

Pack Your Bags Simulation Game

Preliminary:

In your info to the kids in the weeks leading up to the event, you need to set the expectation that this event is a Simulation of them actually going overseas.

The Week before, you need to spend a bit of time telling them that they are allowed to bring to the Simulation Game 3-5 items to take with them. These items are to be items that they think they will need when they go overseas as a Missionary for an extended length of time.

(If some bring along more than the 3-5 limit, then simply distribute them to kids who forgot to bring stuff on the night. It may also help if you collect a few random objects from the Kitchen, lost property items, some stationary items in an attempt to include everyone who comes.) The other item of equipment that you need is a large bag for each group. This is for them to pack their stuff in, hence the name, Pack Your Bags.

On the Night:

Welcome everyone in and begin with a randomising game.

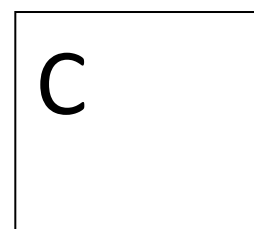
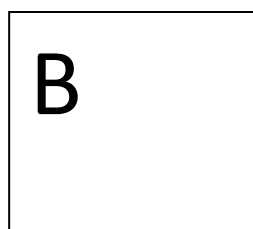
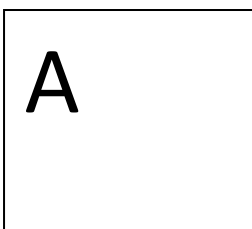
Example of a Randomising Game:

Form groups of 3. Make the shape of a horse. Remember where you are and who is in your group. Now form groups of 7. In that group make a scene of a train. Remember where you are and who is in your group. When I call out 3 go back to the correct place and scene of your group of 3, "3". 7 go back to group of 7. Make a new scene with 5. Rotate through the scenes. Make a last scene with a group of 8-10, all groups need to be the same size. This will be the grouping for the Simulation Game.

Pack Your Bags:

Have everyone in the last group of 8-10 get their 3-5 items and pack them in their Bag

Have 3 Areas outlined on the ground (white packing tape is good for this,) with the letters A, B and C clearly marked in them. (One Each as in the diagram



When you call out items from the list, people from each group have to go and stand in the right area with their item. They get a point for each item, up to a maximum of three per round. Have someone in each group keep score.

Round Number	Item in Area A	Item in Area B	Item in Area C
1	Spectacles/sunnies	Shirt	Toothbrush
2	Footwear	Towel	Pen/Pencil
3	Book	CD	Hat
4	Pillow	Soap/Shampoo	Jumper/Hoody
5	iPod	Glass	Deodorant
6	Comb	Doona/Sleeping Bag	Torch
7	Toy	Socks	Bible
8	Footwear	Swimmers	Jewellery
9	Photo	Pants	Musical Instrument

10	Board game	Mobile Phone	T-Shirt
11	Toothpaste	Plate	DVD
12	Wallet	A Relative	Tea/Coffee Cup

Sometimes it also works to throw in some “Common Item” Rounds,

3 Shirts, 3 Pens, 3 Plates, 3 Pants etc...

Some commentary on each round may also work (“What? No one brought a toothbrush?”)

Debrief:

1. How did your group go?
2. What kind of things did you have?
3. What kind of things were you missing?
4. What common household items weren’t included? (Furniture, TV, Stove, Kettle etc...)
5. What other important things were missing? (Family, Friends, Church, Youth Group ...)

Application

Realise that Missionaries who are overseas have left a lot of stuff behind to be there. They are where they are because they think that some things are more important than stuff. But that doesn’t mean that they have stopped needing to eat or wear clothes.

Ask yourself: What can I do?

1. \$ Be generous to Missionaries already overseas.

- a. Pray – Learn your Missionaries’ names, pray for them.
- b. Care – Realise what kind of things that they are doing without while they are overseas. Think about sending them a treat, Vegemite, latest CD etc...
- c. Give – Be generous with your money. Support a Missionary yourself now.

2. Go: Consider being a Missionary yourself.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6 19 to 21, NIV.