

No Jelly

TOPIC : *Acceptance*

SCRIPTURE : *Matthew 7:1-5; John 13:34*

SUPPLIES : *bread, peanut butter, variety of other ingredients (see below), paper, pens or pencils, blindfolds*

Before the game, create a variety of peanut butter sandwiches, all without jelly. You may want to try the following suggestions: peanut butter and bananas, peanut butter and orange marmalade, peanut butter and pickles, peanut butter and marshmallow fluff, peanut butter and golden raisins, peanut butter and mayonnaise, peanut butter and honey, peanut butter and bacon, peanut butter and wheat germ. Eight to ten variations are good for this game. You'll need at least one sandwich per person.

Have teenagers form teams of four to six people, and have each team appoint a recorder (ideally, the person on the team who is squeamish about taste-testing sandwiches). Give each recorder paper and a pen or pencil. Everyone else on the team should be blindfolded.

Explain that teams will taste-test peanut butter sandwiches to guess what they contain besides peanut butter. Each sandwich must be tasted by at least one person on the team. Assure participants that each sandwich is edible.

Give each team a plate of sandwiches. Allow players to sample the sandwiches and guess what they contain. The recorder should write down the team's guesses, along with the correct ingredients.

When teams have tried all their sandwiches and guessed the mystery ingredients, have recorders report how many correct guesses their teams had.

DISCUSSION

- How would you feel if I used this game as a test, accepting people who like the sandwiches I like, and rejecting those who don't?
- How were the sandwiches in this game similar to the standards we use to accept or reject others?
- What are some of the standards we use to judge other people?
- How have you seen people change themselves to try to be accepted by others?
- How have you seen rejection affect people?
- Read Matthew 7:1-5 and John 13:34. Why does God want us to accept people we don't like?