

Jonathan's Archery Range

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Supplies List:

- shooting booth
- cloth backdrop
- 6 ft table
- racket balls
- golf balls
- nerf guns
- bow
- basket
- tablecloth
- candy bucket
- sign
- chairs

Game Instructions

This game can be 1 player or 2 player. If a single child is playing, (s)he may choose to use the archer's bow or a nerf gun. If 2 friends want to compete, they will each use a nerf gun. Smaller children may stand closer, larger children farther back. The goal of the game is to knock the balls off the golf tees. Children receive 1 piece of candy per ball knocked down, or 3 pieces of candy if they don't knock any balls down. If two kids are competing the winner receives 5 pieces of candy, the loser receives 3.

Game Information

This game is a classic shooting range game, but with an addition of an archery theme. The game is called, "Jonathan's Archery Range," based upon the biblical character, Jonathan, the best friend of David. Jonathan was a highly skilled archer. While you most likely won't be able to share the theme with every child, if the opportunity comes up, take advantage! If you get a group of kids, tell the theme to all of them at once, and then continue to play. All these kids need to hear the word of God and to learn that God loves them! Listed below are verses for you to read and memorize, a "how to" present the instructions for the game, and an example conversation you can have with a child to share the theme.

Helpful Verses to Memorize/Read

1 Samuel 20

1 Samuel 14:1-15

Conversation Example

Game Instructions to Child

"Welcome to Jonathan's Archery Range. Choose to use the nerf gun or the bow and arrow. Shoot the balls off of their pegs. Shoot until you run out of darts (arrows)."

OR

"Welcome to Jonathan's Archery Range. Are you ready to compete against your friend, to see who can knock the most balls off their pegs? Pick up a nerf gun and when I say 'GO', shoot as many down as possible."

Sharing God's Word

“Have you heard of the story of David and Goliath? David was a youth who took down a giant with just a slingshot and a stone. Did you know that David had a best friend who was also a brave warrior? His name was Jonathan, and he was King Saul’s son. Jonathan was an amazing friend to David. God wants us to be like Jonathan. He wants us to be a good friend to others. Being a good friend is one way that God can use us to show His love to the people we care about. What is one way that you can be a good friend? The Bible tells about the adventures of Jonathan and David in the book of 1st Samuel.

You can also read about a man named Abraham whom God called His friend in the book of Genesis, chapters 12-25.

You can learn more about what it means to be a good friend, and a friend of God, at the Gospel Castle.”