

Instructions for leaders

Welcome to The Girls' Brigade Team Challenge! Please make sure you read all the instructions below.

What is Team Challenge?

Team Challenge is an activity and national competition for 4-8s, 7-11s or 10-18s. GB groups around the country take part in the same tasks at a time of their choice so this is an ideal opportunity to be part of a national competition without needing to travel.

Team Challenge covers a wide range of challenges so that the young people enjoy variety and are able to use their different gifts and strengths as they work as a team.

The scores for some of the challenges are recorded by a facilitator, who is invited to be part of Team Challenge – this could be the group Chaplain, a church member etc. The score sheets, photographic/video entries will need to be uploaded to the GB Support Centre Dropbox to have the rest of the challenge marked.

When is Team Challenge?

Groups are free to choose when they carry out Team Challenge. All submissions need to be in by 24th May 2026. You may choose to run it on a normal group evening – some groups find the first or last week of a term works well - or an activity for a separate event.

How long does Team Challenge take?

Team Challenge will take around **45 minutes** to complete but you should **allocate 60 minutes** to give time for instructions, reading/playing the story to begin, and moving between challenges.

What will we need for Team Challenge?

- One Team Challenge pack per team of four, at a cost of £3 per pack.
- An adult who is not a leader in the group to facilitate the Team Challenge. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to see your group in action e.g. the group Chaplain or a church member.
- The aim is for these challenges to be completed at your normal GB venue.
- Different activities can be in different rooms if teams are in rotation.
- A stopwatch/smart phone is needed as accurate timings are crucial.
- Equipment and resources as listed under the different challenges or on the 'What you'll need' sheet below.

You'll need to **read the challenges and collect equipment before the evening.**

Please do not practice the activities or share them with other groups before the closing date. Please do not allow the team members to have their mobile phones or access to Google. The external markers will check for inconsistencies in points and contact the facilitator if necessary. All photographic/video entries and score sheets must be uploaded to the GB Support Centre Dropbox in order to be marked.

Team Challenge rules

The team

- A team should ideally be four young people. Obviously, there may not be exactly the right number on the night, so groups can make teams of three or five.
- Spread the ages and abilities of the girls across the teams. Teams should be random.
- Each team will need a Team Challenge pack costing £3 each. Each team will need a reference name – Please use your GB group name followed by the challenge age range and the group number (depending on how many packs you purchase). For example:
'1st Calver 4-8 Group 1' or '1st Calver 10-18 Group 3' etc.
This reference name must be added to team scoresheets and accompanying photo/video file names before uploading to Dropbox.

The facilitator

- The facilitator is responsible for timing the activities, making sure the teams follow the rules and giving points for some of the challenges.
- At the end of Team Challenge, the facilitator should transfer the points recorded on each challenge to the team scoresheet.
- The facilitator is responsible for reading the bold script which links the challenge to the story. See the text in bold.

What happens after we've done GB Team Challenge?

Upon registration, each team will receive a digital pack and a Dropbox link.

All scoresheets and photo/video evidence must be uploaded via Dropbox to your GB group's folder via the link provided by **24th May 2026**. Entries after this date will not be included.

Please feel free to send photos and feedback about how Team Challenge went in your group to gbco@gb-ministries.org.

Every GB group that enters Team Challenge will receive a certificate celebrating their participation. The winning teams will be published on the website and will receive a small prize.

What will we need for each Team Challenge?

n:vestigate (4-8s)

- A copy of the Challenge Pack and accompanying resource sheets
- 3 Cones
- A Football
- A Tunnel/alternative
- 3 Beanbags
- Bucket/box
- Scissors
- Glue/glue stick
- Coloured pens/pencils
- Paper
- Sticky tape
- Decorative stickers
- Stapler

n:gage (7-11s)

- A copy of the Challenge Pack and accompanying resource sheets
- Toilet Rolls (We recommend 1-2 per team)
- Pens/pencils
- Coloured pens/pencils
- A3 paper

n:counta & n:spire (10-18s)

- A copy of the Challenge Pack and accompanying resource sheets
- 8 pieces of fruit (per team)
- Orange juice (½ carton per team – recommended)
- Knives (with adult supervision)
- Chopping board
- Paper/plastic cups
- Blender/hand blender (optional)
- 20 envelopes
- A3 paper (1 sheet per team)
- Coloured pens/pencils