



Faith Game

Title: Trusting the Voice

Bible: Hebrews 11:1; Psalm 119:105

Supplies Needed

- Items for obstacle course (could include chairs, cones, books, coats, shoes... basically anything that you would want the contestants to "avoid")
- Blindfolds

Space Requirements

- You will need room to setup a sort of obstacle course. This space can be as small or large as you would like it to be depending on the size of the teams competing.

Game Description (Small Youth Group)

Select six students and pair them up. One will be the "voice" while the other will be the "contestant". Have the "voices" stand at the end of the obstacle course while the "contestants" are blindfolded and placed at the beginning. When the game starts the "voices" must guide their specific "contestant" to the finish line at the other end of the obstacle course. The first "contestant" to cross the finish line wins.

Game Description (Large Youth Group):

Divide the group into teams (two or three works best). Have each team select two players: one will be the "voice" the other will be the game's "contestant". Have the "voice" stand at the end of the obstacle course. Make sure that the "contestant" knows who is the "voice" and can recognize the sound of his/her voice. Have the members from the other team surround the obstacle course. Blindfold the "contestant" and place him/her at the beginning of the obstacle course. When the game starts, the "voice" must guide the "contestant" through the obstacle course while the opposing team tries to distract the "contestant" with incorrect directions. If the groups are very large the game leader has the option to limit the opposing team to using whispers as apposed to shouting.

In this scenario there can be multiple “voices” and “contestants” competing on the same course if space allows. The goal of the game is for the “contestant(s)” to be guided through the obstacle course by their “voice” despite the surrounding distractions.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. (New Living Translation)

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. (New Living Translation)

As we saw in the game we just played, sometimes it can be really hard to follow a voice in the middle of all the distractions. How can we find our way when we can't see where we are going and can hardly understand what our Guide is saying? Even when we can hear Him, how do we know it is safe for us to follow?

The two verses that we just read are foundational for Christians when it comes to understanding how faith works. In Psalm 119:105 we see that our Guide, the “Voice” that we need to follow is God's Word. In Hebrews 11:1 we see that faith is what gives us strength to follow that “Voice” even when we can't see where it is leading us. Make no mistake about it, faith takes hard work. It takes trust, focus, and the ability to ignore the distractions around us. Overall, faith requires us to understand that the true “Voice” knows the absolute best way through the giant obstacle course that is life.

Discussion Questions

- What was the hardest part about being the blindfolded person in the game?
- What are some of the distractions in life that make it hard to hear God's Voice?
- Why is sometimes so hard for us to use God's Word as our guide in life?
- What are some ways that we can shut out the “distractions” around us?
- How can we make our faith stronger?