

Paper Sack Potential

PIC : Stewardship

SCRIPTURE : Matthew 25:14-30

SUPPLIES : *paper, pens or pencils, paper sacks, empty paper towel or toilet paper tubes, transparent tape, pencils, cotton balls, cotton swabs, gift bows, Matchbox car or other small toys, spoons, empty soda cans*

Before the game, fill one paper sack for every four or five people, each with the following items: two empty paper towel or toilet paper tubes, a roll of transparent tape, a pencil, three cotton balls, two cotton swabs, a gift bow, a Matchbox car or other small toy, a spoon, and two empty soda cans.

Have teenagers form groups of four or five, and give each group one of the paper sacks you filled beforehand. Have each group choose a secretary, and give each secretary paper and a pen or pencil.

Explain that groups will have ten minutes to come up with as many uses as possible for the items in their paper sacks. The secretaries should record the uses their groups come up with. The uses can be obvious (like holding paper towels) or made-up (like using an empty tube as a funnel to keep drool off your chin when you spit). Groups may combine the items to create additional ideas, like using the empty tube as a tunnel for the car to drive through. Encourage them to be creative—the sky's the limit!

The group with the most uses listed at the end of ten minutes wins. For fun, let each group share from its list of potential uses.

DISCUSSION

- How difficult was it to think of uses for your items? Why?
 - What surprised you about some of the ideas people thought of?
 - How is creating new uses for ordinary items like being a good steward with the resources God has given us?
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- Why do we sometimes fail to use our resources to their full potential?
 - How can we become better stewards of what God has given us?