



Answers VBS

EMERALD

Crossing

An Irish Adventure
Through Psalm 23



Your Role

Plan games for all age levels.

Gather game supplies ahead of time.

Set up games daily during VBS.

Run game time and oversee other game leaders.

Reinforce key lesson themes through the games.

Oversee the cleanup of the game area(s) each day.

Pray over all aspects before, during, and after VBS.

Tips



Decide which games you will play.

- **Toddler** Games (pages 7–8)
- **Pre-Primary** Games (pages 9–12)
- Super Simple Games (pages 13–14)
- Two Daily Games for **Primarys** and **Juniors** (pages 15–34)
- Additional Games (pages 35–36)



Tips



- **Go over the games ahead of time** with your assistant leaders.
- If possible, do a **trial run** of the games with volunteers.
- **Use cones, rope, chalk, or field paint** to mark playing areas and start/finish lines.
- Consider setting up **several game stations** if you have a large group or younger children.



Tips



- Have a **backup plan** in case of bad weather.
- Decide ahead of time how you are going to **form teams**.
- Use bandanas, strips of material, jerseys, or wristbands to **designate teams**.





Tips



- Make sure **everyone** who is physically able **participates** and no one feels left out. Encourage, but **don't force** anyone to play.
- Be sensitive to those with disabilities who are unable to play and show you value and care about each person.
- Keep everyone **hydrated**.



Tips



- Keep instructions **short and simple**. A **demonstration** goes a long way.
- Share the **Teaching Tie-in** for each game. Prep so you can deliver it naturally.
- Be **enthusiastic!** The kids will feed off your energy.





Send in the
Leaders!



TODDLER GAMES

Consider having an outdoor playtime:

- Use the church playground.
- Ask church families to bring plastic slides, big-wheels riding toys, or other outdoor equipment.



Choose one or both thematic game ideas for each day.

Repeat favorites throughout the week.

PRE-PRIMARY GAMES

- Choose from **three game options** per day.
- Play games one at a time or set up game stations if you have enough leaders and children.
- Some are the same as Toddlers' games, some are different.
- Main games can be adapted for this age group.
- Repeat favorites throughout the week.

Irish Dancing



Herd the Sheep



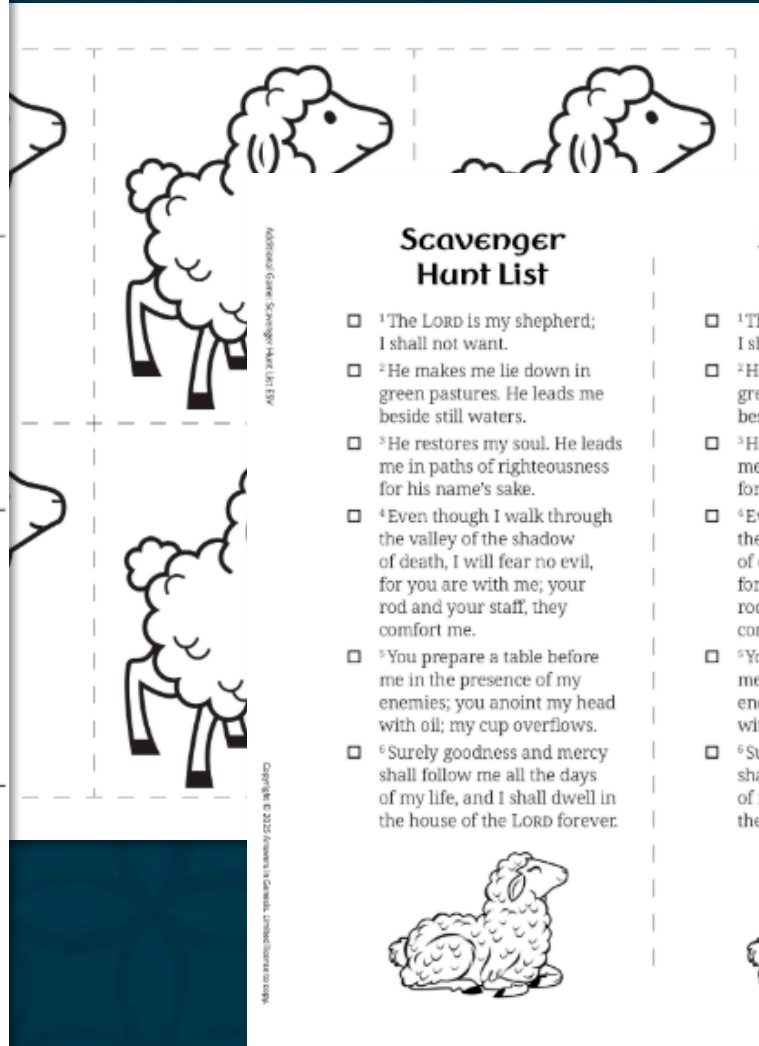
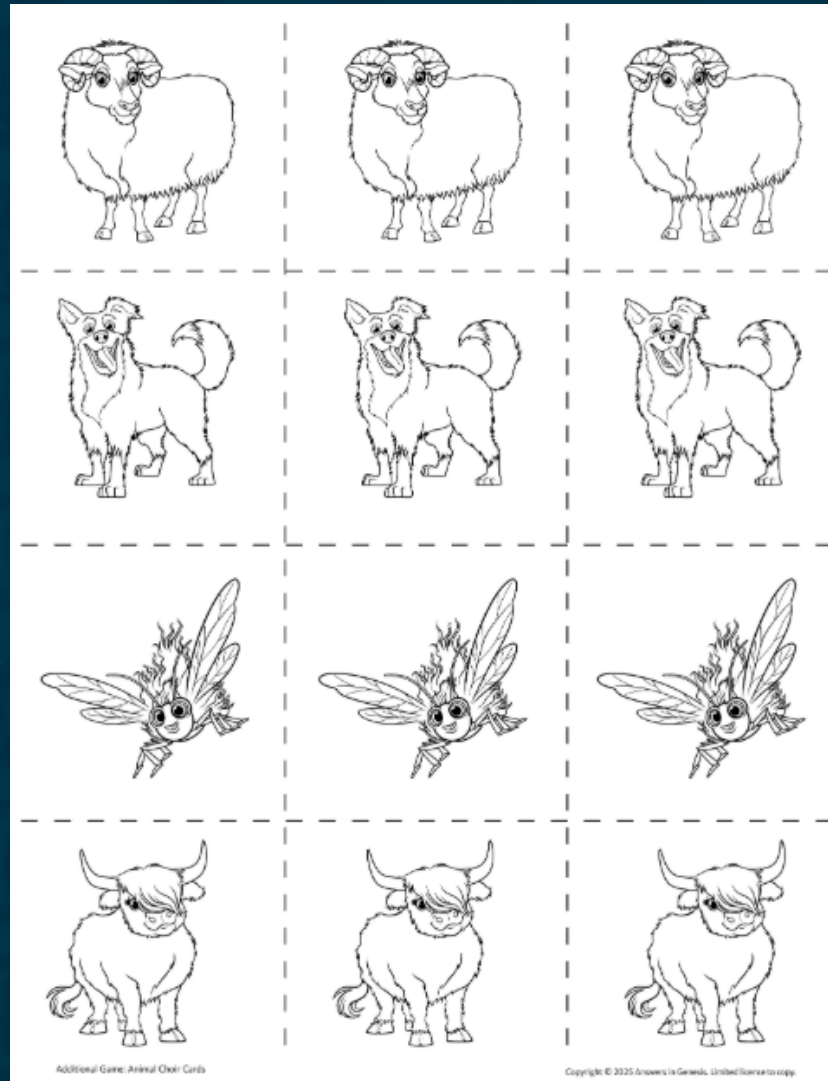
Sheep, Sheep, Shepherd





Parachute Games

Game Patterns on MyAnswers



Scavenger Hunt List

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Search "Camp Song" ...

