

Blowing Bags

TOPIC: *Popularity*

SCRIPTURE: *1 Samuel 16:7; Luke 7:29-35*

APPLIES: *chairs, 1 bag of large balloons for each team, 1 small to medium trash bag per team*

Have youth form at least two teams, with no more than twelve people on a team. There can be as few as two on a team. Give each team a bag of large balloons, and instruct teams to line up as for a relay. Place a chair with a trash bag draped over its back about three feet in front of each team.

To play the game, the first person on each team blows up a balloon as full as possible without popping it, ties it shut, runs to the chair, and stuffs the balloon in the bag. As soon as the first person has tied his or her balloon, the next person in line begins blowing up a balloon.

Play continues until the leader calls time or a team has blown up all its balloons. If your group is small with only a few on a team, call time after three to five minutes. If the group is larger, allow teams to play until one team runs out of balloons. Tell players that the team who runs out first doesn't necessarily win. Winning will depend on how full the balloons are.

The team who fits the most fully inflated balloons in its bag, causing it to be the fattest, wins. The leader is the judge. Just for fun, see which team can pop its bag of balloons the fastest.

DISCUSSION

- Read Luke 7:29-35. How were the Pharisees like the "in crowd" of today?
- Why did Jesus not fit in with the Pharisees?
- How do teenagers struggle to fit in with their peers?
- What kind of pressure does "fitting in" put on people?
- What does it take to fit in with God?