his Church. It's a mandate that is still needed today.

Read **Matthew 28:19-20**. Does the Great Commission include children? It absolutely does!

The dream of 1for50 is a missional dream. It flows from the heart of God for every person in every tribe and nation to love him as Savior and serve him as King. It flows from his heart that wants every hurting child, every hungry child, every child longing for purpose and acceptance, to find their place in his family and become all he created them to be.



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### Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

## The Importance of Children in the Kingdom

5 min



Think of children you know. **What words would you use to describe them?** (Hear responses.) Often people look down on children, seeing them as irresponsible, immature, and of not much value. But God sees them differently.



Read **Mark 10:13-15**. Jesus not only welcomed children, but he also said that we must become like them to enter the Kingdom of God. **Why?** (Hear responses.)

God has gifted children with an amazing ability to trust. They are open to new ideas and ready to believe. It should not surprise us then that 70% of Christians come to know Christ between the ages of four and fourteen!

Children are also creative, bold, imaginative, energetic, intelligent, and passionate. They are eager to make a difference in the world. When children come to know Jesus, they are the best at bringing their friends and family to Christ!



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### Mark 10:13-15

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."



A 1for50 Master Trainer in India was blown over by the young people in his training when he discovered that the twelve and thirteen-year-olds were teaching classes and leading others to Christ! One of the brightest in his training, a thirteen-year-old new believer from a Muslim family, told him how she was leading others to the Lord! And she was not the only one. The trainer commented that it was perhaps among the most significant trainings he had ever done.



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### **Making Children's Ministry a Priority**

5 min

(Show a toy car or a picture of a car.) The church needs children in order to grow strong. Think of a church being like a car. Our children are not meant to be like a spare tire, hidden away in the trunk for a special occasion or until they are old enough. They are one of the four wheels. They are a part of the body of Christ. Just as each wheel is needed to make the car move forward effectively, discipling and empowering our children is needed for the Church to grow strong. Investing in our children NOW can help our churches reach more people for Christ, make more disciples, strengthen families, and grow stronger today!



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What if every child in every community had someone to reach, disciple and empower them to become an influential Kingdom Champion? This is the dream of 1for50, and we pray it is your dream as well. But how will we do it? In our next session we will discover together the work of 1for50, by looking at both our mission and our efforts.



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## Question and Answer

5 min



**Before we move on to our next session, does anyone have any questions about what we have covered in this session?** (Take a few minutes and answer any questions from participants.)



## SESSION TWO

# The Work

### Opening

5-10 min



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#### Meet Two, Share One

5 min

(Have participants turn to two others and share one thing from the previous session that they will remember tomorrow.)



#### Optional: Next Generation Game

10 min

(To replace Meet Two, Share One)

(Ask participants to form groups of three in a large, open space. While two people join hands and form an arch (the church), the third person should crouch down between the other two (the child). Shout out any of three commands: "Children go to church," at which point the children have to move to another church pair. "Church go to child," at which point the church pair, without breaking their connection, run together to stand over another child. "Next Generation," everyone must form new groups of three. Children can become churches and churches can become children. After playing the game for a while, debrief with the following questions.)



- **What can we learn about today's world from the game?**
- **When must a church go to a child?**
- **Why must we change to reach the next generation? Why is that challenging for us?**

We long to see our churches grow and for every child to find a church where they can know and follow Jesus for a lifetime. We have talked about the needs of children and the call to make disciples of the next generation. How? Let's look together at the work of 1for50.

### What is 1for50?

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1for50 was born at the first Global Children's Forum (GCF) in 2008. About 50 leaders from nations around the world gathered to ask the question, "What might God be asking us to do together, that we cannot do alone, to reach the world's 2.2 billion children?"

As they dreamed and prayed together, the idea of 1for50, a collaborative training and networking initiative began. They thought if one children's leader was trained for every 50 children all around the world, we COULD possibly reach every child.

