

# Entertainment for children

## One smile = One thousand words books games and joy go together!

### A. Entertainment for children aged 8-11 years old

#### **The education of the soul is our duty!**

During the year, in cultural centers, in cultural associations, at schools, at homes, in camps, and in every place where there are children, as well as every year, during Christmas holidays, the Hellenic Book Club organises successfully entertainments for children. That is, an education with a human face. Its stable value at the stock of the human values never falls. It is this value, which makes complete, free, responsible and conscious personalities.

The program of the entertainments for children was created so as to respond to their fundamental needs, such as: the mobility, the expression, the individualisation, the communication, the initiative, the participation, the joy and the games. Games of acquaintance, of alertness, of teams, of competition, songs, sketches, short stories or tales and lots of imagination. *All that a child needs, without knowing it, along with all our love. And that thing a child wants, once he/she has learnt it with all his/her heart.*

#### **Everything's for them**

Children are divided into teams, each one having its own team leader, its own thick blanket, its own name, its own cry, everything is for them. From the beginning, they get to know each other, they acquaint themselves and they play, they sing, they laugh, they think, they cooperate, they improvise, they play parts, and they enjoy themselves with all their heart. Each team builds up a common identity, under which are hidden different personalities, given to a common purpose, which is joy. In the wide open arms of the Club which, having as its center books of quality and as a circumference the entire culture, sharpens the spirit of children, so that they become adults with an esthetic and an interest. *Because no one ever forgets the beautiful years of innocence.* They have indelible colours, dark or cheery ones and they become a refuge for the rest of our lives.

**What you need:** Enthusiasm and 60 children 8-11 of age are indispensable

**Team leaders:** pupils on the third year of high school of college or students

**Assistants:** pupils on the first or on the second year of high school

**Duration:** 2 ½ hours

#### **Love and folly go on... the blanket!**

Each team has its own point of reference, which is a blanket of a different colour. In the warmth of the blanket, everything is played. That is, games which surpass every range of imagination and culture. Which have no relation with those that glue children in front of a screen and debilitate them. Those games, which steal from them their precious childhood and their spontaneity. Do live the unforgettable experience of the blanket. Offer to the children presents of culture and not only presents of consumption and you will see what we are talking about. *"Faith without love does not create, it destroys. Love without faith gets really tired. The boat always goes on with two oars."*

A. N. Tsirintanis.

#### **Where do they come from?**

The entertainments for children come from the "Beacons" and the cooperatives for children of the Greek Light". The psycho-pedagogy, which was applied during the seminars of the Greek Centre for Education (GCE), by the doctors Ar. Aspiotis and Chr. Kakouris, would cultivate the mind as well as the heart, in an atmosphere of enthusiastic love and an education with pretensions. In 1960, Mr. Panagiotis Rozakis, the president of the Hellenic Book Club, proposed the evolution, mainly in the form of the entertainments, a proposal that was accepted and applied with great enthusiasm the same year in the auditorium of the "Greek Light".

A modern application of the teaching of Christ who was saying, "let the children come to me", with the slogan that *books, games and joy... go together.* That was the spark, which lit afterwards one of the most human, the most joyful and most creative programs of the Club, which is the Entertainment for children. Ever since, more than 300 of such

entertainments have been organised with undiminished enthusiasm and love, which nourishes both children and adults. Despite the social changes that brought the passing of time, it is established once more that the **education with a human face** is in vogue in our modern times, like then when it was obvious.

## **PLAY! PLAY! PLAY!**

The entertainment begins, as each team leader gathers the ten children of his/her own team in the correspondent blanket. During this half-hour the team is set, it takes form and has its own life and name. The range of our games has been tried for years; it is effective, flexible and adaptable to different conditions as well as emotions, practices and needs.

### © **The half-hour of the team leader.**

#### **Coum-scou-rou-mou-goum.**

That's what is needed to begin with. It relaxes, it excites and fills with enthusiasm.

© **A game of acquaintance.** 2 platch, 2 plitch, flic-name, floc-name!

**Air- earth- sea- fire!** Throw the handkerchief and... here are birds, here are elephants, here are red mullets!

**Who's the conductor of the orchestra?** And the entire musical instruments on the scene... **Avanti maestro!**

**Have you heard about this my friend?** There was a fool boat... that brings what? A sy-ri-ti-ri!

### © **General program- team games.**

**Racecourse.** We start just after **the signal of the starter** and we run like thoroughbred horses!

**"John says..."** and, truly, each team leader becomes... fussy!

**Relay (race) with biscuits.\*** Bite into them and... blow the whistle to me!

**Eating candies while... doing some acrobatics with the chairs!** Two actions that make you... a sweetie!

**You cannot, you cannot, you cannot light it!** It is the newspaper's fault, which sows... discord!

**Song:** The notes carry us away, from... the bath of the donkey to the little star and from the flea on the mountain to the golden sunrays in our blue skies. For, without the songs, the soul may nourish itself, but it cannot fly...