- Bo Diddley Bop
- Herman the Worm
- Hi, My Name is Joe
- Little Red Wagon
- On a Day Like This
- The Banana Song
- The Jellyfish
- The Princess Pat
- Three Short Necked Buzzards

Camp Songs

Simple Indoor Games

Day 1: Yarn Ball Name Game

Day 2: Inerrant Numbers

Day 3: Tricky Ravens

Day 4: King of the Hill

Day 5: How Do You Get to Heaven?

The Bible Can Be Trusted!



The Bible is like a puzzle that fits together perfectly.



All of God's promises come true, exactly as written.

JERICO



Archaeology sheds light on the Bible's history.



True believers hear God's Word and know it's true.



The Bible can't be destroyed, even though people have tried.



The Bible is true when it speaks on science.



People's lives are changed through the Bible.



God wrote it, and God cannot lie.



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Additional Games

Follow the Shepherd

Psalm 23 Scavenger Hunt

Animal Choir

Swat That Fly!

Potato Sack Races

Field Hockey

Find a New Land

Animal Choir

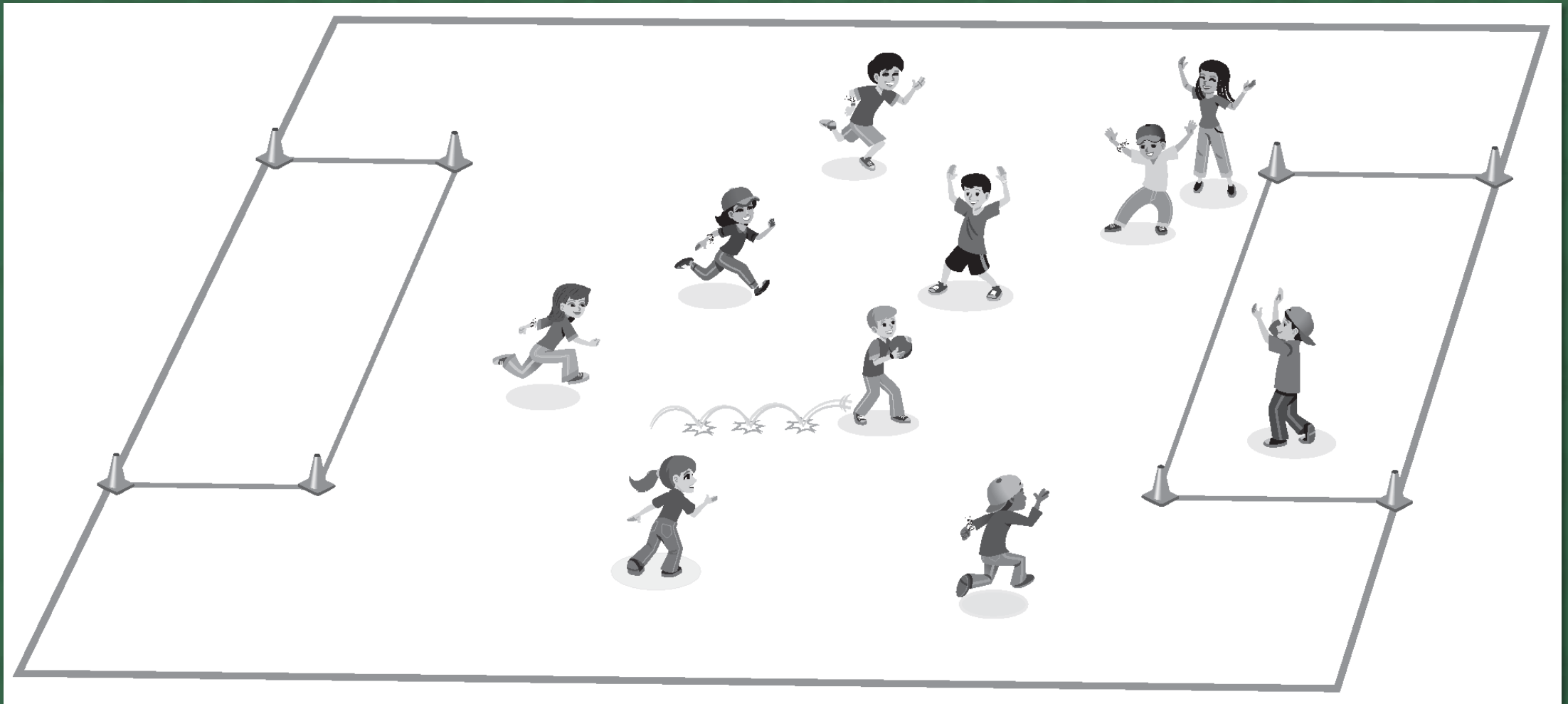
- Under your chair, you will find an animal card. Look at it, but don't show it to anyone.
- When I say go, start making the sound of that animal. No gestures or other noises.
- When time is up, any animal groups with all their members are winners!

