

CROWD GAMES

Big Balloon Bop:

This is a simple game. Go to your local art supply or party supply store and buy the biggest balloons they carry. (16" are cool, 3' are better). Divide the crowd in two. Have numerous staff throw the balloons in the crowd and have the crowd try to hit the balloons to the other side of the crowd.

A fun twist to the game is, when done, tell the kids to pop the balloons and have #'s in a few of the balloons. Bring the kids with the #'s up front to use in an up-front game or to give a prize to.

Cell Phone Challenge

This is a cool little modern game idea. Have someone hidden in the crowd with a cell phone on. You have another phone up front with the number for the other one programmed in it. Bring up a kid from the audience, dial the other phone, hand him the phone and tell him to find the other one as fast as he can.

Hints: Test the room to make sure that cell phones work. Also, most cell phones will only ring four times and then will go to voice mail . . . so tell the kid to hit end and send again every four rings!

Cell Phone Pizza Challenge:

Find two local pizza places that deliver. During the beginning of the evening, divide the crowd in two and bring up a representative from each side. Hand each representative a cell phone and phone # of two competing pizza places. Have them each order a large pizza, tell the delivery person the situation, and that there's a \$20 tip for the one that arrives first. Clearly announce to the crowd which pizza place is coming for each team.

As you are continuing your program, one side of the room will erupt into applause when a pizza driver comes in representing their side of the room. Interview the deliverer and give him the \$20 tip in front of the crowd. (You can then have up front games lined up where winners get a piece of pizza.)

The Duct Tape Challenge:

Divide into even teams and have each team select a volunteer- preferably a small, light one. Give each team a roll of duct tape. The object is to tape a team member up on to the wall, using no more than the provided role of tape. The one who stays up the longest is the winner. (At one event, a middle school kid was on the wall for 30 minutes!)

Hint: Make sure you use the tape that doesn't leave sticky stuff on the wall or tear off paint (especially in rented or borrowed facilities!) Provide a soft landing for youth as they drop off the wall!

Move right if:

Just like it sounds. Tell the people in the crowd to "move right if . . ." (e.g. they are wearing green, if they're in eighth grade, if their birthday is this month, etc.) Be creative! (move two seats to the left if . . .) Kids will end up on multiple layers of laps or under others.

Mattress Pass:

Easy! Two mattresses in the back- one on each side of the crowd. Get a kid on top of each one and have the audience pass the mattress (with the kid on it) to the front.

CAUTION: Have staff all around the crowd to catch the kid on the edges- very important to avoid any injury!

Candy Hunt

This game works very well as a crowd breaker for large crowds. Gather a few distinctly different types of candy and tape them under the chairs of your audience before the meeting. Keep in mind when deciding how many types of candy you use that you will want the teams to be as evenly numbered as possible. Have your MC explain the activity as follows:

Groups must look underneath their seat, grab the candy bar and then find the other people in the room with that candy bar.

Once all team members have found their respective group, they must eat their candy and present their wrappers to one person on the team who will bring them all to the MC.

This gets the crowd up and interacting and provides a boost of energy to your meeting. It is also a good idea to have some high energy back ground music.

I Need a Shoelace:

This game can be played with small or huge groups. The up-front person divides teams (in audiences of rallies or other large gatherings you can make each section of chairs a group). The up-front person then yells out a demand for an somewhat common item that people might have on them. The first team to bring up that item wins that round. Have each team elect ONE runner to run the item up to the person up front. (Examples: I need a shoelace, I need a student body card, I need 13 shoes tied together, I need 3 belts hooked together)

Mummy Wrap:

This game is also in the regular game list- but in a big crowd you can throw out toilet paper to different sections of the crowd and have them do it right there. Give each section a roll or two of toilet paper. Make sure you give each team or section the same amount. The section wraps up (like a mummy) a person in the group. The object of the game is to: See who can wrap up their "mummy" first or who is most creative in their "mummifying". Have the staff vote. You need a bunch of rolls of toilet paper, depending on the size of your crowd.

