

Time to Move

Materials

- ☐ Chairs, at least 4 per group
- ☐ Sheets/tablecloths, at least 1 per group

Instructions

Explain that each team will be racing to build a simple “tent” using chairs and a sheet/tablecloth. Demonstrate or explain the tent you want them to build (e.g., place chairs a couple of feet apart in two rows with their backs facing each other then drape the sheet/tablecloth over the backs of the chairs).

Set out four chairs for each team in an area of the room where students can build their tents. Divide students into teams of four (or more). Provide sheets/tablecloths for each group and have teams line up on one side of the room. When you say “Time to move!” teams will carry their sheets to a set of chairs, drape their sheets over the chairs, and then get under them. The first team to successfully set up a tent and get in it wins.

For the next round, teams will race to tear down their tents, carry their sheets to another group of chairs and set up their tents there. The first team to set up and get inside the tent wins. Play again as time permits.

Optional: have all students work together to set up one large tent and get inside it. Time how long it takes them. Then have them tear down and set it up in another area. See if their time improves.

Suggested Discussion

Remember, the Israelites were on their way to the Promised Land of Canaan. They were traveling and living in tents. So God told them to make the tabernacle like a tent, too. The priests and Levites were in charge of taking it down and setting it back up every time they moved to a new camp. God gave them good instructions for building everything to be easy to carry. The people followed God’s instructions and helped each other to make sure it was done right every time they moved.