Primary and Junior

MAIN GAMES



Day 1: Gaelic Football



Only Four Steps



Guard

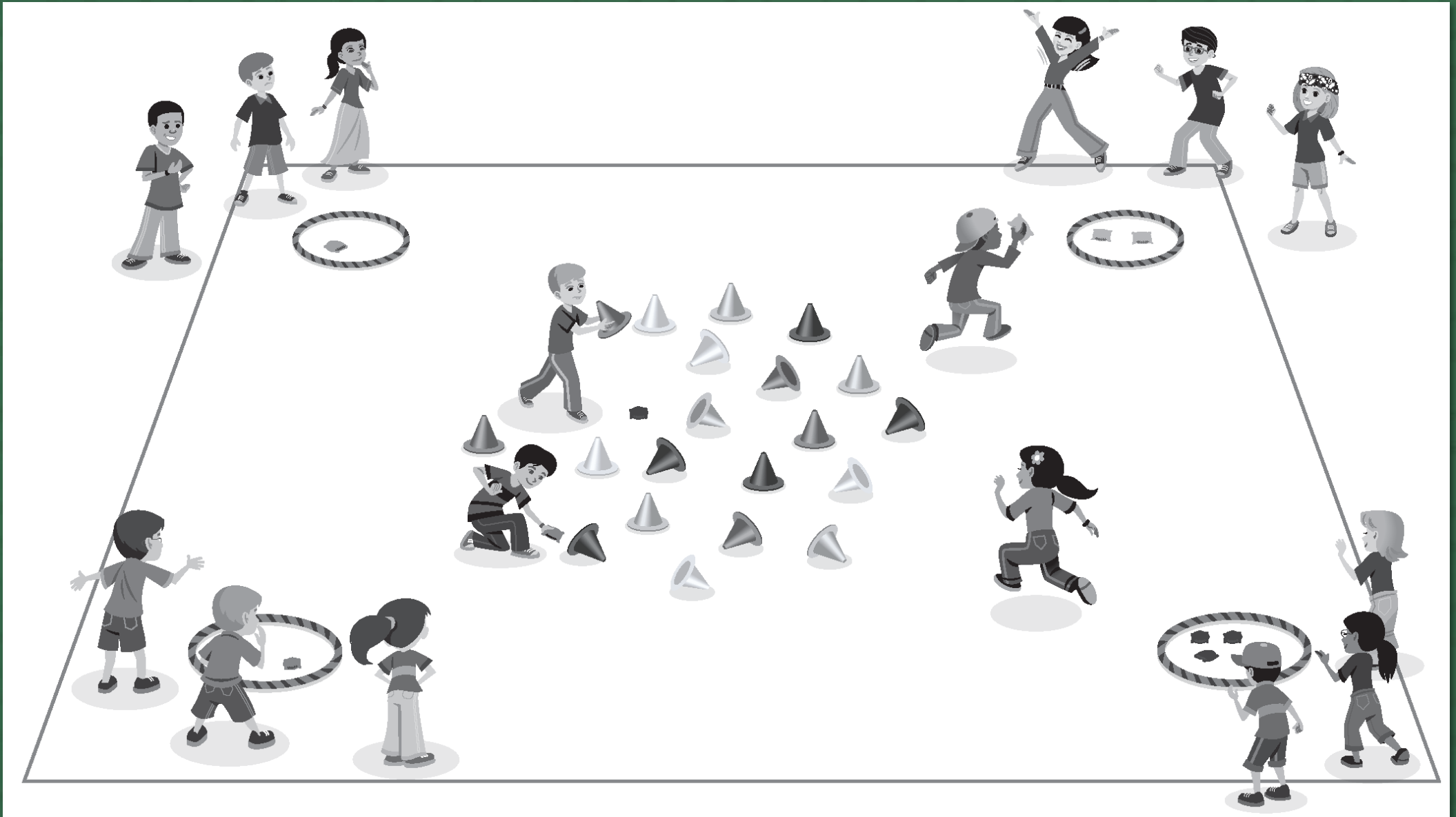


Throw to teammates

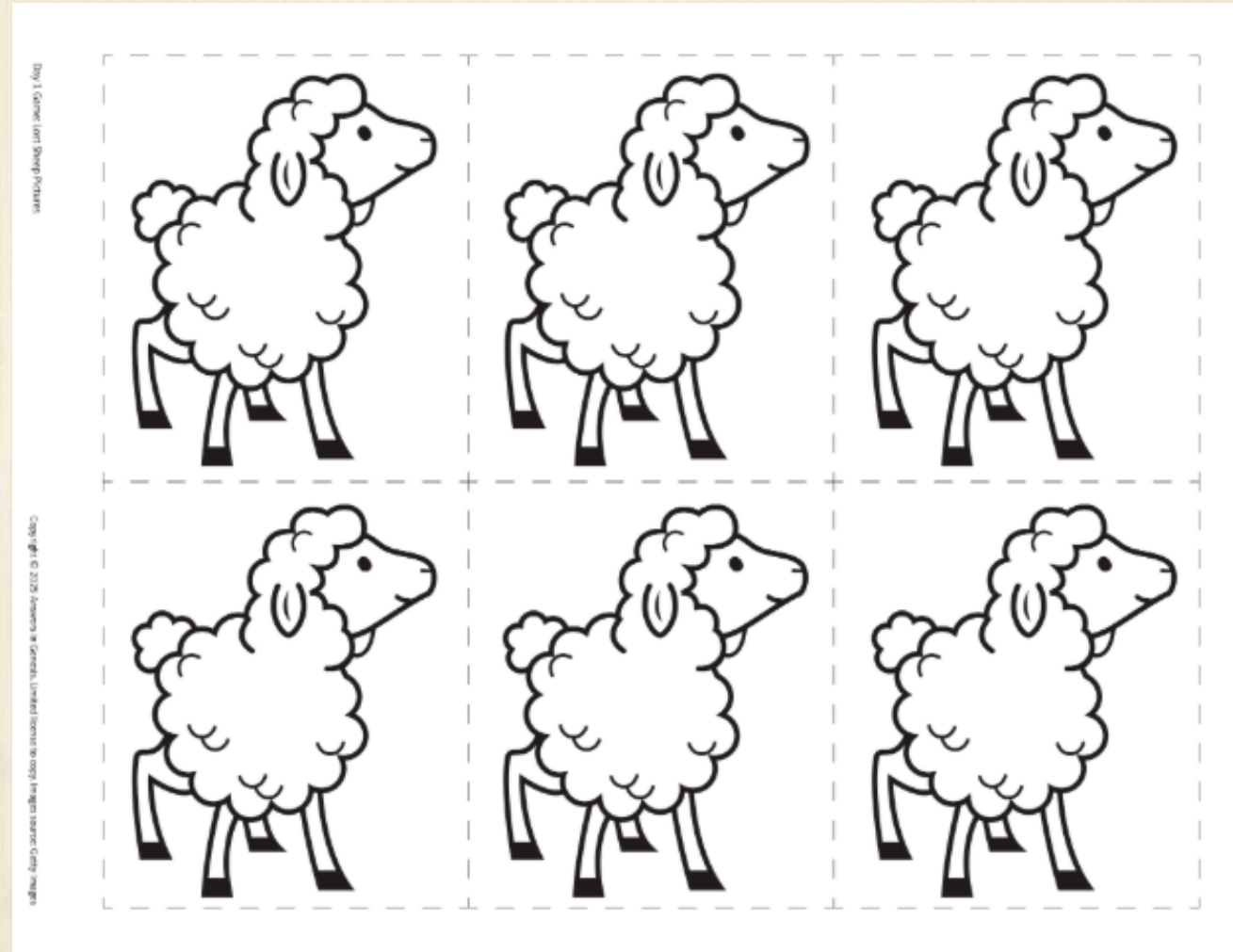


Goal

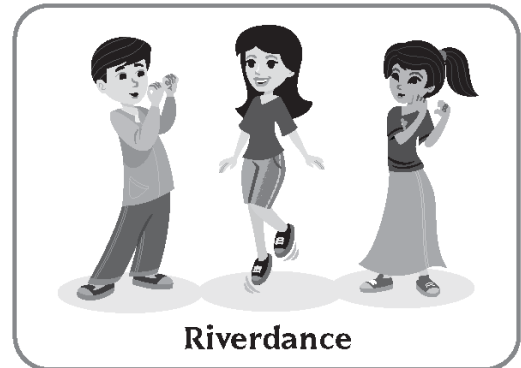
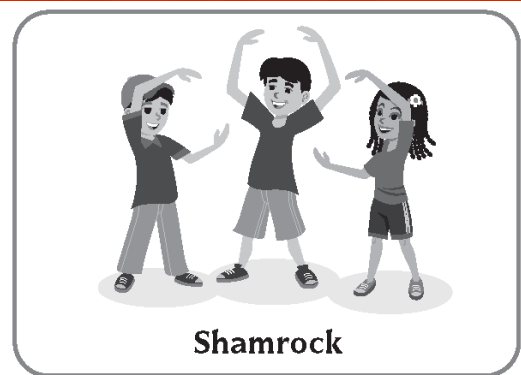




