

Assyrians Are Coming!

Materials

- ☐ Paper plates or pieces of paper
- ☐ Masking tape

Instructions

Use masking tape to make a finish line on one end of the room. Choose one student to represent Israel and stand behind the line. Have the rest of the students (the Assyrians) stand against the wall at the other end of the room. Scatter the paper plates or pieces of paper on the floor between the finish line and the back wall.

Tell the Israel student he will start by facing the Assyrians then alternate turning away from them and back again during the game. Whenever Israel turns away from the Assyrians, they must move toward him by stepping only on the paper plates. If anyone's feet touch the floor, he will have to start over. When the Israel student turns toward the Assyrians, all Assyrians must freeze—even in midstep. If anyone moves before Israel turns away again, he must start over. Continue until the first Assyrian reaches the finish line. If there is time, allow that player to become the Israel student and play again.

Suggested Discussion

If you were Israel in our game, it was maybe a little scary to turn around and see all those Assyrians coming toward you. It was very scary for the people of Israel to see the Assyrian army march closer and closer to the capital city of Samaria. Many people ran inside the city walls to hide, hoping they would stay safe. But the Assyrians camped just outside the city. Israel was trapped, and God was allowing it to happen. He had warned them many times that his judgment would come.