Games

Gideon's Quest

Game 1: The Secret Message Relay

Objective: Reinforce the importance of listening to God as Gideon did.

Number of Players: 6-12

Materials Needed:
- Index cards
- Markers
- Bible (optional for reference)

Setup:
1. Write a simple Bible verse or message related to Judges 6 on an index card (e.g., "The Lord is peace").
2. Divide players into two teams.
3. Arrange teams in two parallel lines.

Instructions:
1. Whisper the message to the first player in each line.
2. Players will relay the message by whispering it to the next teammate until it reaches the last player.
3. The last player writes down the message on an index card.
4. Reveal the original message and compare it to what the teams wrote down.
5. Discuss the importance of listening carefully, tying it back to Gideon hearing God's instructions.

Lesson Reinforcement: This game highlights how Gideon listened to God, emphasizing active listening and comprehension.

Game 2: Gideon's Army Building

Objective: Teach about Gideon’s selection of only 300 men, encouraging teamwork and decision-making.

Number of Players: 8-20

Materials Needed:
- Masking tape
- Balloons
- Stopwatch or timer

Setup:
1. Use masking tape to mark a start and finish line about 20 feet apart.
2. Scatter balloons in between and along the path.

Instructions:
1. Divide players into two teams of "soldiers."
2. Players line up behind the start line.
3. Each team must maneuver balloons from the start to the finish using only their bodies (no hands).
4. Time each team's attempt.
5. Adjust group size by having some "soldiers" step aside, simulating the reduction of Gideon's army.
6. Discuss strategies for working together and consider the result when teams are smaller or larger.

Lesson Reinforcement: The game illustrates how God used a small, carefully chosen group to achieve victory, encouraging participants to think strategically and work together regardless of team size.

Game 3: Quiet Place Hunt

Objective: Relate to Judges 6:11, where Gideon was found threshing wheat in secret, encouraging finding quiet moments with God.

Number of Players: 4-10

Materials Needed:
- Small objects like stones or coins
- Paper and pencils

Setup:
1. Hide small objects around the play area.
2. Hand out paper and pencils to each player.

Instructions:
1. Explain that the objects represent the wheat Gideon was secretly threshing.
2. Give players a hint or two about where objects might be hidden.
3. Set a timer for 5 minutes.
4. Players search quietly, collecting as many objects as possible.
5. After time is up, gather to count and discuss findings.
6. Emphasize the importance of seeking quiet time for reflection and listening to God.

Lesson Reinforcement: Encourages students to find and appreciate quiet moments, as Gideon did, reinforcing the value of personal time with God.