

Easter Camp in a Box Impact Report

Our Easter Camp in a Box is a project that has blessed many children around Lebanon due to its spiritual and fun activities which share the love of God and provides activities that the rest of the family can enjoy as well. The purpose of this project is to teach the children about the Lord and provide them with a sense of care and joy during these hard times. Approximately 1500-1700 children in Beirut, North and South of Lebanon, Chouf, and the Bekaa area have benefitted from these boxes.

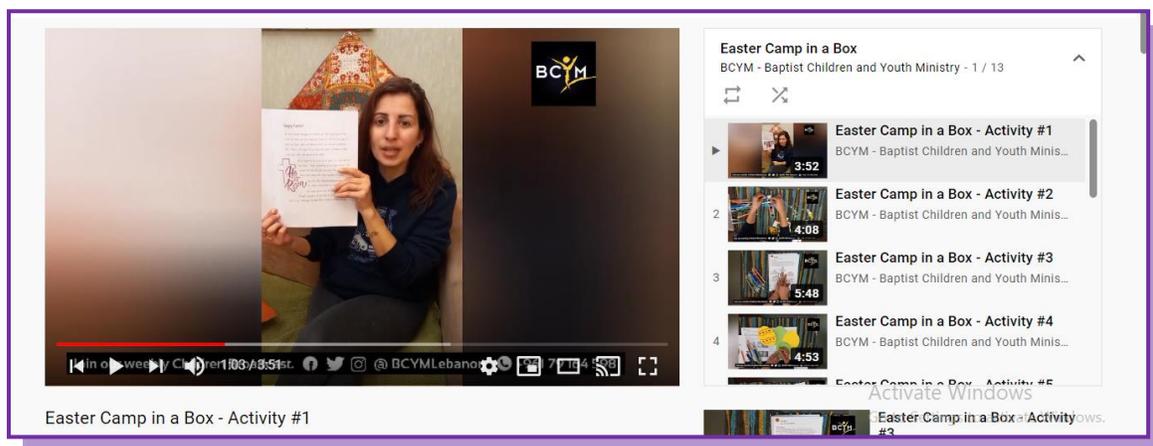
The Box:

The 12L plastic storage box consisted of 13 activities including:

- Crafts
- Christian Books and Puzzles
- Coloring
- Challenges
- Games



The box also included an activity book that had thorough instructions on how to complete the crafts. We also created videos with explanations and added them to our YouTube channel. The children were given a link to the channel and were able to watch the videos and start their activities with or without supervision. In addition, the box included stationary such as coloring pencils, paint, glue, scissors, and other necessary utensils that the children can use even after they're done with the activities.



Distribution:

- Due to our partners' constant support, we were able to prepare 1000 boxes to be distributed to children in Beirut, North and South Lebanon, and the Bekaa area.

- We are very grateful for the group of team leaders from different churches around Lebanon, who dedicated a lot of their time and hard work into preparing the boxes and getting them ready by Easter.



- The BCYM team personally distributed the boxes to the local churches and organizations in Lebanon, while providing words of care and encouragement.
- We estimate that around 1,700 children were directly impacted from our Easter Camp in a Box project.



- More denominations were asking for and have received the boxes this time around.



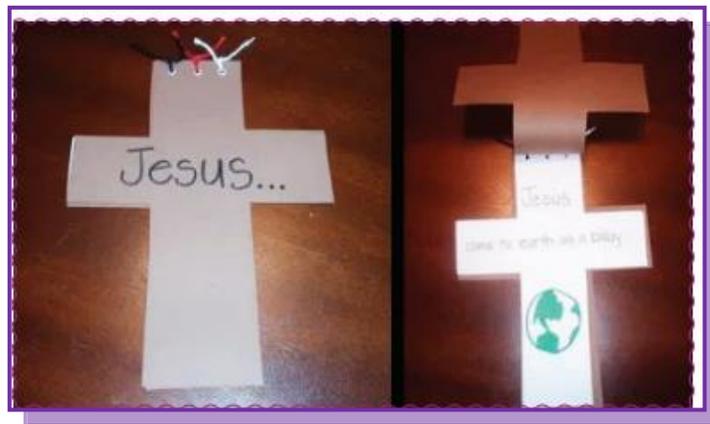
Feedback:

Some members of our team followed up with the families through phone calls and asked them for their feedback. The feedback was very uplifting and showed that the aim of this project was achieved.