Game Patterns on MyAnswers



Day 2: Shamrock, Riverdance, Viking





Shamrock

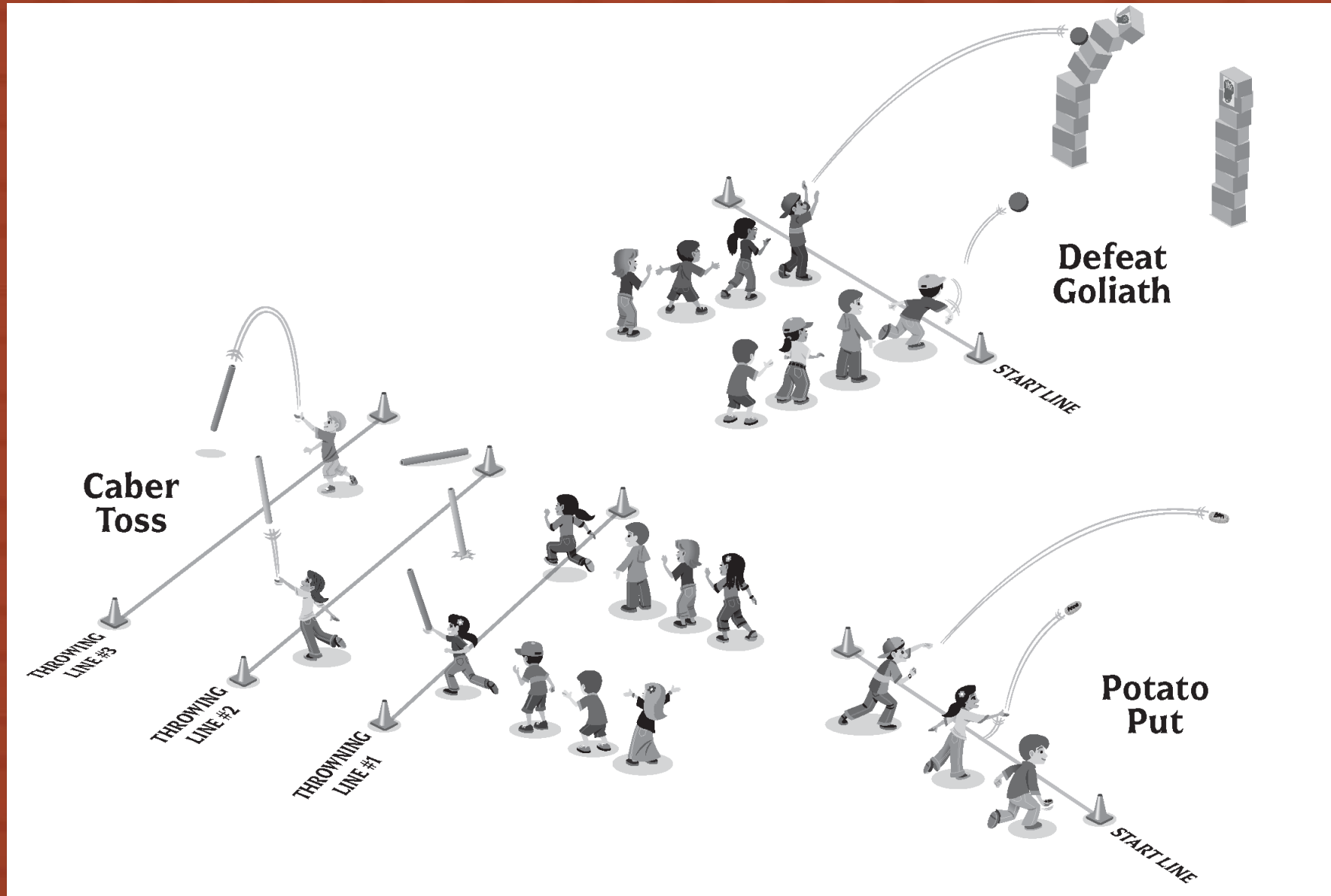


Riverdance



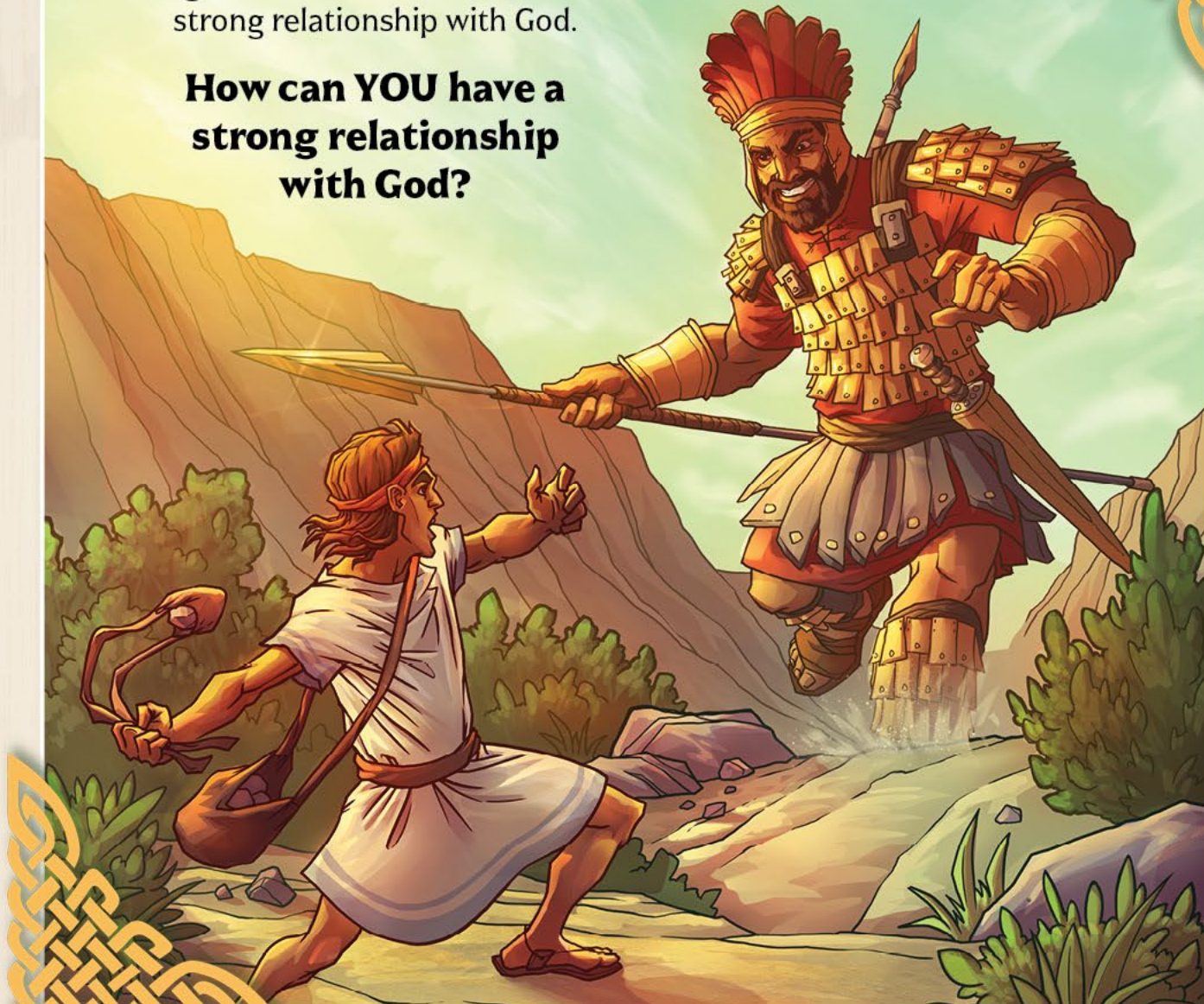
Viking

Day 2: Strongman Challenges



David had the courage to
fight Goliath because he had a
strong relationship with God.

