

EXCLUSIVE

25 Awesome Things ...and Bacon



A Group Magazine 25 grocery list of awesome stuff from 2012

Group Magazine asked our Simply Youth Ministry Facebook friends to help us choose a youth ministry 25 "awesome" list from 2012. It was the top 30 until Rick cut the five best Storm & Firestone shirtless poses. Maybe next year.

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THANK YOU'S FOR VOLUNTEERS

11 ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY CARDS WITH GIFT CARDS IN THEM "I was blown away by how appreciative they were when we remembered their wedding anniversary!"



12 FRAMED PICTURE SIGNED BY STUDENTS Sign the picture or use paint markers to sign the picture-frame glass.

13 REDBOX GIFT CERTIFICATES Tape them to bags of Microwave popcorn. Then tape the bag of popcorn to a bottle of their favorite soda.

14 PERSONALIZED GIFT CARDS Don't get the non-coffee drinker a Starbucks card; you might as well hand them a bag of dirt.

15 OPEN FACEBOOK NOTE A thank-you note on their Facebook wall... something public.



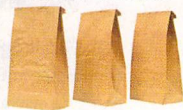
BACON BONUS

BACON ROSES fully cooked. Perfect for the bacon-loving volunteer in your ministry.

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GAMES

1 PICK A BAG AND EAT WHAT'S IN IT A game about choices



2 HUMAN PINATAS Blindfolded kids w/ pool noodles get a whack at a "human pinata" (kids w/ candy)—right # of hits = score!

3 GA-GA GAME A dodgeball-like game from Israel. Google it for the rules.

4 RANDOM GAME Give groups of teenagers random objects and have them make up a game with the objects.

5 9 SQUARE www.9squareintheair.com
See the ad on p.65

PIN THE BACON TO THE PAPER PLATE

Paper plate on the wall, 1lb. of bacon, and some push pins.



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MUST-HAVE NON-MINISTRY MINISTRY BOOK



6 SWITCH by Chip and Dan Heath

7 COMMUNITY: THE STRUCTURE OF BELONGING by Peter Block

8 CRAZY LOVE by Francis Chan

9 NETWORKED: THE NEW SOCIAL OPERATING SYSTEM by Lee Rainie & Barry Wellman

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LESS CLUTTER. LESS NOISE.: BEYOND BULLETINS, BROCHURES, AND BAKE SALES by Kem Meyer



THE BETTER BACON BOOK iPad app

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SOFTWARE PROGRAM/APP

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EVERNOTE Great way to take and keep notes across every platform you can imagine.



19 YOUVERSION It's the Bible. On your phone. Plus a ton of reading plans.



17 ACTION METHOD A great way to keep track of everything you have to do every day.



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PHOTOSHOP You might need assistance from one of your students to use it.



18 BIBLEGATEWAY.COM Look up scripture in any translation at any time.



BAD PIGGY From the makers of Angry Birds comes a game from the pigs' perspective.

A pre-bacon, bacon-related app



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VIRAL VIDEO THAT YOUR KIDS LOVED

21 AWESOME FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE Everybody saw this once. Not really a repeat-view kind of video.

22 JOHN DAKER When the umm, youuu knowww, that's a more-eee. I'm John Daker.



24 VIRAL VIDEO FILM SCHOOL Daredevils, Make-Up Tutorial, Stunt Cats...All pretty funny, but make sure you edit first before showing. There is the occasional bad word.



23 BABY TERRIFIED OF MOM BLOWING NOSE So just how did you use this in a devotion?

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GUY ON A BUFFALO Guess what? I'm on a buffalo. Bet you didn't know you were chasing a guy on a buffalo.



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BACON RULES Jim Gaffigan's bacon bit.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaK9bjLy3v4>



For game instructions, videos, and more go to groupmagazine.com/web-extras