

# Future Stories

**TOPIC :** *The Future*

**SCRIPTURE :** *Jeremiah 29:11*

**SUPPLIES :** *3 containers labeled "names," "locations," and "occupations"; 3 slips of paper per person; pens or pencils*

**G**ive each person three slips of paper and a pen or pencil. Have each person write his or her name on one slip of paper. Collect those paper slips, and put them in the container labeled "names." Next, have everyone write down a location, such as a cave, a trash can, or a desert. Encourage creativity. Collect these paper slips, and put them

in the container labeled "locations." Finally, have everyone record an occupation, such as homemaker, famous chef, or dogcatcher. Again, encourage creativity. Place these slips in the container labeled "occupations." Mix up the slips in each container.

Have everyone sit in a circle. Explain that participants will take turns telling silly stories about each other's lives in the future. Have teenagers pass the containers around the circle and draw from them so each person has one slip from each of the three containers. Make sure no one gets his or her own name.

Going around the circle, have each person read the three slips of paper together to tell a funny story about someone's life in the future. For example, someone might say, "Jill will grow up, live in a trash can, and be a dogcatcher." Continue until everyone's story has been told.

## DISCUSSION

- How would you feel if your future were being determined as randomly as it was in this game? Why?
- If you could have your future foretold, would you? Why or why not?
- What, if any, danger would there be in knowing the future?
- How do you feel knowing that God knows your future?
- How can we learn to trust God more with the future?