

# LOTTERY MEAL

Interaction will vary with each group during the meal, but watch for those who balk and refuse to ask for more money and those who will go to any extreme to get more money. And on the part of the wealthy you might observe those who make the have-nots grovel for extra cash and those who freely share their money. You might even find the wealthy pooling their money and forming a bank. The discussion possibilities are many, and you will have no trouble getting people to talk. Oh yes...after the discussion, you should arrange for everyone, rich and poor, to have a full supper.

• **Un-Dinner for World Hunger.** Here's a slightly different way to communicate world hunger to your kids. Create a sign of entrees and prices. Display it on the buffet. Explained that everyone can order whatever they choose—up to 13 cents worth of food. This represents the daily food budget of many in the world.

Here are some possible food choices and relative pricing:

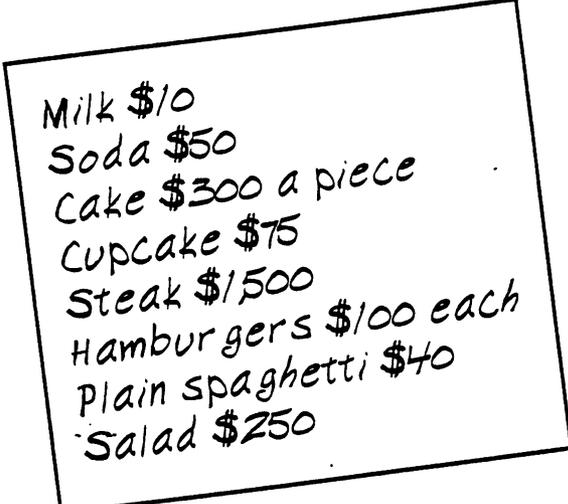
Water—1 cent per cup  
Coffee—6 cents per cup  
Sugar—2 cents per serving  
Milk—2 cents per cup  
Saltines—1 cent each  
Olives—2 cents each  
Orange slices—8 cents each  
Hard-boiled eggs—6 cents each  
Carrots—3 cents per serving  
Sweet pickles—2 cents per serving  
American cheese—6 cents per slice  
Radishes—1 cent per serving  
Raisins—9 cents per serving  
Cookies—3 cents each

Of course, the meal can be followed by a discussion of the problems of world hunger and one's own personal involvement. The price of a regular dinner can be charged as admission and the difference between it and the un-dinner can be given to World Vision for distribution.

This exercise is similar to the Third World Banquet but with an added ingredient to make it even more effective. The Lottery Meal can be held as part of a regular youth supper or, even better, as part of a weekend retreat. Either way, this semi-simulation game can help your youth understand better the frustrations of being poor in a rich society. In order for this to be effective, do not let the young people know that anything unusual will be happening at the dinner. Let them discover the lottery when they show up to eat.

Seal play money in plain white envelopes in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$50 (10 percent contain \$2,500; 50 percent contain amounts from \$1,500 to \$500; 40 percent contain amounts from \$300 to \$50).

Place the envelopes in a box and have each person draw one envelope to use for purchasing the meal at a buffet dinner. In plain view near the buffet table should be a large menu and price list.



Milk \$10  
Soda \$50  
Cake \$300 a piece  
Cupcake \$75  
Steak \$1500  
Hamburgers \$100 each  
Plain spaghetti \$40  
Salad \$250