Since these initial meetings, 1for50 has grown into a global movement with activity in more than 100 countries. It is a global move of God!

1for50 is not an organization. There is no office, no paid staff. All who serve the movement donate their time because they believe in the dream.

1for50 is not a program. It is designed to enhance to the programs that already exist in churches and organizations or to challenge people to create something new to better reach, disciple and empower their children.

1for50 is not a curriculum. Even though 1for50 has created training curriculum, it is much more than training. It is a vision and an invitation to partner in an incredible move of God in the world today.

As a networking movement, 1for50 also supports some of the other global initiatives for children, including the Global Children's Forum, the 4/14 Window Movement, the Viva network for children at risk, and World Without Orphans, as well as denominations, organizations and local children's ministry networks. We are bound together by the same God-sized dream. (Review the 1for50 dream.)



(Optional: Distribute the 1for50 Brochure or 1for50 Vision page.)

The mission of 1for50 is to reach, disciple and empower the next generation. Let's look together at what it means to reach, disciple and empower children.

## Reaching Children

10 min



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The first part of 1for50's mission is to reach unreached children with the life-changing love of Jesus. (Show "The Parable of the Lost Sheep" Video or have someone read **Matthew 18:12-14** aloud. Focus on verse 14.)

### **Matthew 18:14**

In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

**What would the story be like if we were to insert today's statistics?** Globally, about one third of the world's population would be "in the fold" and about two thirds would be "lost sheep."



### **How many "sheep" are "lost" or "found" in your own community?**

(Allow participants to share responses in pairs.) If the shepherd was willing to go looking for just ONE sheep, what might he be willing to do – and want us as his followers to do – about so many children who still need to be found?

But our mission does not end with simply reaching children with the gospel. Our mission continues as we disciple children to know and follow Jesus.

## Discipling Children

10 min



### Riddle: A Penny Doubled or A Million Dollars Once?

5 min

If you were given a choice to receive one million dollars in one month or a penny doubled every day for thirty days, which one would you choose? (Invite responses.)



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At first glance, the million dollars on one day seems like the better option, but if you do the math and discover the value of exponential growth, the penny option would reward you with over five million dollars (\$5,368,709.12)!



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**What connections can you make between this riddle and making disciples?** (Invite responses.) This riddle illustrates the strategic value of multiplication. Even with small beginnings, multiplication over time is a better strategy.



### Addition vs Multiplication of Workers

5 min

(Choose one or two volunteers to stand at the front of the room. Tell them they need to reach everyone in the room. They must go to people one by one and "bring them" to Jesus, or bring them to the front. They must bring as many as possible in a given short time limit – one to two minutes. It is unlikely they will finish it before the time ends. Ask what could be done differently. Participants always say others should help the original leader. Have all but the original leader sit down.

Do the activity a second time. This time, when a person comes to the front, they become "disciples" and can go out to bring others to Jesus too. Time how long it takes. Celebrate when all are reached.) **Remember how many children there are in the world?** (2.3 Billion) Our mission is to reach, disciple, and empower these children to become influential Kingdom Champions. **Which method would be better to do this? The first or the second?** When we are making disciples instead of just converts, we can multiply our influence to reach and disciple more children.



### We must make disciples who make disciples

5 min

The second part of 1for50's mission is to disciple children to know and follow Jesus for a lifetime. We do not simply want children to become converts. We want to root them deeply in the Word of God and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus. We want to walk beside them as they learn and serve and discover the fullness of life with Christ. We also want to encourage them to share Jesus with others, so that they will be disciples who make disciples.



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Read **2 Timothy 2:2**. Do you see the progression of impact from Paul to Timothy to others? (Demonstrate with four volunteers calling them up one by one: Paul discipled Timothy. Timothy discipled "reliable people." Those people then teach others.)

### 2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

We can see in this progression that as Paul disciplined Timothy, he released him into ministry. He empowered Timothy to go and influence others. In the same way, we want to empower children as part of their discipleship. We want them to become influential, Kingdom Champions.