**How can YOU have a
strong relationship
with God?**

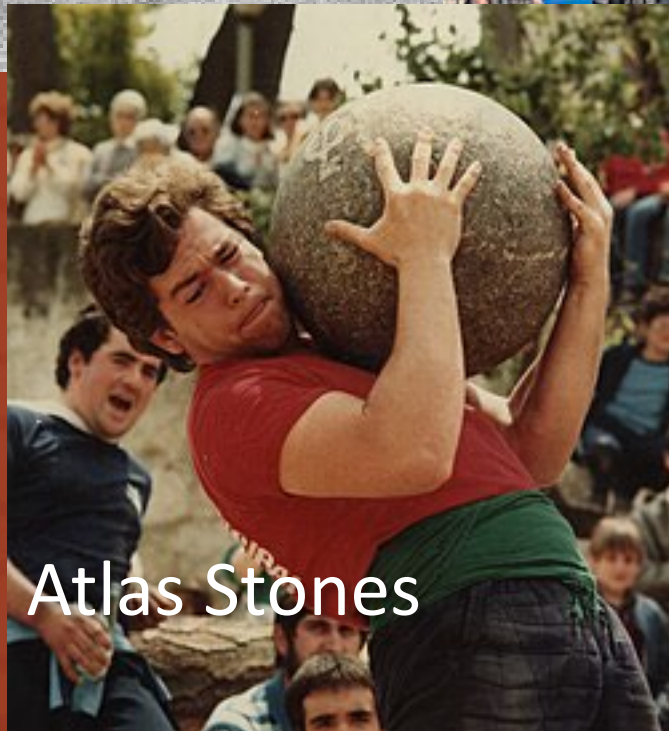




Caber Toss



Farmer's Carry



Atlas Stones



Shot Put

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Defeat Goliath



Farmer's Carry



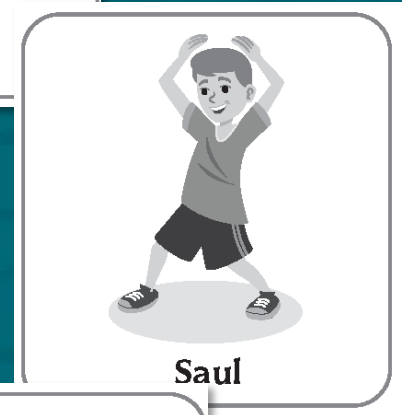
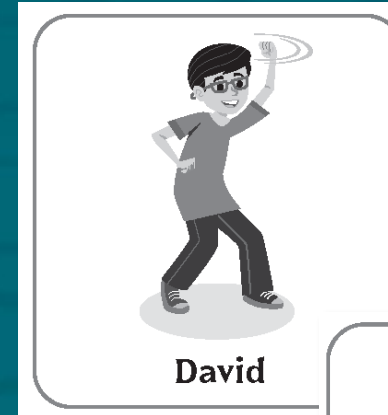
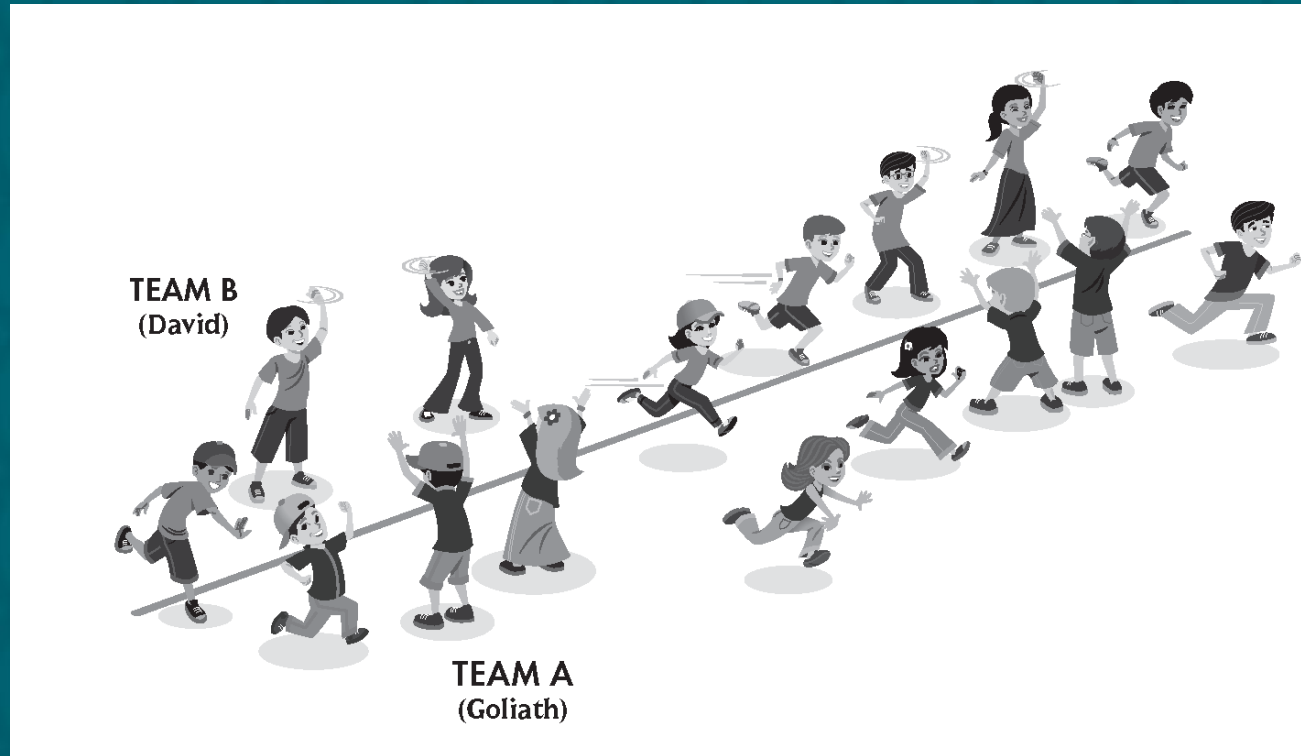
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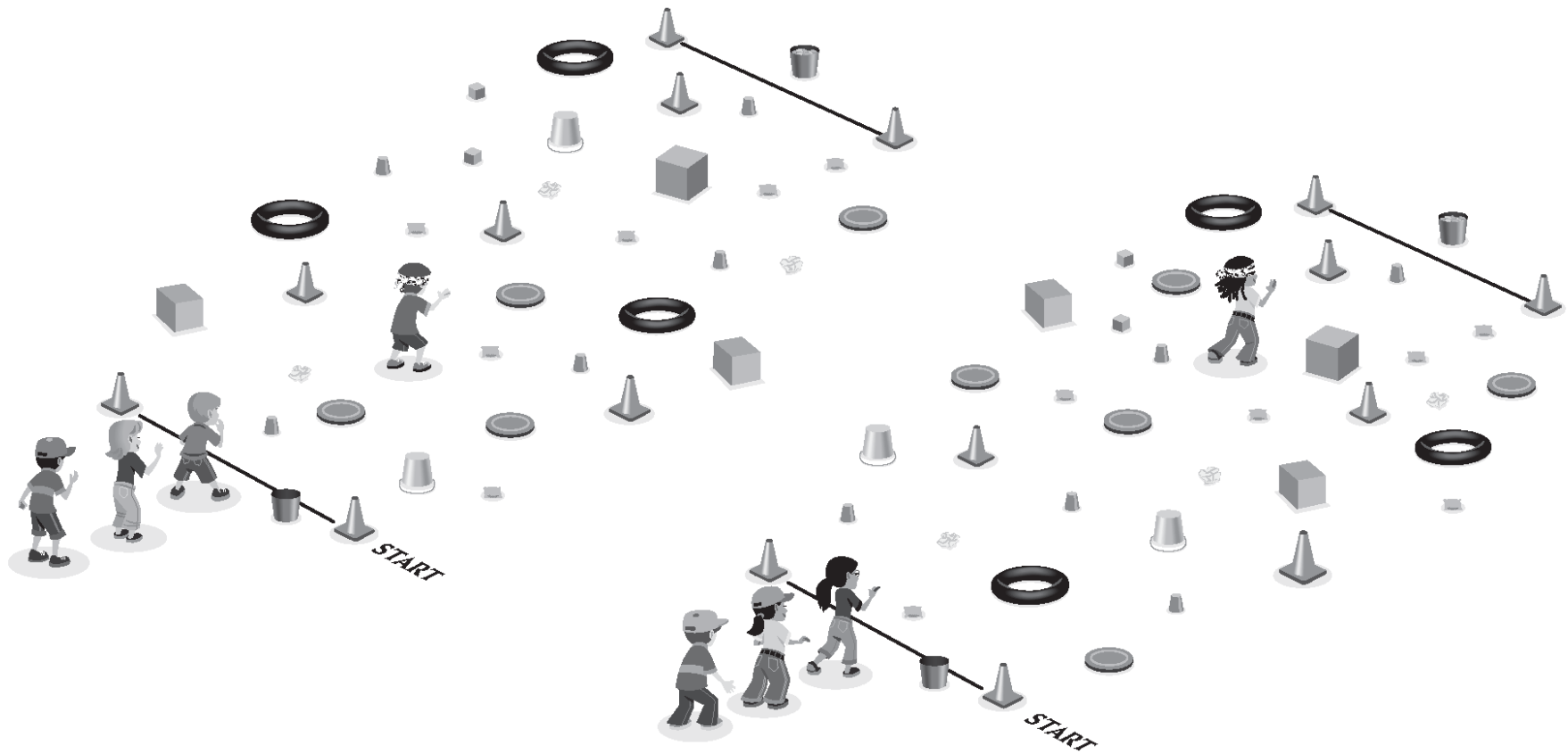
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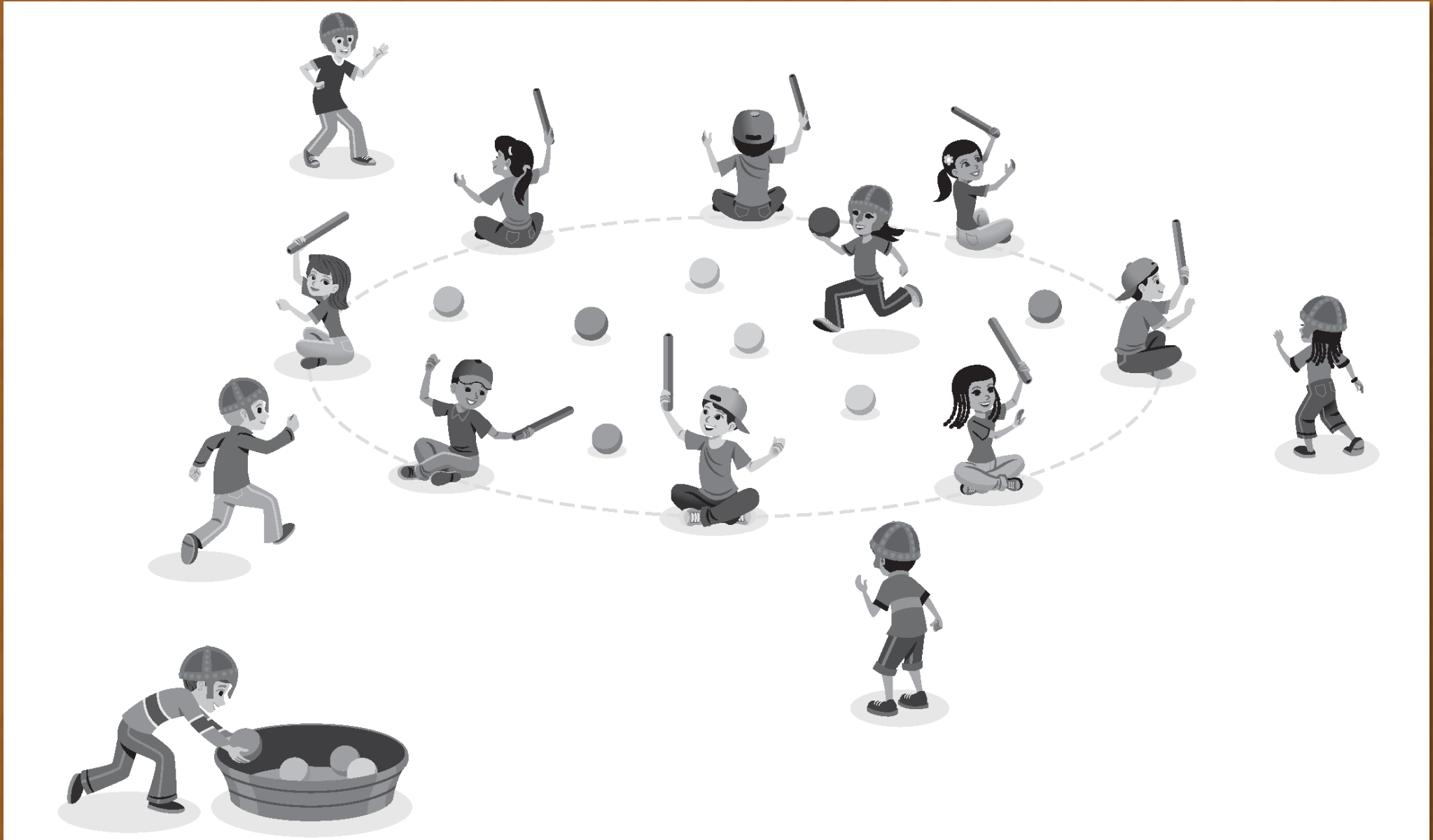
Day 3: Run, David, Run



