

GIANT GAMES

THEMED PROGRAMME



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Take some classic games to a new level, quite literally, by playing some giant versions of your favourite games. This themed programme includes Hungry Hippos, Ker-Plunk, Battleships, Monopoly and more.

ACTIVITIES

-  **Giant Battleships**
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» INTRODUCTION

Playing games is a popular way for friends and family to come together. Examples of popular games include Monopoly, Scrabble, Cluedo and Snakes & Ladders.

Whilst many of these are board games that fit on top of a table, this themed programme takes things to a new level. Giant games allow players to become immersed in the game, often as the playing piece.

Are you ready to play some giant games?

? DID YOU KNOW?

- Playing games can be good for your mental health.
- The world record for the longest ever Monopoly game is 70 days.
- There are 13 words in the official Scrabble dictionary that are impossible to play including KNICKKNACK, PIZZAZZ, and SENSELESSNESSES.
- 'Senet' is most likely the oldest known board game in the world. It was played in Ancient Egypt dating as far back as 3500 BC.



GET ACTIVE




30 MINUTES



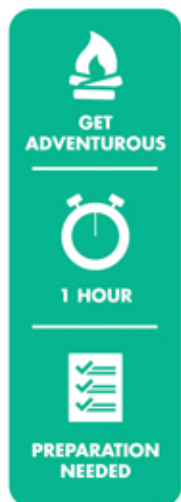
IN THE CUPBOARD

GET ACTIVE: PLAYING GAMES GIANT BATTLESHIPS

Take the classic game of Battleships and make it super-sized!


- 1 Use masking tape (or similar) to create two 8x8 grids on the floor. Leave a couple of metres gap between the two grids. Place some tables on their end (ensure they are stable), to create a tall screen between the two grids, so each grid can't see the other.
- 2 Add some labels (i.e. sheets of paper) to the ends of each row & column to show the letter / number of that row / column (i.e. A-H & 1-8)
- 3 Split the group into two teams, allocate each team one of the grids.
- 4 Give each team 17 cones or markers. These represent their battleships. Somewhere in their grid they need to lay the following ships: Carrier (5 cones), Battleship (4 cones), Cruiser (3 cones), Submarine (3 cones) and a Destroyer (2 cones). These battleships can be laid horizontally or vertically in the grid.
- 5  Download and print two copies of the 'Battleship Strategy Sheet' and give a copy to each team. This is to help them record where they have fired their missiles at the opposite team and which battleships they have found. Use the sheet by adding crosses for misses and ticks for hits.
- 6 The aim of the game is to try and sink the opposite team's battleships in their grid, by guessing where they are and verbally 'firing' missiles into those squares on the grid. Play the game as per traditional 'Battleship' rules. If you are unfamiliar with the game, check out the rules on Google.
- 7 The first team to find and sink all the opposite team's ships is the winner.





GET ADVENTUROUS: EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND ME LIFE-SIZED MONOPOLY


Transform Monopoly into a life-sized version that reflects the community you live in.

- 1  Download and print the 'Life Sized Monopoly' template sheet. This is a blank monopoly board.
- 2 As a group decide which local streets, shops, buildings, attractions etc should feature on your monopoly board and write them onto the template. You may need to define what is deemed as 'local'.
- 3 Split into two or more teams. Each team should have a copy of the newly created local monopoly board. Head out into your community and race around (ensure appropriate supervision and safety briefing before going out) trying to get photos at as many of the street signs, buildings, shops etc.
- 4 Set a time limit (e.g. 1 hour). The team with photos at the most locations on the monopoly board wins. If both teams complete the challenge, then it is the team that finishes in the quickest time.

Top Tip: To save time, a leader could create the local Monopoly board beforehand and the activity for young people then starts at step 3.



