

Kaboom!

TOPIC : *Friendship*

SCRIPTURE : *Ecclesiastes 4:10*

SUPPLIES : *string or strips of fabric, uninflated balloons*

Set out uninflated balloons at one end of the playing area. Have teenagers form pairs, and give each pair string or a strip of fabric. Have partners stand side by side and tie their inside legs together just above the knees. Then have partners lock their inside arms together. The person on the right can use only his or her right arm, and the person on the left can use only his or her left arm. Have everyone stand at the end of the room opposite the balloons.

LEADER TIP

You can play this game like a relay race, having pairs combine to form teams. With several pairs on a team, the team that finishes first—once every pair has played—is the winner.

The object of this game is for each pair to run to the opposite end of the room, pick up a balloon, blow it up, and tie it. Remember, partners can use only their free arms.

Once partners have blown up a balloon and tied it off, they must run back to the starting end of the room, place the balloon on the floor, and sit on it until it pops.

DISCUSSION

- What would this game have been like if you had been using only one of your own hands, without the help of your partner?
- How was this game similar to having friends in real life?
- What are some ways friends help us?
- Why might the kinds of friends we associate with be important?
- What do you look for in a friend? Why?