## Empowering Children

15 min

(Show the "Lead India: The Tree" Video. Then debrief the video by discussing the following questions:)



- **What problem needed to be solved?**
- **What do you think was going on in the mind of the child?**
- **Why do you think the child changed the mindsets of others?**
- **What can we learn from this video about empowering children as disciples?**



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Read **1 Timothy 4:12**. What did Paul see in Timothy? What can we learn about empowering children from his words?

Children are eager to make a difference, to offer what they have to a worthy cause. And God can use children in ways that we cannot even imagine.

### 1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set and example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.



(Discuss the following question as a group:) **Where can children go that adults cannot go? What can children do that adults cannot do? What can children say that adults cannot say?**

The last part of the 1for50 mission is to empower children to become influential Kingdom Champions. Imagine the incredible missional shift that would happen in our churches if we empowered children. What if we listened to children and used their ideas to address the issues in our communities and build bridges to unreached places? Some of our best ideas might come from the mind of a child.

What if we empowered kids to be the ones to carry the message of Jesus to those still waiting to hear? Children are part of the body of Christ. We should not exclude them from doing their part. Children can bring their friends, families, and others to Christ.



A small church in the Philippines was birthed through an outreach to children as they took the street children from the neighborhood into their care. Once the children came to know the Lord, there was no stopping them. They were key to inviting their parents to come to church. Church leaders saw their great potential for reaching this next generation of kids. The youth who grew up in the ministry are now the children's ministry leaders. Most of them want to become pastors and missionaries.



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**What might it look like in your church if your children were empowered to become influential Kingdom Champions?** (Invite responses.)

Children can do so much, yet we often discourage them from doing Kingdom work. Imagine what would happen if we gave children space to lead and supported their initiative when it came to spiritual things.

Let's summarize by reviewing together the mission of 1for50: To reach unreached children with the life-changing love Jesus; to disciple children to follow Jesus for a lifetime; and to empower children to become influential Kingdom Champions. Now that we understand the mission of 1for50, we want to focus on the efforts of 1for50. How do we as a movement work to fulfill the mission?



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## Mobilize: Going Wider

5 min

First, we mobilize local leaders to reach and disciple children. Through vision casting, we encourage and challenge leaders to share God's heart for children and to take action on their behalf. The 1for50 dream is that every child, in every community would have someone to reach, disciple and empower them. For this to happen, the movement needs to spread wide. People from every nation and every community need to catch the vision of God's heart for children and be mobilized for this great work.



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**Why is it important to mobilize local leaders to reach and disciple children?** (Invite responses.)

Local leaders already know the language, culture and can build ongoing relationships with children and their families. They are in the best position to serve children in lasting ways. Local leaders are the "Someones" who are going to reach and disciple children around the world.

Some 1for50 events are focused on mobilizing leaders who work directly with children. Other events are devoted to mobilizing a broader group of leaders who are in positions to influence change in their church or ministry.



A pastor in Kenya was mobilized to reach children after he discovered the 1for50 website. He downloaded the vision and training materials and used them to mobilize and train 42 pastors in his region. These pastors now have a vision for reaching children. He testifies, "Our children's ministry has grown and many children have surrendered their lives to Jesus. Through children we have also reached many parents."



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Not only do we want to mobilize leaders, but we also want to equip them. At its heart, 1for50 is a training movement. We want children's leaders to go deeper in their ministry to children – to be equipped with relevant tools and ideas to reach, disciple and empower the next generation.



## Equip: Going Deeper

15 min



Think back over the past year. How many training events have you attended? (Ask people to stand as you call out numbers.) **Is this your first training? Second? Third? More than three?** Many churches and programs offer training and equipping. What makes 1for50 different?

