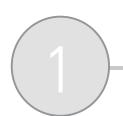


# **Interactive Worships**

Here are a few worship activities and games that involve people of all sizes—the more the merrier!



### **Hunt. Show. Tell.**



A wannabe scavenger hunt—indoors or out

**Instructions:** Divide into two teams. Photocopy or cut out the lists below, then have the teams find the items and keep them on their plate. Substitute items as appropriate. Review the items, then ask the questions below. Judges determine the best answers. Make a new list and play again.

TEAM A	TEAM B
soap	eraser
bread	flower
pinecone	string
paper clip	green stick
iPhone	Bible
leaf	salt
drinking glass	fruit
rock	coins
book	feather
lightbulb	CD
pencil	hat

#### Ask each team the following questions:

- 1. Which items on your list will be found in heaven?
- 2. Which items will not be needed in heaven? Why?
- 3. What might we use instead of these things?
- 4. Share an object lesson from two items on your list.

### **Guess-It Bag**

**Instructions:** Before worship begins, place five\* containers, such as a paper bag, small box, designer bag, wrapped jar, boot/shoe, etc., on the table. Number each on the outside but have the number upside down. Each will contain one human-made item, such as a key, paper clip, spoon, pencil, fishing line, etc.

### **How to Play:**

Each player is to choose one container, but will take his or her turn in play by the number on the container. No one is to see the item except the one holding the container.

The player looks inside and tries to describe the item while the others attempt to guess what it is by the verbal description only. If no one can guess within two minutes, the bag gets passed to the next person to play.

All the things in the containers are human-made. When the item is guessed, the one holding the container shows it and explains how it is similar in design or function to something in nature, or to something Jesus might have used while here on earth.

<sup>\*</sup>Varies with number of players.







## **Clothesline Baseball Worship**



**Theme:** Garden of Eden. Most of the questions come from *The Bible Story*, volume 1, pages 53 and 57.

**Instructions:** Photocopy and fold the questions below and then hang them along a line that stretches across the room. The kids will select a question from the line, read it aloud, then answer the question. If they answer correctly (according to the "umpire"), they advance to the base shown on the question. But if they cannot answer, they are out. They must wait their turn to draw again. When a kid gets on base, he or she stays there until their next turn or until someone knocks them to another base or home plate. Whenever they cross the "plate" they get the points shown in parentheses. Don't let the game become competitive.

What was called God's "fairest" creation? (one free point) What did God use to "build" a woman? (one free point) Where did God put Adam and Eve after He created them? (one free point) When God planted the Garden of Eden, did He use seeds? (double) Did God make Adam and Eve a palace home of gold and silver? (single) How did God's huge garden keep watered? (single) What was God's original system of surround-sound music? (double) What did God place in the center of the garden? (*triple*) Why did God place a fruit tree in the garden from which Adam and Eve could not eat? (home run) Why did God create nighttime in the garden? (*triple*) Why did God create a rest day when no one was tired? (*home run*) What do you think God did with Adam and Eve on the first Sabbath? (triple) Of all the things that God made that first week, what was His "prize" creation? (single) Why didn't Adam and Eve need a shelter over their heads? (double)

What did God do with the tree of life? (home run)

### What on Earth Will heaven Be Like?

**Instructions:** Tag three areas on the floor at some distance apart with masking tape and label them "True," "False," and "Not Sure." Explain that the players are to run to the box that shows their answer. If they don't know the answer, stand in the "Not Sure" box, then discuss the question.

This quiz also makes a great children's story for church, but use hand gestures instead of running.

#### Heaven

- 1. **T/F** All the flowers in heaven will be pure white.
- 2. **T/F** More people live on earth today than there are angels in heaven.
- 3. **T/F** Someday the earth will burn up completely and be remade.
- 4. **T/F** We will need angel police to keep Satan and His evil angels out of heaven.
- 5. **T/F** Heaven will have many kinds of animals, birds, flowers, and fruit that we have not yet seen, smelled, or tasted.
- 6. **T/F** Jesus has not had any water since He drank it with His disciples while here on earth.
- 7. **T/F** When we see Jesus for the first time, He will have scars on *both* hands.
- 8. T/F No human has ever gone to or seen heaven before.
- 9. **T/F** It will *not* be necessary for us to build our homes in heaven since Jesus will have already built *everything* for us.
- 10. **T/F** Someday heaven will be relocated.
- 11. T/F Heaven will have *no* musical instruments, only choirs.
- 12. T/F We will travel to other solar systems from heaven.
- 13. **T/F** *Only* humans just like us dwell on the other planets.
- 14. T/F Our angel will tell us *only* the unsafe things we've done.
- 15. **T/F** In heaven we will be able to talk with God the Father.

### **Scriptoleous Guessing Quiz**

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**Instructions:** Read aloud and challenge one or a team.

- 1. There were **three** men in the fiery furnace. Name them. (*Shadrach*, *Meshach*, *Abednego*) (Daniel 3:23)
- 2. T/F The serpent in the Garden of Eden was multicolored. (true)
- 3. God told Moses how to build the earthly sanctuary. What kind of wood was he to use for the ark of the covenant? (*shittim or acacia*) (Exodus 25:10)
- 4. How many lions were in the lions' den: 3, 7, 10? (not told)
- 5. What is the name of the man who baptized Jesus? (*John*) (Matthew 3:13)
- 6. Name the first four books of the New Testament. (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*)
- 7. In Jesus' parable, what did a woman find in her house that caused her to celebrate? (*coin*) (Luke 15:9)
- 8. What was Jesus' earthly father's name? (Joseph) (Matthew 2:13)
- 9. What was created on the sixth day? (man and animals) (Genesis 1:24-31)
- 10. a. How much of our money belongs to God? (all)b. How much does He ask us to faithfully return to Him? (one tenth) (Malachi 3:10)
- 11. Name Noah's three sons that went into the ark. (*Shem, Ham, Japheth*) (Genesis 6:10, 18)
- 12. What was the name of the man Jesus raised from the dead? (*Lazarus*) (John 11:14, 43, 44)
- 13. What was Jesus' cousin's name? (*John*) (Matthew 3:13; Luke 1:36-80)
- 14. What very unusual thing did Moses find while walking through the desert? (burning bush) (Exodus 3:2)
- 15. Name four of Jesus' disciples. (Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas) (Matthew 10:2-4)

**Instructions:** Enjoy a Bible scavenger hunt. Gather together such items as a basket, old coin, old pottery, a bag of seeds, faded cloth or burlap, small jars, replicas of Roman helmet or sword, straw—anything the people of Bible times might have used. Hide them when the kids aren't looking—around the room or yard before church. After lunch, announce the game and the items you've hidden, and let them go! They are to **find, but not touch**, as many as they can in three minutes, then take you around and show where each is hidden. The anticipation will be as fun as the hunt! They can now rehide them for each other. Discuss one or several of the items in worship. Don't let it become competitive.







