

# Virtual Experience Idea Starter

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Consider the ideas below for experiences your micro-event hosts can offer to create an unforgettable, fun, and creative experience that draws people into your cause.

## Charades

- Does your organization have a program that helps remove communication barriers? Perhaps your organization provides gospel to unreached people through a language translation program. Or maybe you help formerly incarcerated people learn how to interview for a job. Misunderstood communication can feel frustrating and disheartening. Allow your guests to feel this and see how the organization helps overcome it by playing a fun game of virtual charades. Break into teams. The person who will be acting out the clue must be muted, and team members guess what they are trying to say. After the game is done, the host can tie the struggle of understanding that was created by removing an element of communication to the bridge your organization creates for people.

## A Reading

- Is there a meaningful screenplay or script that is tied to your cause? Hosts can invite friends to each participate in a read-through of the script, assigning each guest a role, costumes, backstory, etc. After reading through the script, engage in a lively discussion of how this storyline relates to the cause and the hosts own story.

## Cook Together

- Does your cause naturally lend itself to a unique style of food? Cook together. Equip your host with a recipe and shopping list. They may opt to have guests purchase their own ingredients or use a delivery service drop off customized bag of groceries specifically for the event. The host guides the guest through the recipe, step by step, sharing their story of connection to the cause while making the meal. Consider implementing thematic music during specific portions of the food preparation.

## Highs, Lows, Hopefuls

- This activity can be a stand-alone activity, used as an icebreaker, or connected to another type of event if conversation seems to lull. Have each guest share their highs, lows and hopefuls for the week. Make it more connected by tying it back to your cause. If you work internationally, consider sharing highs, lows and hopefuls for international travel experiences. If you work with children, connect it to highs, lows and hopefuls related to guests' own experiences with parenting. If your cause is evangelism, have guests share highs, lows, and hopefuls related to their own story of coming to faith in Christ. This will likely produce some vulnerable conversation between guests, making the experience that much more transformative. End with the host sharing their own story and tie it into the cause and why it is so meaningful for them. Transition to the ask and allow guests to see how the story they just shared can be connected to the cause too.

## Movie Screening

- Find a short or full-length film or documentary that is connected to your cause and invite guests to watch it together. Set a start time for the movie to begin, and either watch together through a screen sharing option on a video conference call, or on their own. When the movie ends, utilize the video conference call to discuss the film. Consider delivering movie related or cause related snacks to each guest to enjoy while watching the film.

## Trivia Night

- Create a set of cause related trivia for hosts that lasts about 30 minutes. Have guests bring their favorite beverage and snacks to enjoy while playing. Create colored teams and invite guests to deck themselves out in the team color. Host could deliver the question and then split guests into their team breakout rooms to discuss their answers.

## Game Night

- Can you find a board game that connects to the people you serve? Directly, this could be a game your beneficiaries play. Indirectly you could tie the game to a program or manifestation of the through metaphors. Websites like [Smithsonian Magazine](#) or [Board Game Arena](#) suggest online games you can play with friends.

## Craft Together

- Prepackage the materials needed for the craft project and deliver to your guests' home before the start time. Consider including some fun surprises, like a fun snack or beverage. The host will guide their guests through the steps and tie it back to the cause through their story.

## Service Project

- Are service projects involved in your programs? Invite guests to participate in a similar or alternative service project. Through your virtual conference platform, the host can engage participants in a meaningful discussion afterwards. Consider inviting members from your program who also participated in a service project to join discussion to give guests a further glimpse into the nature of the work.

## Virtual Tour

- If your cause is connected to a property, have your host guide them through the facility. In addition to their own story of connection, they can share unique stories for each room they enter.

## Treasure Hunt

- If your cause is connected to a property, hide clues around the facility. Break guests into teams, consider having them wear a special color to identify the team when they are all on the screen. Give the whole group the first clue as well as a map of the facility. Put teams into breakout rooms with a pre-appointed guide who is on the property in person. The guide who will be on the video call through their phone rather than a laptop, will take directions from the team members to find the next clues. Once someone has found all the clues and the treasure (this could be a symbolic item related to the cause) bring back the breakout rooms and celebrate the winners.

## At-Home Scavenger Hunt

- Compile a list of items that can be tied back to your cause. For example, if your cause is ending poverty, items you might include could be:
  - a wallet
  - something you purchased within the last week
  - your high school diploma
  - something you bought on sale
  - something you overpaid for
  - a gift someone gave you that you never could have bought yourself,
  - an item related to your work, etc.
  - a book that has helped you grow as an individual
- Equip guests with their lists and give them a set amount of time to go around their house to find these items. Have the host go first by sharing all that they brought back, what they mean to them and how they are connected to the cause. Allow each guest to share about the items they chose and why. Guests will have the opportunity to reflect on what they chose, and how their participation in the call to action can benefit others.
- [Teambuilding.com](#) offers more examples for virtual scavenger hunts.

## Virtual Talent Show

- Invite each guest to come up with their own talent to share on screen. Be sure to have guests mute themselves when they are not performing. Recruit judges to select the winner, or have all guests vote for their favorite.

## Camp Fire Pit

- Fire pits are synonymous with camps. Have guests light a candle and put it in front of their screen. Sing songs, eat smores, tell stories around a “fire pit.”

For more ideas, or to reference many of the useful articles these ideas came from, check out the links below:

- [Vogue: Fun Things to Do on Zoom](#)
- [Giveforms: 20 Simple but Effective Virtual Fundraising Ideas for Nonprofits](#)
- [Soapbox: Virtual Fundraising Ideas](#)
- [Teambuilding – Zoom Games](#)