

The “I Choose Love” Game

Materials:

- Pattern is on the catechist portal; print on card stock; one per student
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Balloon, inflated
- Craft sticks; two per student

Have the students cut out their patterns. Next, they will form the handle for the paddle. Glue two craft sticks to the back of the tablets in a V shape. The V should extend below the tablets as a handle. This game should be played outdoors or in a large open room.

Have the students stand in a large circle. Discuss with the students what a gift the Ten Commandments are to us.

The commandments teach us how to love God and others and to avoid sin. We find true happiness when we love God and others. What happens when we break the Ten Commandments and sin?

In this game, explain to the students that they will try to use the gift of the Ten Commandments to keep away from sin! The object of this game is to use the paddle (the commandments) to bat the balloon (which represents sin) away as it comes near.

Stand in the middle of the circle and toss the balloon (sin) toward a student and have him use his paddle (the commandments) to bat it away. As the balloon comes near, have each student bat it away. Try not to let the balloon touch the ground. If it falls, the catechist will restart.

Remind the students that we can keep sin away from us if we use the commandments that God gave us!

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