

Future Fantasy

Your kids can create a game that broadens their thinking about vocations and at the same time helps them get to know each others' vocational interests. On index cards each person writes three or four clues about the vocation he believes he might pursue in the next five or ten years, writing the name of the vocation at the top of the card. The vocations the kids choose should be serious, but their clues can be funny or serious. Ask all the kids to keep their vocations and clues a secret. Collect completed cards and shuffle them thoroughly.

Next, pass out blank sheets of paper. Ask the students to number the paper from one up to the number of youths at the meeting. While they're numbering their papers, number the cards you've collected. When all the papers and cards are ready, read aloud the clues on the first card, and ask everyone to write down a guess about who that

person is. Remind them not to comment aloud on any of the cards or on their own responses. After you've read through all the clue cards, repeat any as needed for clarification.

Next, go through the cards again and ask the person who wrote each one to reveal herself. The results will be fun and surprising. Use the following questions, plus others of your own for discussion:

1. What do teenagers fear about the future?
2. What do you fear most about the future?
3. Read Matthew 6:25-34. Do you think God wants you to worry about the future? Why or why not?
4. What hope does God offer for your future?

Close with a prayer that your students' futures will be centered on God and his Word.