Games

Game 1: Joshua's Wisdom Relay Race

Objective: Reinforce the lessons from Joshua 23 through a fun and interactive relay race.

Number of Players: 8-16 (split into two teams)

Materials Needed:
- Two large sheets of butcher paper
- Markers
- Timer or stopwatch
- A list of questions from Joshua 23

Setup:
1. Write a question related to Joshua 23 on each sheet of butcher paper.
2. Create a start and finish line in a playground or large room.

Instructions:
1. Divide the students into two teams and have them line up behind the start line.
2. Each team receives butcher paper with a question from Joshua 23 written on it.
3. At the signal, the first player in each team runs to a designated spot with their paper and writes an answer to the question.
4. The players run back to the start line, pass the paper to the next team member, who adds another word to the answer.
5. This continues until the team believes their answer is complete.
6. Instructors verify the answer; the first team to correctly complete their answer wins.
7. Discuss the answers as a group.

Lesson Reinforcement: This game encourages students to recall and apply the wisdom and guidance Joshua imparts in Chapter 23, emphasizing themes like obedience and faithfulness.

Game 2: Promise Stones Puzzle

Objective: Understand God's promises and Joshua's leadership through a creative puzzle activity.

Number of Players: 4-10

Materials Needed:
- Flat stones or puzzle pieces
- Permanent markers
- Copies of key verses from Joshua 23

Setup:
1. Write parts of key verses on each piece or stone.
2. Scatter the pieces around a designated area.

Instructions:

1. Players are tasked to find all pieces scattered around.
2. Once all pieces are collected, students work together to fit the stones or puzzle pieces into a coherent text.
3. When they complete the text, discuss its meaning and relevance to Joshua's message in Chapter 23.
4. Reflect on why these promises were important and how they can apply today.

Lesson Reinforcement: Assembling the puzzle illustrates how Joshua reminded the Israelites of God's promises, emphasizing the importance of faithful adherence to God's word.

Game 3: Obedience Obstacle Course

Objective: Highlight Joshua's call for obedience and perseverance through a physical activity.

Number of Players: 6-12

Materials Needed:
- Cones or markers to outline an obstacle course
- Index cards with obedience-themed tasks
- Small prizes for completing tasks

Setup:
1. Set up an obstacle course with multiple stations.
2. Place an index card with a task at each station.

Instructions:
1. Players take turns navigating the course.
2. At each station, they must perform a task that represents an act of obedience (like reciting a verse or helping another student) before proceeding.
3. Once a player completes the course, they reflect on how overcoming the obstacles relates to following God's commandments.
4. Discuss as a team the role of obedience in maintaining unity and strength, as highlighted in Joshua's farewell address.

Lesson Reinforcement: The physical challenge and task completion illustrate the importance of obedience and perseverance, underscoring the lessons from Joshua 23 about staying true to God's word.