

PaRTY GAMeS

Any of a number of popular party games make good ice breakers for teens. You can always put a relevant spin on a game by picking up on the focus of the meeting. Here are several examples:

- Charades (A meeting dealing with the impact of television could begin with a game of Charades that use only TV-show titles.)
- Picture Charades (A meeting dealing with world concerns could begin with a game of Picture Charades that cover concepts like hunger or religious oppression.)
- Twenty Questions (A meeting dealing with friendship could begin with a game of Twenty Questions that ask about famous friendships in the Bible, like David and Jonathan or Ruth and Naomi.)

FINDING GOD

Invite each group member to complete one of these incomplete statements:

- Today, I found God in...
- Today, I saw God when...
- Today, I was aware of God when...
- Today, I felt the presence of God as...

Continue the activity as long as members continue to offer completions.

SCuLPT iT

Distribute one of any number of **sculpting media**, for example, modeling clay, pipe cleaners, foil, etc. Invite each group member to sculpt something related to the focus of the meeting, for example:

- a hope for the group
- a personal fear
- a contribution you can make to the group
- a wish for the world
- an item in your life, 20 years from now
- your favorite pastime
- your greatest talent

Invite volunteers to show and explain their completed sculptures to the group.

ReDO THE DaY

Invite group members to take turns completing this statement:

- If I could redo today, the one thing I'd do differently is...