Favorite Activities:

The children enjoyed all the different crafts with the following favorites:

- **Activity 1:** This activity allowed the children to create a storybook in the form of a cross. They wrote down different parts of the story of Easter on each piece of paper in the storybook:
 - o Jesus came to Earth as a Baby
 - o Jesus lived a perfect life
 - o Jesus died on the cross for our sins
 - o Jesus was buried for 3 days
 - o Jesus rose from the dead to live forever in Heaven



This craft taught the children about the Good News in a creative way. The children loved it and some even filmed themselves making the craft and explaining what it means and what they have learned from it. The children sent the videos to their friends so we believe that the message reached even more children than we had originally intended. One boy even gave the storybook to his friend because he wanted to share that message with him.

- **Activity 7:** In this activity, children were able to be creative and decorate some Easter eggs. “I never noticed how creative my daughter is and how much love she had for art”, said one mother. This was a fun activity for the whole family because they were able to have an egg hunt and spend some time together. They were able to hide bible verses with the eggs and read them out once they were found. “It was a nice addition to the egg hunt. It reminded the children what Easter is actually about”.





When we asked what was special about the box, we received the following answers:

1. Entertainment and Educational Benefits:

- Due to the pandemic, children's whole lives have been reduced to the size of a laptop screen. Some have felt lonely, bored, or alone since being deprived of seeing family and friends. These boxes have offered happiness and excitement. "My daughter loved her box so much that she would put it next to her in bed at night and hug it. She would have finished it all in one day had she not had any school work". The parents are also very thankful for the boxes because they think it's something beneficial and unique for the children to do during all the lockdowns.
- Through the integration of art, the children were able to fully grasp concepts like what Jesus has done for them. It was also easier for them to learn stories and memorize verses. One little boy's father was also very happy because he believes his son now enjoys reading and has learned a lot of new words.

2. Relief for parents: With the economic situation, it has become difficult for some parents to buy things for their children that they can enjoy. Before launching the project, a mother reached out to us and asked for coloring pencils for her children. "It doesn't matter if they're old or used. I just want to give my kids something that they can enjoy". Her financial situation is so bad that she can't afford it. After reading that message, we sent her the Camp in a Box. She directly contacted us and told us that she was hoping and dreaming of getting her daughter a box that had activities inside of it, not knowing about our boxes. But she couldn't since that kind of box would be too expensive for her. So, she was very shocked and happy when she got this box. She said that she felt like the Lord had answered her prayers.

3. Family Time: Since the boxes included activities that could be done in groups, families were able to spend time together. Some siblings even grew closer while working on their box.



4. Teaching about God and changed hearts:

- In the absence of Sunday school, these boxes were a blessing to children. One mother stated “It is very important for the kids to still be spiritually engaged and these boxes were perfect for that. We still talk to them about the Lord but this made it easier and more fun”.
- While one family was working on their box, a mother had the chance to talk to her two sons about the Lord. The activities were prepared in a way to guide the children through what Easter really meant and what the Lord has done for them. Once the children started working on the different crafts and reading the different stories and verses, they had some questions. Their mother was there and happy to answer them. This conversation resulted in both of the children giving their lives to Jesus.



5. Engagement and Spreading of Message: A group of people used the boxes while hosting a weekly zoom meeting for kids. They would work on some of the activities together and have devotion using books in the box. The children really enjoyed this initiative because of how interactive it was and also since they were able to see their friends' faces. In addition, some of the children who were watching had never heard about Jesus before, so this was a great blessing. The kids were very engaged and they loved what they learned and were able to do with the boxes.



We are very thankful that the impact of this project has been so positive. These boxes offered a reminder of the Lord's love in a time where some hope has been lost and joy and care in a time of loneliness and hardship. The main purpose of these boxes has been achieved.

We continuously receive requests for more boxes from families of different backgrounds across Lebanon. Our goal is to reach 2000 households this summer with new boxes, exciting content, and diverse activities.