

Israelites Vs Midianites

Materials

- ☐ Masking tape or cones

Instructions

This game works best in a large classroom, a gym, or outside with space for students to run.

Divide class into two equal teams. Mark a dividing line across the middle of the room with masking tape or cones. Have teams line up on either side of the line. Assign one team to be Israelites and the other to be Midianites. Designate a “base” for each team, which can be a wall or an area behind another line of tape or cones a distance away from the middle. Teams will be “safe” when they pass the line or touch the wall.

When you call out “Israelites,” the Israelites will turn and chase the Midianites, who will run and try to reach their base before being tagged. Those who reach their base are safe and remain Midianites. Any Midianites who are tagged become Israelites and line up on the other side for the next round. The same applies when “Midianites” are called. They will chase and try to tag the Israelites before they reach their base. Teams return to the center line after each round. Repeat as desired or until one team has all been caught and has no more players.

Suggested Discussion

Numbers made a big difference in our game today. The team that had more players had an advantage against the other team. But in the battle of Gideon and 300 men against 135,000 Midianites, numbers didn’t matter because God was fighting for the Israelites. The numbers proved that God won the victory for Israel, not Gideon or his men. When God is on your side, numbers don’t matter!