



# GAMES 1



We hope that Young People's Sunday will be run in a young people's friendly style!

Playing a few fun games is often a good way to engage people of all ages.

Choose one or two games to start a service, illustrate a talk or just for good old fashioned fun.

Enjoy ...

## Jenga sermon

Try and get hold of one of the big outdoor Jenga games (if you can't, a normal indoor one will do). Invite a few folks (from different generations if possible) to begin playing the game as the sermon/talk begins. Inform the speaker that they can only speak for as long as the game runs. If the Jenga tower collapses quickly, then it will be short sermon!

Possible theme to relate to/talk about: - we all like doing different things and some people don't like sermons!

## The Price is right

You will need an Argos (or similar) catalogue for this game. Divide the congregation up into teams. You could divide them in age groups for extra fun. Select about 6-10 items from the catalogue and ask the teams to guess how much each item costs. The team that guesses nearest to the price in the catalogue gets 2 points. If they guess the exact price, they get 5 points. When all the items have been 'guessed at' total up the team points. The winner is the team with most points and should be awarded a suitable prize. For added fun, go for obscure or age-related items (such as an electric mobility scooter, MP3 player, Thomas the Tank Engine toy).

Possible theme to relate to/talk about: - Do we really know the true cost and value of things?

## Observations

Invite the congregation to observe closely all that goes on in the few minutes that follow. Play a clip (say 3 minutes) of a dvd and then ask about 10 questions based on the clip (I.e. Who did said and wore what, what colour something was, how many of something there were) and also other things that went on in the time period. For example, make a point of doing something that people could notice that is unrelated to the clip (e.g. Standing on one leg for a minute [which leg?], coughing [how many times?], showing the colour of your socks). When you have asked the questions, give out the answers and see who has got most correct. Give out prizes as appropriate.

Possible theme to relate to/talk about: - Are we observant about what goes on in the world?

## Guess who?

As covertly as possible develop a powerpoint presentation using pictures of people in the congregation. Have about 6 pictures, each on a different slide. Overlay the pictures with a grid, similar to the one below. It should be designed so that each click of the mouse, reveals what is behind the grid number; this will be an element of the picture of the person. Invite people to then guess who they think the picture is of. Each additional click will reveal more and more of the picture, making it easier as the grid unfolds. For added mystery, you could choose old pictures of people so that it is not so easy to guess who they are.

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12

Possible theme to relate to/talk about: - How well do we really know each other?