Day 3: Walk Through the Valley

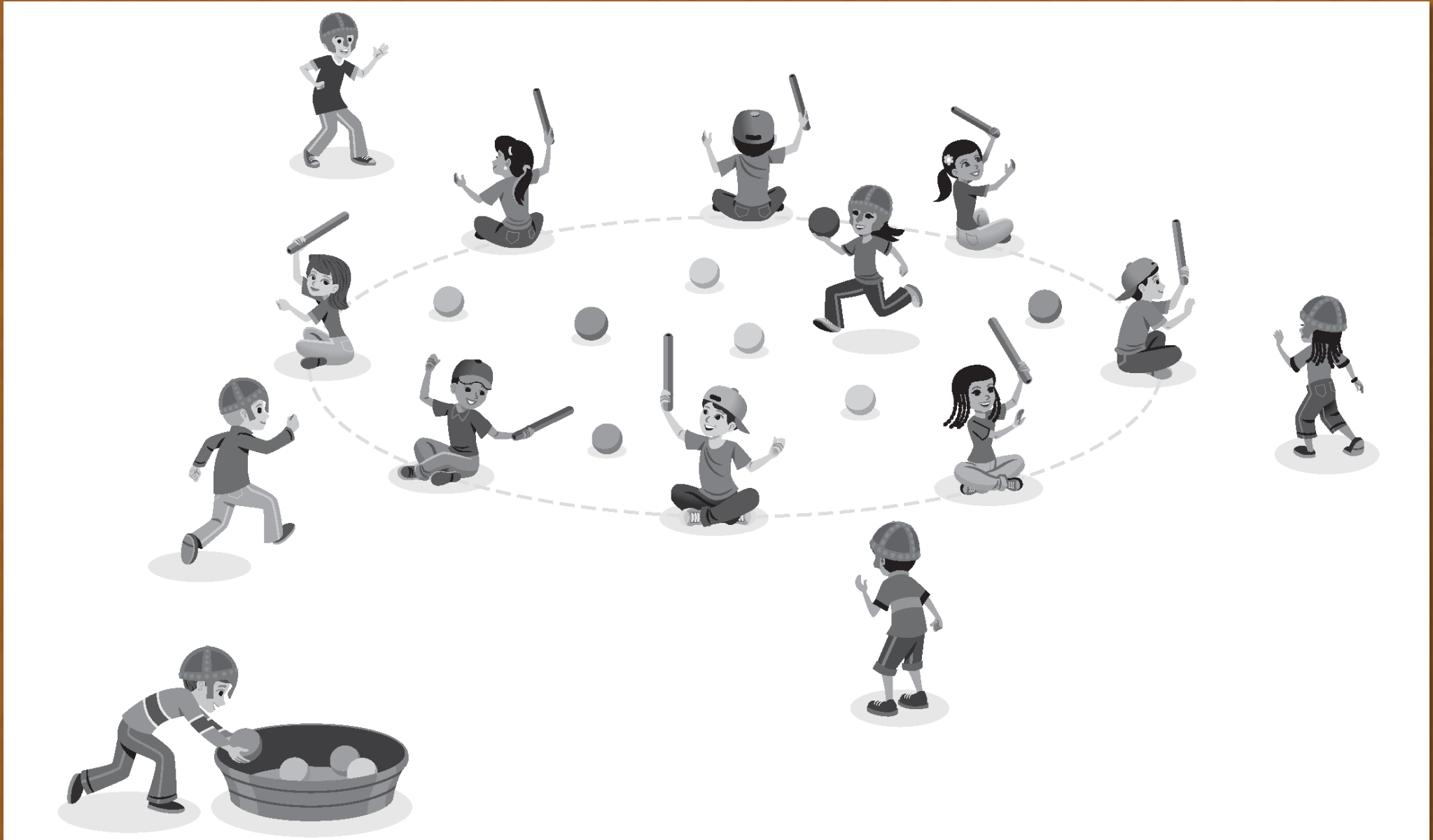


Day 4: Raiders





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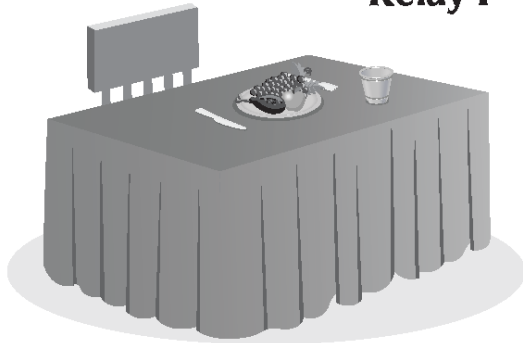