### Equipping in Seven Key Categories

10 min

Before 1for50 developed its training material, we surveyed children's leaders in 80 countries, asking them what children's leaders needed to know to help children know and follow Jesus for a lifetime. Not surprisingly, the answers were quite similar! The responses were divided into seven categories, summarized on what we call the 1for50 Hand. (Optional: As you share the 1for50 Hand, demonstrate each point holding up the right number of fingers. Invite participants to do it with you.)



(Optional: Distribute the 1for50 Hand Document)

**One, Making Disciples:** At its core 1for50 is all about the ONE: ONE Savior loved by ONE children's leader, guiding ONE child at a time come to love and follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Jesus also gave his followers ONE mandate: to go and make disciples.



**Two, Reaching the Unreached:** As believers, we're always looking for the one who is missing, like in the story of the lost sheep. This is God's heart: that not one of these little ones should be lost.



**Three, Engaging Families:** Discipleship must go beyond the church to the family. We need to consider how to reach the family as well. If a family knows Christ, we need to help them reach and disciple their own children.



**Four, Nurturing the Whole Child:** Nurturing the whole child is a focus on four parts of a child, the whole child: physical, mental, social-emotional, and spiritual.



**Five, Building God's Kingdom Together:** Building God's Kingdom together is about working together as the Body of Christ. The mission of reaching, discipling and empowering children is too great for any one church or ministry to do alone. Jesus said the world would know we are his disciples by our love for one another. Paul explained the importance of working together as a body.



**Six, Deepening the Leader's Heart:** Just as the palm of our hands can touch our hearts, reaching and discipling children begins inside our own heart. We must be following Jesus wholeheartedly ourselves.



**Seven, Partnering with Children:** Each one of these six areas can be embraced by a child as we disciple them. Children are not simply the object of your ministry, but partners in it. Even though they are young, children can set an example for those around them, even taking the lead in ministry.



The 1for50 Hand is a great tool to evaluate your current children's ministry.

**In what areas are you strong? Where might you want to be strengthened?** Gather in groups of 3-4 and share your answers. (Give participants 4-5 minutes to share and then come back together.)



### 1for50 Training Materials

5 min

All 1for50 training events cover at least one area of the 1for50 Hand. A 1for50 training event could be as simple as a one-hour workshop on a specific training topic, or it could be a week-long training using 1for50 training materials. 1for50's training curricula are open source so there is no cost to download or use them.

**The TWELVE Core Curriculum** is a basic training curriculum to equip people who desire to see children following Jesus like the twelve disciples. It covers core principles in each of the seven areas of the 1for50 Hand, creating a solid foundation of knowledge and skills for anyone working with children. It can be taught in three or four days.

**Next Step Training** builds on Core Training, developing additional skills or going more deeply into specific topics in one or more of the seven key areas. One example is **The Family & Parenting Training Module**, a thirteen-lesson training that is specifically designed for equipping parents, families, and those working with parents and families to disciple their children. It, too, can be conducted in three or four days.

All 1for50 training is scripture-rich, interactive and can be used in or adapted to any cultural context.

The efforts of 1for50 do not stop with mobilizing and equipping. We also want to connect leaders with one another and help them to work together.



## Connect: Growing Stronger

5 min

The task of reaching the world's children is too big for any one church or ministry to accomplish on its own. We need to work together – to share resources and to support one another – so that together we can grow stronger for the sake of reaching and discipling children.

In our last session of the day we will look more closely at how we can connect and work together.

None of the 1for50 efforts stand on their own. We want to mobilize leaders with a vision of God's heart for children and their potential to be Kingdom Champions. We want the work to go wider. (Point to the arrow to the left of the training.)

We want to equip those leaders with relevant tools and ideas to minister well to children. We want their ministry to go deeper. (Point to the center block.)

Finally, we want to connect those leaders with one another so that we can support each other until the job gets done. We want our efforts to reach and disciple children to grow stronger. (Point to the arrow to the right of training.)

