

Avoiding Evil

Object Lesson Games

For this activity, you need a spice container (I used a jar of poppy seeds.) and a smooth table for this game. Give each person as many turns as you desire. The object is to slide the jar across the table and get it as close to the edge as possible without it falling off.



Next, you need a magnet (I used some from a game we have.) and a small metal object, such as a metal ball (or another game piece). Place the magnet on the table. Give a person the metal object. The goal is to roll or slide the metal object as close as possible to the magnet without getting caught in the magnetic pull and sucked in to the magnet.



The Lesson Learned

In the first game, teach that it is easiest to keep from falling off the table by staying towards the center of the table, just like it is easiest to keep from sin if we keep the Savior as the center of our lives.

The second game demonstrates the way in which Satan works. He will entice you to come a little closer, come a little closer, until you are caught in his magnetic pull and he ensnares you. Again the best choice is to draw near to Jesus and stay there. The closer you get to the sin that Satan wants you to do, the easier it is for him to entice you further away from the Lord.

Story

Here's an outline of a little story that demonstrates this principle well. You can add a few embellishments using your own words to make the story a little more realistic and fun. This summary was taken from [here](#). "A stagecoach company owner who was looking for a new driver. He asked how they would approach a dangerous curve. The first two applicants said they would get as close to the edge as possible without toppling over. The final driver said, "I'm going to stay as far from the edge as I can." This man was hired, because the owner trusted him to carry the precious cargo of his wife and children around the curve safely."

Draw near unto Christ

How do we do this? One way is through making the scriptures a strong part of our lives.

Here's a scripture trivia game to play. Use masking tape to mark off 3 sections on the floor or table. The first section is worth 2 points, the second 4 points, and the third 6 points. Divide the family into two teams. Team members can choose easy questions or hard questions. Young family members earn 3 points for easy questions. Other family members earn 1 point for easy, 5 points for hard. Once the team member has answered the question, they can earn additional points for their team by tossing a pom-pom into one of the marked off sections. (You get to do this even if you miss the question answer.) Play to a certain point amount, certain number of questions, or until you are tired of the game. Type "Book of Mormon trivia questions" into a Google or Yahoo search and you will get a lot of sites to find more questions. Here are a few easier questions.

- The Gadianton _____?
- Nephi's Mother?
- The tree of _____?
- What were Nephi & his brothers supposed to do the first time they went back to Jerusalem?
- The Book of Mormon contains writings of prophets. True or false?
- What's the Liahona

- Who translated the Book of Mormon
- Jesus visited the Americas. True or false?
- Who cut off arms of Lamanites while tending sheep?
- Name one person who got his head cut off.
- What is the title of liberty?
- What is something that happened in America when Jesus was born?
- Name a wicked king.
- Name a righteous king.
- Tell the story of the brother of Jared.
- Name the second book in the Book of Mormon
- Name the last book in the Book of Mormon
- Who is Lehi's youngest son?
- Name the four sons of Mosiah.

Scriptures

[Alma 28:13](#)

[2 Nephi 28:19-22](#)

Songs

[John 14:6 Scripture Song](#)

[Teach Me to Walk in the Light](#)