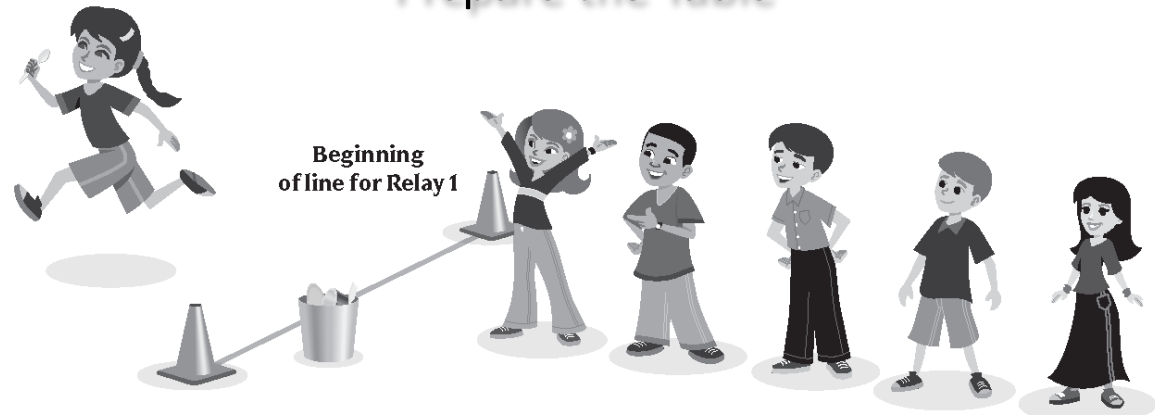


Day 4: My Cup Overflows

Relay 1



Prepare the Table



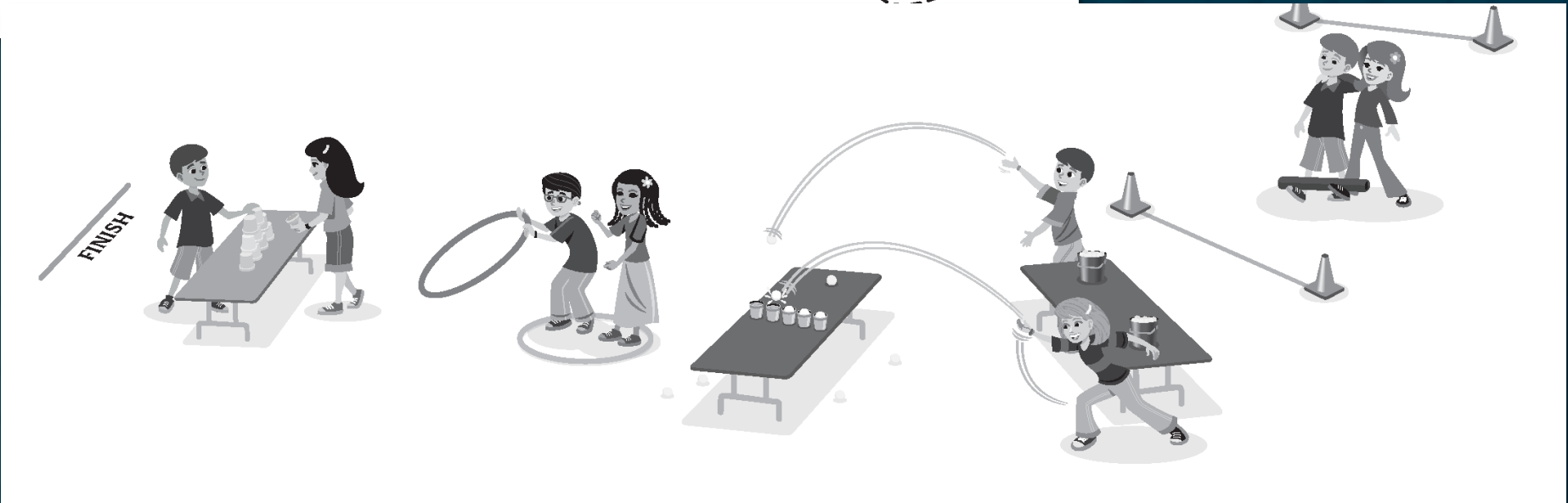
Relay 2



Anoint David





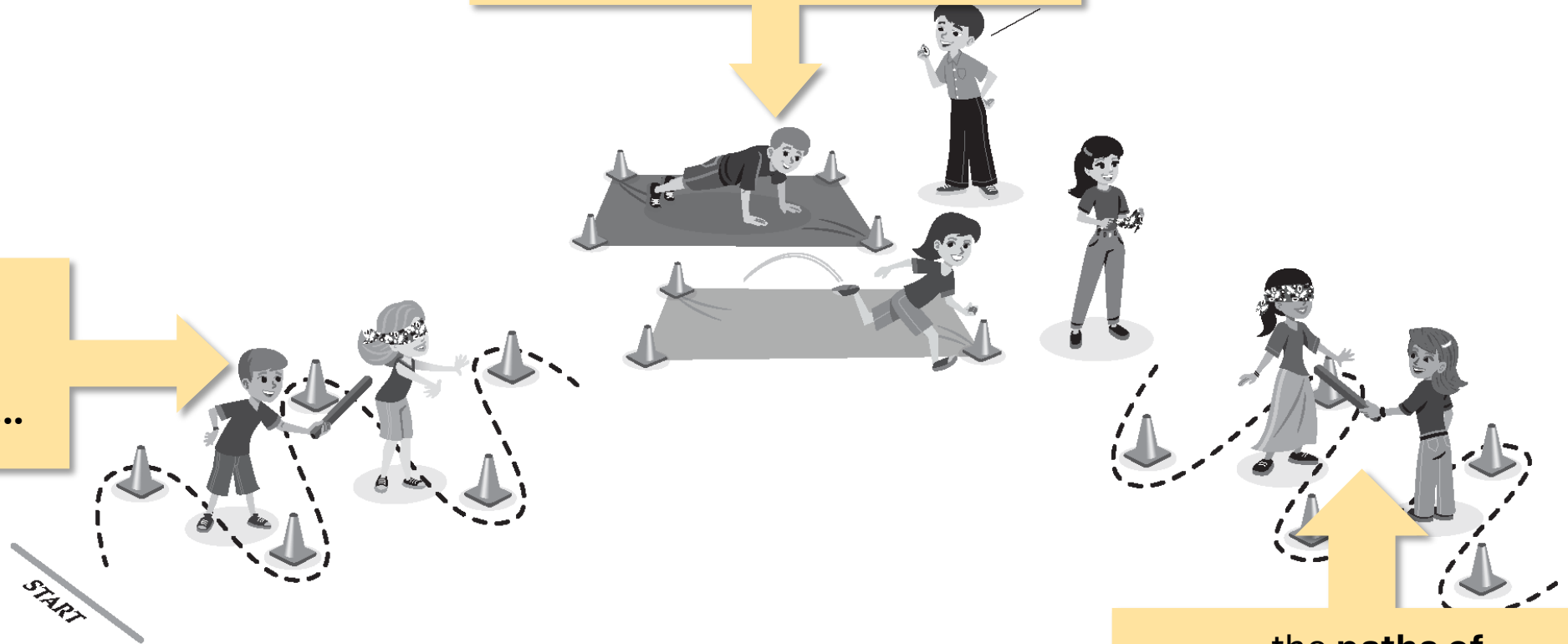


Day 5: Psalm 23 Partner Obstacle Course

lie down in **green pastures**
...beside **still waters**

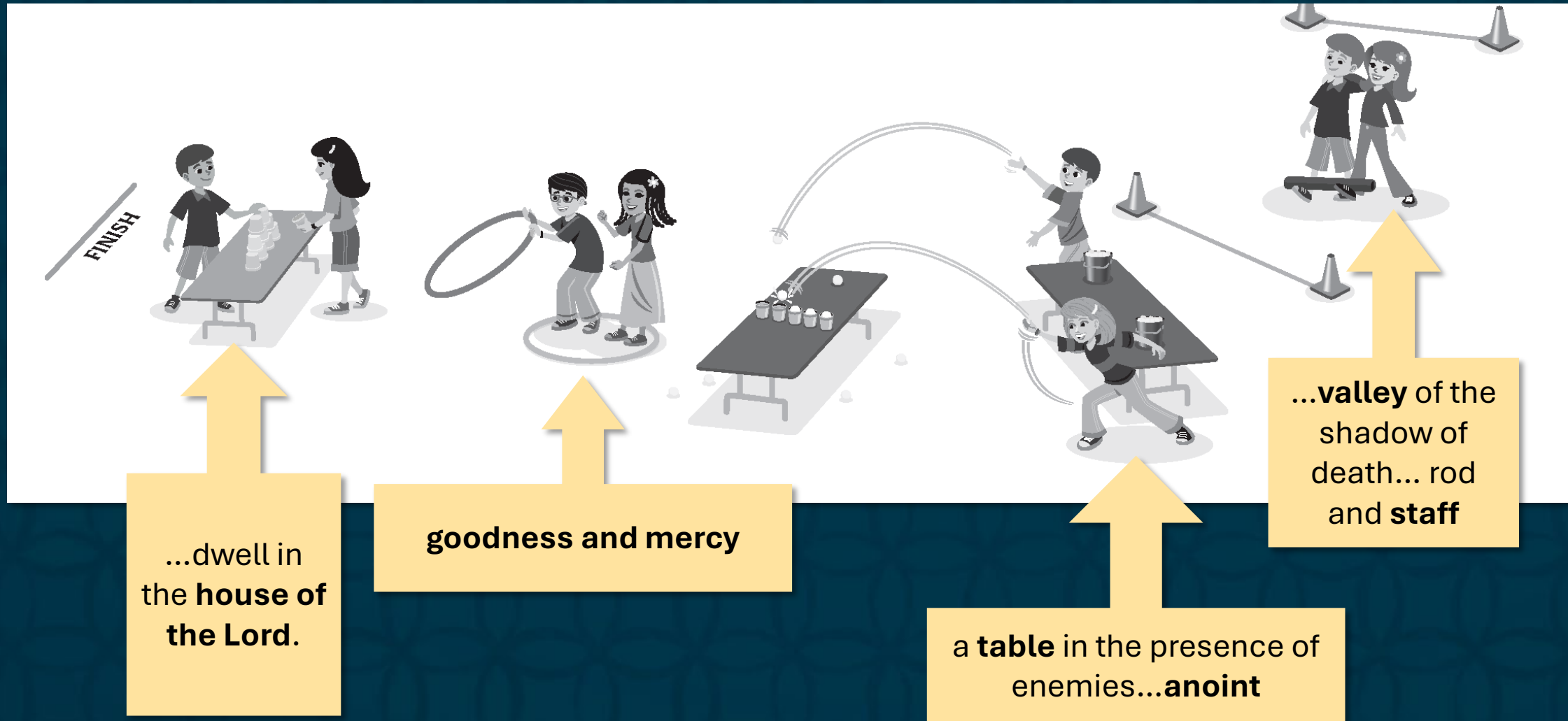
...22...

The LORD
is my
shepherd...



...the **paths of**
righteousness.

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Verse 1