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## Question and Answer

5 min



**Before we take a moment to pray for one another, does anyone have any questions about what we have covered in this session?** (Take a few minutes and answer any questions from participants.)



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### Praying for One Another

(Break into groups of three or four people so that different churches or organizations are represented in each group. Have participants pray for each other. After an appropriate time, have one leader lead the whole group in prayer.)



**Optional Activity:** Smile! It's time for our group photo!



## SESSION THREE

# The Invitation

### Opening

5-10 min



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#### The Broom Illustration

5 min

(Hold up a straw broom.) Imagine sweeping your home with only one straw (pluck out one straw and attempt to sweep the floor with it.) Not only would you look silly, **how long would the straw last?** (Bend the single straw until it breaks.) By itself it isn't effective or strong. But together with others (try to bend all the straws of the broom), they are strong and will not break.



**How is this broom like the body of Christ?** (Invite responses.) Together we are stronger and more effective. When we work together, the task in front of us becomes possible.



#### Optional Activity: The Moving Nest

10 min



(To replace The Broom Illustration)

(Put one chair in the center of an open space. Place three other chairs about 5 feet/1.5m away from the center chair and an equal distance from the other 2 chairs, forming a triangle. On the center chair place ten small common items such as keys, pens, etc. Invite nine volunteers forward and divide them into three teams of three members. Have each team stand beside one of the three empty chairs. Read the following instructions EXACTLY as written:)

1. "Transfer all the items to one chair."
2. "Transfer all the items one at a time."
3. "You may steal from each other's chair."
4. "You cannot stop anyone from stealing from your chair."

(Let the game begin. Teams will likely rush to the center chair and attempt to transfer all the items to their respective chairs. After about 30 seconds of play, stop the game and ask each team to count the number of items on their respective chairs.) **Do we have all items on one chair?** Not yet.

(Let the game resume. Invariably the same thing will happen for several rounds. If teams don't make any progress after three attempts, ask them to listen carefully to the instructions and very slowly repeat them in the correct order. At this time one person will get a clue, and may even pass it on to others that you had asked them to transfer the items to ONE chair.





The game is over when all the items are transferred to just one chair – it does not matter which chair! Debrief with the following questions:)

- **Which team won the game?** (All the teams, everyone)
- **Why did it take so long (if it took several attempts) to win?**
- **What did we learn from this activity about working together**
- **What does the Bible say about the things we have learned?**

Great things happen when we work together! But working together with others can be challenging, especially if we feel it threatens our current ministry. 1for50 values working together for Kingdom purposes. In this session we'll explore how we can help each other grow stronger.

## Working Together

10 min

### An Example in Nature

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God designed relationships to be mutually beneficial, or symbiotic, and we can see them throughout his creation. The relationship between a butterfly and flower is one example. The butterfly goes to the flower for its main food source and the flower depends on the butterfly for pollination, ensuring life will continue in the next generation. Not only are both helped by each other, neither can survive without the other. 1for50 is designed to work in the same mutually beneficial way with your church, your organization, or your network. We will both be healthier and stronger if we work together. We both benefit from the other. As we partner, there will be two-way support. There are ways you can help 1for50 grow and ways 1for50 can help you grow.

### Your Ministry Vision

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If you were able to travel into the future five years and look at your church or ministry, what you would see? **What are your hopes and dreams as a ministry? Where do you see the next generation in the goals or vision for your church or ministry?** (Invite responses.)



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1for50 wants to see the vision God has placed on your heart become a reality. We want to come alongside you with training, resources and support to help you reach, disciple and empower the next generation. Our goal is not to make you busier or to ask you to implement a new program. Instead, we want to strengthen and enhance the good work you are already doing.

We also desire for you to stay connected with the 1for50 Movement and help us multiply both the vision and the work of reaching, discipling and empowering the next generation.

Over the years, people have connected with the movement in different roles, identifying how they can use their gifts and calling to further the cause of reaching kids for Jesus.