**Uncle Brilios, who has a turkey...** 40 ways of expressing oneself by the voice, the face, the arms and the body, which all of us imitate.

**Short story: "Man addressing himself to other men"** by Sophia-Mavroïdi-Papadaki. It has some strong points and unforgettable messages, which bridge the distance between men. A short story that talks about the **soul**, the **spirit** and the **technology**, not the **technocracy**.

**The little devil...\***, you, run and get him! Be as sharp as a needle as we say... and that's not all!

**The terrorists.\*** A bomb has exploded! Beware of it!

### © **Sketches - scherzos!**

**The noble eaters of yogurt.** That's what it means... fling oneself into the throwing to each other yogurts.

**The hurried travelers.** In the luxury hotel of Vienna, whoever is in a hurry... he/she becomes a Chaplin!

### **Be a team leader and your team will pass with flying colours!**

The hearts of the children are brimming with such joy, when they receive true love, that it is really worth **inspiring, encouraging, exciting, applauding** the most sensitive receivers of the world. That is, children! That's your role. To be a **team leader** and along with children to win **victory!** One that is spiritual, disinterested and inner. One that really enriches you.

The success of your team depends also from you. So, give the very best part of yourself; communicate with children without hesitating, with enthusiasm and love. Make them your accomplices. Cast them into their roles. Speak in their

own language and in their heart. Excite them. **Play, laugh, joke and cry out** with them. **Be a means of education, of communication and culture.** The aim is that we altogether have a great time!

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\* Games of competition between the teams.

## **One is not born a team leader, but one becomes one!**

Even if you haven't been before a team leader, you can still try the experience. It is a fascinating one, interactive, enthusiastic and of mutual confidence. You will be an animator of your team for the half-hour, as well as for the whole of the entertainment. You will be an inspiration by your continuous and hearty participation in every phase of it and a discreet guide wherever this will be needed so.

### **Why collaborating with the Hellenic Book Club?**

- The Club inspires and organises **unforgettable entertainments**. So far, it has organised more than 300 out of them.
- It is a Cultural Organisation, a voluntary and a non-profit one. Its philosophy is based solely on the triptych of **quality, man as a whole** and the **new anthropocentric culture**.
- The Club **loves children** and it shows its love to them. When they entertain themselves, they feel the real love of the game and of the joy that "nourishes". That's why they never forget it, once they're old. In addition, **680 lending libraries** of the Club, whose 95% of the books can be read, have endowed with books innumerable children, who live in villages situated at the frontier or in isolated ones of our country, as well as abroad.
- It knows how to **attract visitors** in each one of its events. This is done by word from mouth to ear, by actions of promotion and publicity, by the use of a well-groomed and unfailing material of communication, but mostly by its passion for books of quality. The enthusiasm and the festive character of the entertainments for children, attract each year the interest of both children and adults.
- **Love, whatever may be its form, never falls low!**

## **B. Entertainment during Christmas holidays for children aged 8-11 years old.**

### **The spirit of Christmas is revived in their hearts!**

#### **It's our custom**

Every year, the Hellenic Book Club organises a dreamy feast for Christmas with lots of children, lots of joy and lots of love. The aim is to give to our little friends the feeling of the spiritual elevation, this through joy, as the society of consumerism in our days fails to do so.

#### **The Magi with the presents**

In our days, when there is a lack of real presents, it is more precious than ever to offer **directness, communication, human warmth, love** and **quality**. These are the goods that make us richer. All our efforts aim at this and... like the little Magi, who bring the presents, we open wide our arms to children, with this desire:

**That this Christmas feast lives always in their childhood recollections!**

#### **Lots of games to see and play.**

Always with their team leader, the children participate in creative games between teams, thus following the psycho-pedagogical program of the Club, which responds to their fundamental needs such as: the **mobility, expression, individualisation, communication, initiative, participation** and **joy**.

#### **The Club without its books as presents is like... Christmas without children.**

For many years and in every Christmas feast, the Santa-Claus of the Club has been offering to all of the children marvellous books, chosen from the wealth of the Greek and worldwide cultural testimony. Each book corresponds to the age of the child and has an exclusive dedication written by hand. There were children that got excited by such a book and loved reading forever. If we can achieve this, if we can sow the seeds of knowledge and education in our children, at this so critical age, then we will be proud of the work that we are doing. After all, not only the sentimental future of our children, but also the future of the employment and the future of the economy, passes necessarily through the domain of knowledge, of education and culture. And so, through the domain of the book.

**Little by little, the bird makes its nest!** A voluntary and symbolic participation in the expenses, in the spirit of love of these days.

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just like and where  
you imagine it?  
We always stand  
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