GET INTO THE BIBLE: DEVELOPING MY FAITH THE GAME OF LIFE

- 1 Ask the group what their favourite board game is. One popular board game is Monopoly. It's sold in 114 countries and 47 languages.
- 2 Ask someone to explain what the aim of Monopoly is. The aim is to acquire as much money and property as possible, making others go bankrupt.
- 3 Ask whose games of Monopoly have ever got heated or caused arguments? Ask for some funny examples. Monopoly can get people worked up, with even the kindest people becoming ruthless in the fight to possess the most money and property. It can also see some pretty impressive 'Monopoly strops' being thrown. Thankfully at the end of the day, it's just a game. When it gets put back in the box, the money and properties become meaningless again and life moves on.
- 4 But does it? 21st century life can often seem all about money, possessions, fame, fancy cars and posh holidays. Life today is very much about material possessions – just like in Monopoly. This can cause us to compare what other people have and get jealous, leading people to become ruthless, angry, worked up, throwing strops and more.
- 5 Just like in Monopoly, when our 'Game of Life' is over all these material possessions become meaningless and forgotten about. If the aim for the 'Game of Life' isn't about possessions, money and status, then what is it? How do you win at the game of life? Ask for suggestions.
- 6 Instead of storing up treasures in material possessions, the Bible calls us to store up our treasures in the 'Bank of Heaven'. As a group, take a look at  **Matthew 6 v 19-21** and discuss the meaning behind these verses.
- 7 We can't take it with us – but we can send it ahead of us. Ask the group for suggestions on how we can make deposits into the 'bank of heaven'. Living our lives like Jesus and putting our faith in God is surely the only route to winning the 'Game of Life'? Are you centring your life on a winning strategy? Are you focussing your time and effort on things that hold real value?



GET ACTIVE: PLAYING GAMES


GIANT HUNGRY HIPPOS

- 1 Game Set Up:** Turn 6 tables on their sides to create a large rectangular playing area. Leave a gap at the top and bottom of the rectangle (2 hippos) or four corners (4 hippos).
- 2 Equipment:** Attach some long rope to the bottom of 2-4 skateboards or dolly trolleys. Ensure this is tied on securely. Place as many ball pit balls (or similar) as possible in the middle of the playing area. Split the group into 2-4 teams. Each team will require a washing up bowl or laundry basket.
- 3 How To Play:** One person should lay face down on the skateboard/dolly trolley, holding the washing up bowl / laundry basket. The rest of the team should carefully push the player into the playing area. Using the bowl / basket they should place it onto the floor upside down, trapping as many balls inside as possible. The team should now carefully pull the player back to the edge of the playing area. Place the collected balls in a box. Swap players on the board/trolley and go again. This continues until all the balls have been collected. The team with the most balls collected wins.



GET LEARNING: PROBLEM SOLVING

NAME THE BOARD GAME

- 1**  Download the 'Name the Board Game' PowerPoint. You'll need a projector or large TV to display this on.
- 2** Split the group into pairs or small teams. Give each pair / team a pen and paper.
- 3** On the PowerPoint are pictures of 12 board games. The pairs/teams need to try and identify the games and write down their names on their paper.
- 4** After showing all 12 pictures, go through the answers. 1 point should be awarded for each correct game. The pair / team with the most points win.



GET ACTIVE: PLAYING GAMES

GIANT KERPLUNK

KerPlunk is a nerve-racking game of skill, judgement and marble dropping tension.

- 1 Equipment:** You'll need to purchase some wire / cage mesh (e.g. Wilko cage mesh at £5) and some green garden split sticks or bamboo canes (roughly 60cm+ long). You'll also need some ball pit balls.
- 2 Game Set Up:** Create a large cylinder from the wire mesh. Use cable ties to hold the cylinder together. Stick the canes through the cylinder cage, about half-way down, criss-crossing just like in a normal game of KerPlunk (Google image 'KerPlunk if you're not sure'). Finally place the ball pit balls into the top of the cylinder. These should stay in place (if they don't, rearrange the canes until they do).
- 3 How To Play:** One person at a time should remove one of the canes, trying their best to not dislodge any of the balls. Any balls that fall during a player's turn, belong to them. The aim of the game is to have the smallest number of balls at the end of the game.

BATTLESHIPS STRATEGY SHEET

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SHIPS TO FIND ...



CARRIER (5)



BATTLESHIP (4)



SUBMARINE (3)



CRUISER (3)



DESTROYER (2)

LIFE-SIZED MONOPOLY

