

Idol Elimination

Materials

- ☐ Balled up sheets of paper or foam balls, two or more per student
- ☐ Masking tape or cones
- ☐ Timer

Instructions

Use tape or cones to create a dividing line in the center of the room. Divide class into teams and have them stand on opposite sides of the line. Place foam balls/crumpled papers equally on the floor on each side.

Explain that the balls represent the idols that Josiah destroyed throughout the land. Teams will be racing to pick up and toss the foam/paper “idols” onto the other side of the line. But, the other team will be doing the same thing—at the same time!

When you say “Go,” both teams will throw balls from their side to the other team’s side. When you say “Stop” (after about 30 seconds), students must freeze while you count the balls on each side. The team with the fewest number of balls on their side wins. You may play several rounds adding more balls or changing the time limit.

Suggested Discussion

Josiah was determined to eliminate the idolatry in the land of Judah. He destroyed the carved images, tore down altars, and even ground the idols to powder! Josiah set an example of wholehearted devotion to God. He was serious about removing sin in the land, and he even went north to some of the remaining tribes in Israel to stop idolatry there.

While we won’t necessarily be tempted to worship carved idols, we can still be tempted to put the things of the world above the things of God. Like Josiah, we should be eager to remove those things in our lives that distract us from God.