

Vicar Ron Sou has been kidnapped and locked in the church

Before you start:

- You will need to add a leader's phone number to the bottom of the receipt.
- Put 30 minutes on the timer in the Breakout Rooms.

Host's notes:

- This can be played online or in real life, using a screen. You will need to be able to play sound through the laptop/sound system. Do check this before you start.
- Pens and paper might help.
- You'll need to keep these notes on your phone or print them out or have someone else with them on their screen.
- Welcome people as they arrive.
- Split people into groups of around 6-8.
- If it's a smaller or a younger group, you may need to give more clues or have another leader help more.

Online Use

- Don't try to use the same screen for these notes that you are Screensharing on.
- Split people into their Breakout Rooms.
- If you as host need to communicate with the Breakout Rooms, click on Breakout Rooms, then 'Broadcast' to send a message to all the participants. Alternatively, you can click on a Breakout Room and 'Join' to look in and see what's happening.

Small Group/Breakout Room leader's notes:

- If you're on a teleconferencing app, Sharescreen and click on the Powerpoint, then tick Share Sound before pressing 'Share'.

When everyone has arrived:

- Put up **SLIDE 1**
- SAY:
 - Thank you for coming so urgently. We really need your help.
 - Vicar Ron Sou has been kidnapped and locked in the Church. **[SLIDE 2]**
 - There are 4 padlocks which need to be unlocked before you can get him out.
 - We're looking for four 4-digit codes, 1 for each padlock.
 - These can be found through a series of challenges and games, and you have only 30 minutes before the church is locked for good!
- Split young people off into breakout rooms/separate rooms to play.

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Room leader's notes:

- YOU NEED CODE 2466 STUCK TO YOUR BACK BEFORE THE ROOM STARTS.
- Young people have 30 minutes to help Vicar Ron Sou escape before the church is locked for good.
- Young people can ask you for clues whenever they like - it won't be fun if they can't make any progress.
- **Things in BOLD - you say/do**
- *Things in brackets - information about what young people should know/ guidance. Don't read this out!*
- Clues are all labelled, give them when needed.

To find Code 1

[Leader's note: CODE 1 is on the SHOPPING LIST. Anagrams of initial letter of food for each day are numbers in code. Monday's initial letter of food anagram = 1st number in code etc. code is 9715.]

SAY THIS: **(Put up SLIDE 3)** There were a few things dropped at the crime scene. Here is a photo of the items which were left. To unlock this photo, you need to get items which begin with the same letter as your initials - middle names included. For example, Lisa Heidi Grant might get a lamp, a highlighter and a grater; Jamie Brown might get a jam jar and a bag. If you don't have a middle name, then it's your lucky day, one less item for you!

[When they've completed their task, put up SLIDE 4 - photo of all items.]

SAY THIS: We have retained these items, hoping that they will be useful in freeing the Vicar Ron Sou. If you ever want to see any of these items up close, just ask one of us. We can also give you clues to help you along, just ask.

[Slides 5-8 are close ups of items. Flick through these if it's helpful. Let young people have a think about these items. They might ask you to show them some up close. If so, show them that slide. They may have a think about the code, but with no luck as they don't have a codebreaker! Hopefully they notice the shopping list soon.... If not, see clue 1. Shopping list is on SLIDE 6.]

CLUE 1 SAY THIS: Since we can't go shopping much, meal planning sounds good (pointing young people towards SHOPPING LIST).

Hopefully young people have now seen shopping list significance.

CLUE 2 SAY THIS: Some funny items on that list, aren't there? Why would he need oranges, noodles and Edam cheese?

CLUE 3 SAY THIS: Maybe have a look at the capital letters. What can you make of that?

[At this point young people should realise that these are anagrams and reveal them. If not, keep helping.]

*[Young people should now have the first code which is **9715**]*

To find Code 2

*[Leader's note: CODE 2 - Young people given a receipt, they need to return the EDAM CHEESE by phoning the number on the bottom. This will give them a URL to a website which has a link to a youtube playlist. They find song with most views = that is code. CODE = **1973** (James Blunt).]*

SAY THIS: Very well done. The first code is correct. Now I come to think of it, this receipt was left. There is a rumour that anything that is made backwards needs to be returned?

Show Young people **SLIDE 9** (the receipt) now.

CLUE 4 Remember to return anything that is made backwards.

