



10 FALL FESTIVAL MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES



CANDY SHAKER

Items needed:

Two plastic pumpkin buckets
20 jawbreakers or fireballs

Instructions:

Place 10 candies in each of the buckets. Choose one player. Have him hold one bucket in each hand by the handle/strap. Player has 60 seconds to shake all the candy out of both buckets. If he completes this task in 60 seconds or less, he wins a prize.

Variation:

Reduce the number of candies in the buckets for younger kids, or substitute ping pong balls for candy.

What's the point?:

It's easy to get candy into the bucket but hard to get it out. It's easier to keep sin out of our lives than to get rid of it once it's there.

FEED ME MORE

Items needed:

A carved Jack-O-Lantern with a large mouth
candy corns

Instructions:

Set the Jack-O-Lantern on a stool ten feet from the player. One player will attempt to throw ten candy corns into the mouth of the pumpkin. If he can complete this task in 60 seconds or less, he wins a prize.

Variation:

You can move the Jack-O-Lantern closer or further away, to make it easier or more difficult.

What's the point?:

What are you aiming at? God wants us to aim to live like Jesus.

PUMPKIN TOWER

Items needed:

Four pumpkins

Instructions:

In this game one player has 60 seconds to stack four pumpkins into a tower. If he can get a tower of four pumpkins to stand for 3 seconds before time expires, he wins a prize.

Variation:

Make it three pumpkins for younger kids. You can also give the kids more than four pumpkins to choose from so they can find the best pumpkins for this game.

What's the point?:

God made every one of us unique, just like these pumpkins. Yet, we can work together to accomplish more than we can alone.

MAKE LIKE A TREE

Items needed:

Leaves, or fake leaves cut from construction paper, a bucket, a chair

Instructions:

This is a game for one player. The player will stand on a chair in front of the bucket. Player has 60 seconds to drop 6 leaves (one at a time) into the bucket below. If he is able to get 6 leaves to float down to the bucket before time expires, he wins a prize.

Variation:

Use a narrow opening bucket for older kids and a large bucket for younger kids. You can also raise or lower the number of leaves needed to win.

What's the point?:

Leaves come down from the trees in the fall. When we fall, Jesus is there to catch us.

PENCIL FENCE

Items needed:

Ten new, unsharpened pencils

Instructions:

Choose one player for this game. The player has 60 seconds to stand all 10 pencils side by side on a table on the unsharpened, wooden end or on the eraser end. If he can get all ten pencils standing at once before time expires, he wins a prize.

Variation:

Reduce the number of pencils for younger kids, or use bigger pencils that stand up easier.

What's the point?:

It takes balance and patience to win this game. We need to balance our time and make time for God, being patient while waiting on him to answer us.

PAPER PLACE KICKER

Items needed:

A paper football
A table
A garbage can

Instructions:

Prepare a paper football. Set a table or stool several feet from a garbage can. Contestant has 60 seconds to “kick” the paper football from the table into the can, as if kicking a field goal in the school cafeteria/study hall classic game, paper football.

Variation:

For added challenge, make the kids kick multiple goals to win, or make the distance to the goal longer.

What’s the point?:

Perseverance is the key to learning to win this game. Persevere in your faith, and never give up on God!

FISHIN’ FOR PRETZELS

Items needed:

A bowl of pretzels
gummy worms

Instructions:

Choose one player for this game. The player has 60 seconds to bait his hook, catch a pretzel, and eat it. The player begins by licking a worm to get it sticky. He then has to use the worm to catch a pretzel, using the sticky worm to pick it up. He then has to get the pretzel back to himself and eat it. If he can catch and eat a pretzel in 60 seconds or less, he wins!

Variation:

You can skip the worms and just use a non-sharp hook to catch pretzels instead.

What’s the point?:

God wants to make us fishers of men.

LONG SNAPER

Items needed:

A hula hoop
toilet paper rolls

Instructions:

Choose one player for this game. Have an adult stand about ten feet back from the player. The player will lean over with his back to the adult and try to hike the TP roll between his legs through the hoop. He must get at least three rolls through the hoop before 60 seconds expires to win

Variation:

For younger kids, you can make it one time instead of three to win. You can also make this a contest to see who can get the most in 60 seconds between two or three players.

What's the point?:

God wants us to put sin behind us and get as much distance from sin as possible.

COTTON PIE

Items needed:

Cotton balls,
Vaseline
Two pie tins

Instructions:

Fill up one pie tin with cotton balls.

Choose one player for this game and put Vaseline on his nose and cheeks.

Set both tins in front of the player on a table. The object is for the player to move cotton balls to the empty pie tin using only his sticky face to pick up cotton balls. If he can move all the cotton balls in 60 seconds or less, he wins.

Variation:

Use fewer cotton balls for younger kids, and more balls for older kids.

What's the point?:

Gentleness is one of the fruits of the Spirit and an important characteristic for Christians to have.

THE MUMMY

Items needed:

A roll of toilet paper

Instructions:

Choose two players for this game. One player will stand still on stage while the other wraps him up like a mummy. If he can empty the toilet paper roll and completely wrap the mummy before a minute expires, they win a prize.

Variation:

This game can also be a race between two teams to see who can wrap their mummy first.

What's the point?:

God doesn't want us to hide behind masks and costumes. He wants us to be ourselves and to be like Christ.