

Sample Game: Frozen Legos

Topic: Patience

Bible: 2 Peter 3:9

Supplies:

- As many Legos as you think you will need to have teams of 4 build something (You can purchase large buckets of Lego's online or use individual Lego sets, or check your local resale shop)
- Four Lego people for each team
- Lots of plastic containers that can you can freeze
- Popsicles for after the game



Directions:

1. Divide your Legos (all except the people) into equal piles and place them in plastic containers with water and freeze them solid a few days before game day.
2. On game day, you can take the ice blocks out of the containers if you wish (just run under hot water for a min until pops out) or just leave them in the containers.
3. Divide you students into teams of four, and give each team four Lego people.
4. Have students spread out in a circle. Place the frozen Legos in the center of the circle.
5. On go teams will grab 1 frozen block at a time and begin to defrost or melt the Legos out of the ice.
6. They can blow on it, use their hands to melt the ice, hold it up to the sun, etc. They just **cannot** break the ice on a hard surface.
7. They do not have to get every Lego out of each ice block, just the ones they feel they need for their construction.
8. Each team can only have one frozen block at a time. At any time they can return the ice block to the center and get another one.
9. As the teams gather their pieces they are to design and build a vehicle that is large enough to seat 4 Lego people and can do two of the following:
 - a. Drive on the ground, fly in the air, or go under water.
10. Give your students 20 minutes to defrost and build their vehicles.
11. Leaders will judge the final creations on following criteria: the overall appearance, imagination, if the vehicle meets the rules properly, the amount of Legos used, or whatever one you think looks coolest.

Say: Brrrrrr my hands got cold just watching you all. But the vehicles you all came up with are pretty cool. So who needs some hand warmers right now?

What a great game, it is filled with teamwork, imagination, and creativity, but I think the most important thing was patience. You had to be patient to melt the Legos out of the ice. Patience was needed to see what piece you were going to get, patience waiting for another team to return an ice block that had a piece you needed. Some of you may have been about to lose your patience when you couldn't get a Lego you thought you needed.

Ask:

- How hard was it to melt the ice?
- Did you get frustrated at any time?
- Was there a time you just wanted to break the ice on the ground and take what you needed?
- How is following God like the game?
- Does God give you the pieces you need to a problem right away? Why?
- Do you ever get frustrated thinking God isn't working fast enough for you?
- How do you respond to God when He isn't working fast enough?
- Have you ever gotten so frustrated with God that you just went and did what you thought was right? What happened?

Say: See one of the coolest things about God is that He is what we call omniscient. Weird word yes and a little hard to pronounce but it means that God is all-knowing. Take a second to think about this all-knowing concept; He knows everything, about everyone, about the past and what's in the future, and most importantly He know what is best.

Ask:

- How does that make you feel?

Say: When we feel God isn't listening and He isn't doing something we are asking for, it isn't that He is not listening to us. See He already knows what we need and when we need it. But because we are either hurting or scared or worried we want it fixed right away. Gods wants us to rely on Him for everything, if He gave us everything right away we would never have a chance to build our faith in Him.

Read: 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord isn't really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

Say: God may seem like He is not answering your prayers but in fact God's time schedule is modified by patience. See we need to be patient and have faith God

knows best and will answer our prayers, but we know it will be when He knows we need it. Remember God is patient with us; we mess and we need to ask Him for forgiveness all the time. But He is patient with us and loves us no matter what, so we need to work hard at doing the same.

Close: There may be some students that have been having a hard time with this issue. They may have become frustrated with God about something they have been praying about and feel He isn't listening. Give the students some alone time to pray with God. Have them spend some time talking to Him and renewing their faith in Him. Remind them He is all knowing and knows what is best and when.