CLUE 5 How do you spell made backwards?

Young people should realise that it is the EDAM which needs to be returned. They might now struggle to work out that they have to REALLY phone a number.

CLUE 6 Is there a number for returns on the receipt? You'll need a phone.

[YOUNG PEOPLE CALL UP NUMBER (this is leader's phone). ON THE PHONE WE POINT THEM TO THE WEBSITE - WE WILL SAY THE URL TO THEM. Try and get them to put the phone on speaker so everyone can hear the website and type it in.

The link is: <https://www.churchyouthministry.com/escaperoom1> (that's a number 1 at the end, not an L)

[Young people head to website url that is said to them on the phone. Give them a little time to look around this website.]

CLUE 7 Have you had a look around the website? Any instructions on there?

CLUE 8 Head to that YouTube playlist. Which song is the most popular?

*[They should now be on the YouTube playlist, searching through the songs for the most views. Should be **1973** by James Blunt!!!! That is the CODE.]*

To find Code 3

[Leader's note: CODE 3 - this is the one on your back. Young people need codebreaker to realise code says "Look behind you". Code is on your back! Code = 2466. They need to do activity below to get code breaker.]

SAY THIS: A very good effort. I could give you a code breaker, but to unlock that, I'm going to need you to do something.

SAY THIS: To unlock a code breaker **(SLIDE 11)** to break this code, I'm going to need you to all to show me the **SAME OBJECT**, but from your different houses. Now, just 'a pen' isn't enough, it needs to be **THE SAME pen.**"

CLUE 9: What have you got in all of your houses which is exactly the same? [black biro, banana, tennis ball - any of those thing would be good shouts for everyone to have]

[Once young people bring you all the exact same item you can say:]

You earned this code breaker... and show them the codebreaker wheel. **(SLIDE 12).**

Young people complete code which says, 'Look behind you.'

CLUE 10: Who might need to look behind them?

[Young people ask US to look behind us so we turn around.]

CODE IS THERE - 2466.

To find Code 4

[Leader's note: Code 4 - this is using a map and zooming into '1770' in Australia. They earn the map by answering rhyming questions... Code = 1770]

SAY THIS: To move onto the next clue, I need you to work out why that website is called Vicar Ron Sou. **(SLIDE 13)**

[It is an anagram of Coronavirus. **(SLIDE 14)** If they are struggling then help them with this clue, but if they are flying through then make them do this!]

SAY THIS: Another big congratulations, you've earned the next step. You'll need to use your brains now.... I can give you a map if you answer 4 questions right. This game describes a person and something they are doing. But their names rhymes with the thing that they are doing. For example, Britney Spears is changing gears. Remember, 4 right and I'll give you the map. If you get one wrong, there are other ones for you to try.

Clues are on SLIDES 15-23

ANSWERS HERE (Don't be too strict, Simon Cowell did a foul is fine. It's the rhyme that's important):

Father Christmas is sipping from a can containing an orange-flavoured drink.
Santa is drinking Fanta.

JK Rowling character is snuggling with a friendly river-dwelling animal.
Harry Potter's cuddling an otter.

British astronaut is holding a Welsh vegetable.
Tim Peake has got a leek.

X-Factor judge kicked another football player.
Simon Cowell committed a foul.

Paul Hollywood's bake-off granny friend is eating this red fruit.
Mary Berry's eating a cherry.

This well-known presenting duo are going on a nice long hike.
Ant and Dec are on a trek.

Labour leader is riding a tall and fluffy animal.
Keir Starmer is on a llama.

Prince William's wife is cutting the ribbon at a church event.
Princess Kate is opening a fete.

English footballer is having a boogie in a storm.
Harry Kane's dancing in the rain.

SAY THIS WHEN THEY GET 4 RIGHT:

You earnt this map, do with it what you will! (SLIDE 24)

CLUE 11: You'll need Google Maps for this one. Check you're in the right place.

CLUE 12: This is definitely in Queensland, Australia.

Young people should zoom in and see 1770 in Queensland.

That is the last CODE! The Vicar Ron Sou is FREE! (go to SLIDE 26).

Depending on the result, show church still locked and Vicar Ron Sou desperately scratching at the door to get out (SLIDE 25) or Vicar Ron Sou relaxing at the beach (SLIDE 26).

Head back into the Main Meeting and see who won.

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