

Games

Game 1: Story Relay

Objective: Reinforce the story of 2 Samuel 14 through a fun and active relay race.

Players: 6-12 students

Materials Needed:

- A printed summary of 2 Samuel 14 broken into key events
- A baton or stick for relay

Setup:

1. Divide the students into two teams.
2. Choose an open area and establish a starting line and a finish line.
3. Place the printed story summary in strips near the finish line.

Instructions:

1. Each team lines up at the starting line.
2. On a signal, the first player from each team runs to the finish line, grabs the first strip of the story, and returns.
3. The next player repeats this process until all strips are collected.
4. Once all strips are collected, the team works together to arrange them in the correct order of the story.
5. The first team to arrange their story correctly wins!

Educational Value: Encourages teamwork, reinforces sequencing and story comprehension, and makes learning interactive.

Game 2: Character Match-Up

Objective: Familiarize students with the characters in 2 Samuel 14 and their roles.

Players: 4-8 students

Materials Needed:

- Character name cards (Absalom, Joab, the Wise Woman of Tekoa, King David)
- Role description cards

Setup:

1. Prepare two sets of cards: one with character names and another with role descriptions.
2. Shuffle each set of cards.

Instructions:

1. Lay out the name cards facing up across a table or on the floor.
2. Shuffle the role description cards and give them to the students.
3. Each student selects a description card and matches it to the corresponding character name.
4. After all matches are made, discuss each character and role to ensure understanding.

Educational Value: Helps students learn about key characters and their importance in the story by matching descriptions with names.

Game 3: Scene Skit

Objective: Encourage creativity and understanding by performing key scenes from 2 Samuel 14.

Players: 4-10 students

Materials Needed:

- Simple costumes or props (optional)
- Scene scripts (prepared excerpts from the story)

Setup:

1. Select key scenes from 2 Samuel 14, such as the interaction between Joab and the wise woman or David and Absalom.
2. Prepare short scripts for each scene.

Instructions:

1. Divide the students into small groups of 2-3 players.
2. Assign each group a scene and the corresponding script.
3. Give students a few minutes to practice their scene.
4. Have each group perform their scene for the class.
5. After each performance, discuss what happened in the scene and its significance.

Educational Value: Enhances understanding through dramatization, builds confidence in public speaking, and adds an element of fun through creative expression.