

Narrow Gate

Supplies List:

- game board
- 3-5 hakki sack balls
- 3-5 golf balls
- 1 golf club
- basket for balls
- candy bucket
- chairs
- sign

Game Instructions

Child is given 5 hakki sacks to toss into the holes on the board or 5 golf balls to putt into the holes. Smaller children may stand closer, larger children farther back. Give one piece of candy per successful toss/putt. They get 3 pieces if they miss all the holes.

Game Information

This game requires the child to toss hakki sacks or putt golf balls into holes on the gameboard that is resting on the ground. The Biblical theme of “The Narrow Gate” can be applied to this game. 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

“Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV)

Conversation Example

Game Instructions to Child

“Welcome to the Narrow Gate! The goal of this game is to toss a hakki sack or putt a golf ball into a “narrow” hole. You get 5 chances, and you'll receive one piece of candy for every ball that goes into a hole.”

Sharing God's Word

“Did you notice some of the holes have a smaller circle around them? Those are the narrow “gates” to try to get the ball into. That reminds me of something I read in the Bible. In Matthew 7:13-14 Jesus said, “Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Jesus was saying that if we want to live in Heaven with Him forever, we need to humbly follow His narrow way by trusting in Him as our Savior. You can learn more about how to follow Jesus in the Gospel Castle.