Row Organizer:

The reason that this game is good is because it takes no props! Just tell the crowd that each individual row is a team (make sure all rows have at least 7 or 8 people in them). Then you tell everyone to organize themselves in their row by . . . (height, birthday, shoe size, age, # of speeding tickets, etc.) First row to do it gets a point. Keep score and give the winning row a prize.

Superball Pass:

This is a great game to be done in a sanctuary with pews. Divide the crowd in half. Have several members from each side of the sanctuary go to the back of the room behind the last pew. Dump a pile (about 20 is good) of superballs in front of the first pew. The kids in the pews must get the superballs to the people in the back of the room by shoving/throwing/passing them UNDER THE PEWS. Nothing can go over a pew. First team to get a certain # of the balls to the back (75%) is the winner!

Suran Wrap Body Pass:

Get 4 staff members from the crowd (as many staff as you have sections of the crowd- divided by isles) Have each staff member stand in front of a given section of crowd that can cheer for their staff member. Have each staff member grab about 3 or 4 kids to “wrap them.” Hand each group 3 or 4 rolls of Saran Wrap, tell them to mummy them and yell “Go!” (I tell the staff to put their hands in the air so they have them free for later!)

When they are wrapped up- ask the crowd what the best way to judge who is wrapped the best- then announce that you have an idea. “Pick them up and pass them to the back of the crowd and back up front again. First section to do that wins!”

Tape Head:

The same as I need a Shoelace with an added twist! Have the runners or team leaders have a hat with tape all over it on their head. Teams must stick the items called for to the hat to remain there til the end of the game.

Musical Food

Put an apple, and onion, and tomato, etc. in separate lunch bags in front of everyone. Mix them up, throw them out into crowd, start music. When music stops whoever has a bag takes a bite. You may need referees to declare who had it when the music stopped. The number of objects will obviously depend on size of your youth group. Try to think of great objects!

Sit Down If

Instructions:

Ask the entire group to stand.

Instruct them to sit down when the statement characterizes them and remain seated.

Encourage them to be as honest as possible.

If you have trouble because most are not sitting down, give them general characteristics (sit down if you are under 15, if you have on white socks, if you are in love).

Sit Down Mixer Number 1

Sit down if:

You haven't used deodorant in a week ... two days.

You haven't won the same socks two days in a row.

You sing in the shower.

You drive a Volkswagon.

Your belly button is an outie.

You kiss with your eyes open.

You went to the drive-in this weekend but didn't see the movie.

You haven't taken a shower in a week.

You kiss sloppy.

You didn't use mouthwash today.

You are a girl and you didn't shave your legs today.

You are a guy and you didn't shave your legs today.

You are ugly.

Sit Down Mixer Number 2

Sit down if:

Your nose is crooked

You believe each person should pay expenses on the first date.

You are mad at your girlfriend or boyfriend now.

You still suck your thumb.

Your socks don't match.

You are ticklish.

You wear baby doll pajamas.

You walk funny.

You weigh less than 100 pounds.

Your nose is running and you don't have a handkerchief.

You're going steady but you wish you weren't.

You are good-looking but not conceited.

Sit Down Mixer Number 3

Sit down if:

You have ever eaten snails.

You are cross-eyed.

Your mother still dresses you.
You use Ban deodorant.
You have never lied to your mother.
The person in front of you smells.
You have a hole in your sock.
Your zipper is open.
You got a traffic ticket lately.
You are on a diet.
You aren't on a diet but you should be.
You aren't on a diet but the person next to you should be.
You have never stolen a street marker.
You have a false tooth.
You are really good looking.
Stand up if the person next to you just sat down and was wrong.

Your socks don't match.
Your mother still dresses you.
You are a guy and you shaved your legs today.
You are a girl and you didn't shave your legs today.
Sit down if you have a watch on.
Your nose is running and you don't have a handkerchief.
,If this is your second youth meeting.
You still suck your thumb.
If you are grade 8.
If you have a mistress as a teacher.
You have a false tooth.
Sit down if you enjoy watching Indian Movies.
You are under 12 years old.
If you think youth meetings are interesting.
If you are proud to be a Hindu.