## The 1for50 Roles

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### Connecting as a ONE

Some connect and identify as ONES. They work directly with children and implement the training they have received to reach, disciple and empower kids in the local church or community.



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After a 1for50 training in Zimbabwe, a local leader connected as a ONE and established two large outreach clubs in her community. Because of her efforts, many children are meeting Jesus for the first time and choosing to follow him.



Another leader in India identified as a ONE and set up a children's club in a very poor neighborhood in his city. After a year, fifty children were attending weekly and over half of the children had received Christ. He also began discipling them, empowering them to pray on their own, worship meaningfully and read God's Word. He is seeing their lives transformed!

Are you passionate to reach, disciple, and empower children? You might connect as a ONE.

### Connecting as a Trainer

Though the goal of 1for50 is to effectively reach and disciple children, not everyone connects as a ONE. Some leaders connect as Trainers. Trainers use 1for50 material to equip local leaders with the skills and perspective they need to effectively reach and disciple children.



In Indonesia, the national children's ministry director for a large denomination attended a 1for50 training. Afterward she said, "I am a pastor and I have been working with children for 20 years. I have never heard this teaching before. We need to share this in all our churches." She identified as a trainer and coordinated training events for her denomination across all of Indonesia.



Another trainer connected by offering training for his church. After being trained with 1for50, he went back to his church to observe the Sunday school. In his words, "It was awful! The children didn't know anything, the teachers just yelled at the children and they were not prepared." He promptly set up a teacher training for those teachers the following week and changes started to take place.

Are you passionate to equip others to reach and disciple children? Then you might connect best as a Trainer.

### Connecting as a Master Trainer

Some trainers have a unique gift not only to equip children's workers, but also to develop other trainers. These people connect with 1for50 as Master

Trainers. Master Trainers may train those who work directly with children, but they also equip, mentor and mobilize other 1for50 Trainers.



One Master Trainer began mentoring and equipping leaders in war-torn Syria. One of the leaders he trained had a vision to train leaders in Syria but did not have contextualized material to use. After learning how to use the 1for50 training material, he recruited three other trainers and together they trained local leaders at various churches. Those local leaders are now reaching kids in their own neighborhoods who might otherwise have never known about Jesus.

Are you passionate to mentor other leaders to develop both as a leader and as a trainer? Then your place of connection might be as a Master Trainer.

### **Connecting as a Regional Champion**

Even though 1for50 is focused on training, some individuals in the movement are not gifted trainers. Rather, they are gifted leaders and networkers. They connect with the movement as Regional Champions.

Regional Champions provide leadership for the movement at the city, state or national level. They network, strategize and mobilize others for the cause of 1for50.



A leader from Malawi caught the vision of 1for50 and identified as a Regional Champion. She connected with key leaders and organized the first-ever 1for50 training in the nation. Afterward the team even met with the leader of Malawi's Evangelical Association, mobilizing him for the cause of focusing on children.

Are you passionate to mobilize others and bring key leaders together on behalf of kids? Then you might connect as a Regional Champion.

### **Connecting as a Friend**

Not everyone can connect with 1for50 as a ONE, Trainer, Master Trainer or Regional Champion, yet they support the vision of 1for50 and are willing to help in specialized ways. These leaders connect as Friends.

A friend may be a local pastor willing to host a training event, a translator able to translate training resources, a donor who contributes financially or practically, or a ministry leader who wants to endorse the movement to others.



At a 1for50 training event in the Philippines, God moved in the hearts of a local church, started through a children's ministry. The pastor of this church was in tears because he saw the vast harvest in their community. The church identified two neighborhoods with no church presence. The pastor wanted the whole church to catch the vision, so they planned a vision casting for the

members to see what they can do together to reach the children of these neighborhoods. The pastor connected as a Friend.

Are you someone who loves the vision of 1for50 and is willing to advocate for the movement and for the cause of children? Then your place of connection might be as a Friend.