Verse 6

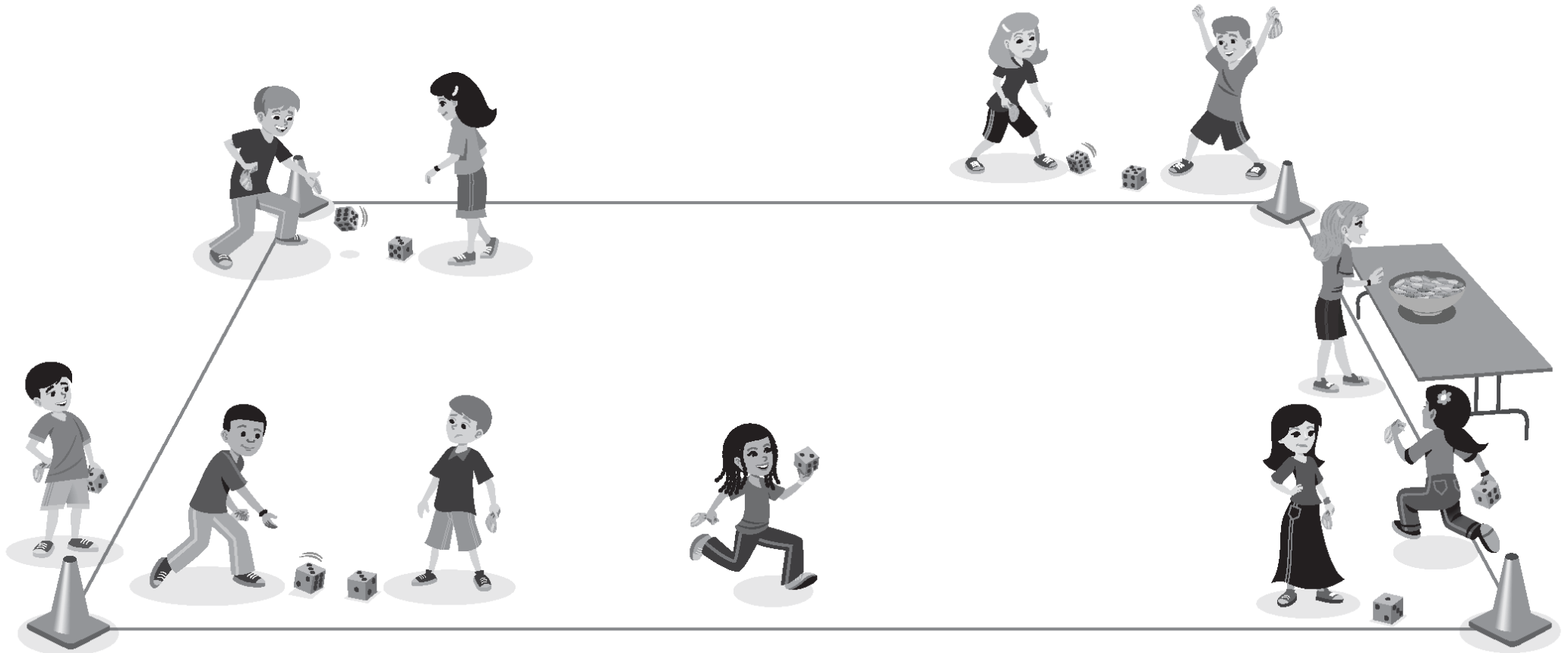
Verse 3



Verse
Stations



Verse 2



“Good Luck” or Good God?

God is the giver of all good things—not “luck.” We can enjoy and have fun finding a four-leaf clover, pulling on a wishbone, or throwing a coin in a wishing well, but these activities don’t bring us “luck.” God is in control of everything, and we can thank the Lord for everything good!







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