

## The Javelin Throw

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Supplies List:

- game board
- back bracing
- 3 howler footballs
- candy bucket
- sign
- chair

Game Instructions

Child throws 3 nerf footballs, trying to get them through the holes. Smaller children may stand closer, larger children farther back. Each child gets 3 pieces of candy and one more for each bean bag goes through a hole.

Game Information

This game is a simple throw the balls through the holes game. It is not based on a specific Bible theme but is based on a common implement of war used in the Bible. Since we can't use actual javelins, nerf howler footballs are a good replacement. 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 17:4-7

Conversation Example

*Game Instructions to Child*

"Welcome to the Javelin Throw! The goal of this game is to throw your javelin through the holes. Let's see how well you do as you practice throwing the javelin. You get 3 tries."

*Sharing God's Word*

"In Bible times the javelin was a tool of war. Did you battle Goliath yet? Look over there, he was a great warrior and he carried a javelin. But he was not on God's side. Actually, he hated God! Warriors spent much of their life practicing using their weapons. While practice might make us really good at something, if we don't have God on our side, we won't succeed. Despite how strong Goliath was, he was defeated by David, a man after God's own heart. The Old Testament of the Bible is filled with amazing stories of how God used men and women to be heroes. The New Testament contains the story of the ultimate hero, Jesus. If we dedicate our lives to God, He can make us heroes, too. You can learn more about what it means to dedicate your life to Jesus at the Gospel Castle."