First, these leaders caught the vision of 1for50. Second, they chose to serve children and leaders in their area of gifting and calling. And lastly, they stayed connected to 1for50 through ongoing communication and relationship.



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## Joining the Movement

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Today we want to invite you to join the 1for50 Movement. We invite you to catch the vision of reaching, discipling and empowering children. We invite you to consider how your gifts connect with the movement and to choose a role to serve in. And we invite you to stay in communication with us so that we can support you and celebrate with you the good things God is doing. We want to join hands so that together we can reach, disciple and empower children around the world to be influential Kingdom Champions.

### Question and Answer



**Does anyone have any questions about the roles or what it means to join the movement?** (Take a few minutes and answer any questions from participants.)

### Signing Up

Perhaps God has stirred your heart for the cause of reaching, discipling and empowering children and you see how your gifts connect with one of the roles. If that's you, we invite you to join the movement today! Joining the movement is easy and can happen in several different ways:

First, you can join the movement online by going to [www.1for50.net/trainee-join](http://www.1for50.net/trainee-join). The web form will take you through several questions and then give you an opportunity to set up a free online account. Setting up the account is important because it will give you access to all the resources available for your 1for50 role.



You can also sign up on this "Join the Movement" form. (Send around copies of the "Join the Movement Registration" Form. Be sure to talk through each element of the form and encourage people to write neatly. You can let the forms circulate while you continue talking.)

We know that not everyone is called to join the movement. That's okay! We bless you and the ongoing ministry God has called you to.



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If you are not ready to join now, you can also join later. Simply visit the 1for50 website and click on "Join the Movement" or you can contact me personally. (Share your contact information.)

### Staying Connected

We want to stay connected with everyone that joins the movement so that we can support and encourage one another. At a global level, we stay connected mostly by Facebook, WhatsApp and email. Once the Global 1for50 team receives your contact information, you will begin receiving email updates regarding the movement. You can also go to Facebook and request to join the 1for50 Global Network page.

But we also want to stay connected at a local level (insert how you plan to stay connected with those in the room and what your next steps will be with them.)

It's important that we hear from you as well! We want to hear your stories of how God is working and answer any questions or concerns you may have. As soon as you take your next step with 1for50, please tell us about it on Facebook, in your local WhatsApp group or email the Global Team at 1for50@gmail.com.

### Taking Next Steps

After you join the movement, your next steps will vary based upon your role. If you connect as a ONE, a next step could be identifying ways you could empower children in your ministry to serve.

If you connect as Trainer or Master Trainer your next step might be to conduct a 1for50 training for your church, organization or for the churches in your area.

If you connect as a Regional Champion your next step might be to share the 1for50 vision with other key leaders already in your sphere of influence.

To help you effectively serve in your role, 1for50 has created and assembled a wealth of training and ministry resources for you. You can access these free resources by signing up on the 1for50 website.

In some nations we have seen people who join the movement come together and form a team to accomplish the 1for50 dream in their nation. We call this the DREAM TEAM. (Share if you have a Dream Team in your nation and what you do as team. Invite anyone wanting more information about being a part of the Dream Team to speak to you after the session.)



(Optional: Distribute the Dream Team Document.)

### Closing 5 min



We would like to close with a final story. A Bible School in the North of Cameroon recently invited a 1for50 Master Trainer to train their student pastors on ministry to children. After the one-week class, one of the students graduated and decided to focus strictly on children. He has planted seven churches and his focus is children. The children are the ones bringing their parents to church. Before the training this pastor did not know that children could be saved or even believe. After the training he is expanding and moving to other areas to help other individuals know how to minister to kids.

This story embodies the vision of the 1for50 Movement. The Kingdom of God is growing! Why? Because someone reached children with the life-changing love of Jesus. Someone disciplined them to follow Jesus for a lifetime. And someone empowered them to be influential Kingdom Champions in their own families and community. To God be all the glory!

Close in Prayer.



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