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How to

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Series Memory Verse (*LAST WEEK!*)

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Discussion Questions

1. When the Israelites lost to Ai did God give up on them?
2. What changed to give them the victory?
3. Is there anything that you feel like has defeated you?
4. Have you asked God what you should do for a victory?
5. Are you ready to see more than you could ask or imagine? Do you want to?
6. Can you remember times in the past God has been faithful and given you victory?
7. Is there anything now that you need prayer over to have victory?



Game Ideas

Bear > Ninja > Cowboy >

A variation of paper rock scissors where the players act the part rather than using their hands.

Two players stand back-to-back and count to three.

They then quickly turn to face each other and act the part of a bear, ninja, or cowboy.

The bear mauls the ninja, the ninja kicks the cowboy, and the cowboy shoots the bear.

Group Modifications...

Can be played tournament style, where the winners of each game move on to play winners of other games until there is only one champion.

or where the winner of each round gains the following of the participants they just defeated. Play until there are only two players left, with half of the room rooting for one player, and the other half cheering for the other.

Trust Walk

Divide the kids into two teams.

On each team - One person is blindfolded, and another will be leading.

The one who is leading needs to guide the other through an obstacle course of some sort. The leader cannot touch the other person and must direct them using only words.

Then the person who just went through the obstacle course becomes the leader and the next person in line puts on the blindfold until the whole team has completed the challenge.

Group Modifications...

To make it more difficult have an entire group lead one person and take turns.

...Or have 1 person they listen to and one (or more) they should not listen to.

4 Corners

To begin, four corners (or general areas) of the room are marked from the numbers one to four.

One player is designated to be "It," or the "counter."

This player sits in the middle of the room and closes his or her eyes, or exits the room, and counts to ten.

The remaining players choose any one of the corners and quietly go and stand in that area.

When the "It" player has finished counting, he or she calls out one of the numbers.

All players who had chosen that corner or area are out of the game, and they sit down.

Then, "It" counts again, and the remaining players move to a different corner. Unless the corner is out.

The last person to still be in the game wins, and usually becomes the new "It."

If "It" calls out a corner containing no players, she either calls out another number right away or the players rotate to a new corner, according to different versions of gameplay.



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Captain's Orders

You have one person to be the leader or "Captain".

They call out different actions. (Pick and choose the best actions for your group. Or make up your own)

Man Overboard: Players drop to the floor into planking position.

Captain's Coming: Players stand at attention and salute the 'captain'.

Starboard or Port: Players must run to the designated side of the room.

Scrub The Deck: Players squat on the ground and scrub the deck.

Climb The Rigging: Players stand up and pretend to climb the rigging.

person rowboat: Players sit in a row in the number called, start rowing, and singing 'row, row, row your boat'

[option: start with higher numbers and each time decrease the number]

Who's In Charge Here

Have everyone form a circle.

Using whatever method you like, choose a "Guesser" who then leaves the room.

Within the remaining circle, choose a "Leader," who will remain leader for the that round.

The remaining players in the circle are the "Followers."

The "Leader's" job is to make fun motions (stomp in place, clap hands, windmill arms) that the rest of the "Followers" will begin imitating the "Leader" as quickly as possible.

The "Leader" can change motions as often as they like within the round.

The "Leader" should try to conceal their identity from the "Guesser" and avoid changing motions while the "Guesser" is looking in their direction.

"Followers" also need to avoid giving up the "Leader's" identity. For example, "Followers" should avoid staring at the "Leader," which would be an obvious giveaway.

The "Guesser" returns to the room and stands in the middle of the group.

The "Guesser's" job is to determine who the "Leader" is.

The "Guesser" has three attempts to guess correctly who the "Leader" is.

If the "Guesser" accurately identifies the "Leader" the round ends.

If the "Guesser" cannot identify the "Leader" within three attempts (see "Game Modifications" below) then the round ends, and the "Leader" is revealed.

The game can be played as many times as desired or as time permits.

If the "Guesser" cannot decide and is taking a long time, someone in charge should tell them they have 10 seconds to make a guess to keep the game moving.

Instructions for Larger and Smaller Groups

Group Modifications...



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Smaller Groups – If you are playing “Who’s In Charge” with a group of 5-10, you’ll likely want to limit the number of guesses that the “Guesser” can make to one or two. (See “Add A Timer” below for more ideas for a smaller group.)

Larger Groups – If playing with larger groups (30+), you may want to increase the number of guesses that “Guesser” can make in order to give them more of a chance.

Add A Timer – Another way to play this game is to ask the “Guesser” to stand in the center and simply observe the “Followers” for one minute, recorded with a timer (such as on your phone). When the timer sounds, the “Guesser” then has one (or more) guesses to determine the “Leader”. This modification is one way to make the game more challenging and fun for a smaller group.