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Bible Games

Bible games are activities designed to help your young people become familiar with Bible content. They can also help you revise and review what you have taught them from the Bible in youth group.

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This document contains Bible games that were collected after *Creative Christian Ideas* went into print. For more Bible Games ideas see "*Creative Christian Ideas for Youth Groups*" and "*Programs 2 Go*" by Ken Moser.

If you have a great Bible game idea that you have created – send it to us and, if suitable, we will update this document to include it along with your name.

Bible Games

Appearing Images

Search Google for pictures of stories from the Bible. Copy a picture on to PowerPoint. Make several slides of the same picture faded from barely visible to the full image. Show each slide one at a time starting with the most faded image and allow some time for the group members to try to guess what story from the Bible the picture represents.

You could show one slide of the same picture (starting with most faded) at various times during the program, increasing the visibility each time until someone guesses. Alternatively you could choose 3-4 different pictures of Bible stories and have 3-4 segments throughout the meeting where you gradually reveal each picture slide by slide until someone guesses.

The more detailed the artwork of the picture, the harder it will be to guess.

When could you use this idea?

- At the end of the term/semester/year to review the Bible teaching times.
- To start a new series by introducing stories from the book you will be studying (example, the book of Daniel)
- To start a talk by introducing a picture of the Bible story your talk refers to.
- Anytime, just for fun!

Below is a list of some suggested Bible stories:

The garden of Eden

Noah's Ark

The tower of Babel

Moses and Israelites crossing the red sea

Samson pulling down the pillars to kill the Philistines

Israelites worship the Golden Calf

Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego in the fiery furnace

Daniel in the lion's den

Jonah and the big fish

Jesus calms the storm

Transfiguration of Jesus

The Last supper

The empty tomb of Jesus

The ascension of Jesus

Paul's conversion

Bible Scavenger hunt (See also Bible Scavenger Hunt sheet on next page.)

This idea is from Creative Christian Ideas for youth groups, chapter 5 (Bible Games). Break your youth group up into smaller groups of 4-6 people. Give each group a pen and a printout of Bible Scavenger Hunt sheet with the list of Bible passages. The goal is for each group to find an object that matches each Bible passage. Give the groups time to read the passages and find items related to the passage. When they find the object they write it in the space provided. They also bring all collected items with them when you gather back together and then each group presents their list of items and explain how they are connected to each passage. Make sure they return all the items to their original locations when the activity is done.

This activity is great for:

- teaching young to look up Bible passages
- getting the group to read the Bible together
- make Bible passages familiar

Bible Limbo

This idea is from Pete Schaffler. Pete works with young people in Madagascar
(<http://missionmadagascar.info/>)

You will need: a Bible; a limbo stick and measuring stick to lower limbo each time. Divide the group into two teams.

Read a bible story/passage (ideal is to use the Bible story/passage that the teaching for that day is based on.)

Ask questions from the Bible story. When a team gets the correct answer, the whole team has to limbo under the stick. If team members hit the stick they are out but can still help answer questions. The team that limbo's the lowest after answering questions correctly wins.

NOTE: If you have a large group, you may want to have only the person that answers the question go under the limbo stick.

Bible Pictionary (variation)

This is a variation of Bible Pictionary from *Creative Christian Ideas* by Ken Moser where the Bible passage of the talk is used.

This idea is from Pete Schaffler. Pete works with young people in Madagascar
(<http://missionmadagascar.info/>)

You will need: A printed list of words from the Bible story/passage that will be used; pens; sheets of paper.

Divide the group into teams of 5-6 people.

Read the bible story/passage that the teaching for that day is based on.

Play Bible Pictionary using the words from the story. Each team comes up to the person with the list of words and is given a word. They then run back to group and

draws a picture of the word without speaking (they also cannot write words.) When someone in their team guesses they word they go up and get the next word to be drawn and continues the process. The first team to guess all words on the list wins.

Balloon popping Bible reading activity

This idea is from Pete Schaffler. Pete works with young people in Madagascar (<http://missionmadagascar.info/>)

You will need: balloons, printed Bible passage on different coloured paper (you will need one copy of the passage for each team), string and scissors.

Preparation: Cut up each colour coded bible story dividing it into paragraphs. If the passage is not very long you could divide the passage into verses (but do not include the verse number!). Insert each paragraph (or verse) in a balloon and blow it up. You will need to have the balloons already inflated with the passages inside them before youth group starts. Make sure you keep all the passages of the same colour grouped together.

Divide the group into as many teams as needed (if the Bible passage is divided into 6 sections then you will need 6 people in each team).

Each team is given a set of balloons contain sections of the printed Bible passage of the same colour. Each team attaches one of the balloons from their set to his/her ankle. When all teams are ready, the team members have to pop their colour balloons with their foot and then arrange the story in the correct order. The team with the story in the correct order first wins. The winning team then nominates a volunteer to read the Bible passage to the whole group.

As you can see we need more ideas to add to this list! Please let us know what you come up with so we can share them with others.

Bible Scavenger Hunt

Look up and read the Bible passage then find an object that somehow relates to the passage. As you collect all eight objects, write it down in the space provided.

Passage/story

Object

Genesis 7:17-18

Daniel 1:8-14

Any part of the book of Jonah

Matthew 5:13-16

Luke 6:46-49

Luke 12:22-26

John 15:1-4

Ephesians 6:10-18
