

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Fishing Frenzy

Set up: For each small group, print the “Fishing Frenzy” cards on 8½ x 11 cardstock and cut apart. Stick a small adhesive magnet (or tape a small magnet) to the back of each card. For each kid, cut a 5 foot (1.5 meter) piece of string. Tie a paper clip to one end of each string.

Say: In the Book of 1 Timothy, Paul told Timothy, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” We’re going to play a game right now that will help us think about how we can be an example to others in all of those different ways.

Directions: Have your group sit in a large circle. Each of the kids should be about 5 feet from the center of the circle for a total diameter of about 10 feet. Divide the group into two equal teams. Half of the circle will be on one team, the other half will be on the other team. Place the “Fishing Frenzy” cards face down (magnet up) in the middle of the circle. Give each kid a piece of string with a paper clip tied to one end. On “go,” without leaning forward, have the kids hold one end of their string while tossing the paperclip at the magnets in the middle. When someone has “caught” and reeled in a card, stop the round. Have the kid flip the card over and reveal what’s on it. If it’s one of the 5 icon cards, give that team a point. Read the description and question on the card, then discuss with the kids. (See below for the icon list along with questions.) Encourage the kids to be specific with their answers. If it’s one of the 2 physical challenge cards, have the team perform a physical challenge, then give them a point. If it’s the “Zonk” card, take a point away. Continue playing rounds until all cards have been reeled in. Add the points up and announce a winner at the end.

Fishing Frenzy Icons:

Speech Bubble: How could you be a better example through your speech this coming week?

Hand: How could you be a better example through your actions or behavior this coming week?

Heart: How could you be a better example by showing love to others this coming week? Who do you need to show more love to?

Cross: How could you be a better example through your faith this coming week? What are you going to do to spend time with God and show Him that you love Him?

Stop Sign: How can you be a better example through purity this coming week? What sin are you going to say “no” to?

Physical Challenge Ideas:

Walk around the circle 2 times
10 push-ups

Do the wave as a group
15 jumping jacks