

On the Road Again

Imagine three million people with tents, livestock, children and pets camping in the middle of nowhere; being led by a cloud in the day and a fire by night. The children of Israel depended on God to instruct them when to move and when to stay put. God's perfect plan allows this many people to function in a way that they can set up and tear down their camp in a very efficient manner. Now let's play a game of Simon Says to experience what it may have been like for the children of Israel to depend on God for all of their instructions and provisions.

Simon says Game - Numbers 1-14

Objectives:	Experience what it feels like to trust God for your safety and provision Understand that everyone has unique gifts and a responsibility to your family Have fun with your family Eat a taco dinner
Number of Players:	2 or more (1 person to play "Simon")
Length:	30 - 60 minutes, add or subtract rounds to fit your time-frame.
Set up:	This game will require some prep time. You will need to have all of the ingredients for tacos (tortillas, hamburger, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, salsa). Mom and/or Dad should coordinate ahead of time on which kids should perform which activities (fry the tortillas, fry the hamburger, grate the cheese, slice the tomatoes, slice the onions, shred the lettuce, set the table). Set out ahead of time the props (frying pan, knives/cutting boards, cheese grater/bowl) so they will be easy to get to. Have Mom or Dad be the "Simon." (whoever is most organized and knows the steps to creating tacos.) "Simon" will give instructions preceded by "Simon Says." You will also include the name of the person that the instructions are for. (i.e. "Simon says 'Johnny shred the lettuce.'") Simon will also give instructions that are not preceded by "Simon Says." These should be funny and not related to the making of tacos. Read aloud Numbers 9:15-23

Here is an example of how the instructions might go:

"Simon Says: Everyone, put on your aprons."

"Simon Says: Everyone, wash your hands."

"Mom, Grumble and complain about how messy tacos are."

"Simon Says: Dad, fry the hamburger for the tacos."

"Simon Says: Cindy, shred the cheese."

"Johnny, tickle your sister."

"Simon Says: Johnny, set the table."

"Simon Says: Dad, add the taco seasoning to the hamburger."



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“Simon Says: Tommy, shred the lettuce.”

“Simon Says: Cindy, slice the tomatoes.”

“Tommy, run next door and invite the neighbors for dinner.”

“Simon Says: Johnny, slice the onions.”

“Cindy, give your Dad a charlie horse.”

“Simon Says: Cindy, fry the taco shells.”

“Dad, add a layer of cinnamon to the taco meat.”

“Simon Says: Cindy, place the tomatoes in a bowl on the table.”

“Tommy, dance your sister around the kitchen.”

“Simon Says: Dad, place dish the taco meat into a bowl and place it on the table.”

“Tommy, turn on the television.”

“Simon Says: Everyone, place all of the food on the table.”

“Dad, set a place for the cat at the table.”

“Simon Says: Everyone sit down at the table.”

“Simon Says: Everyone bow your heads and I will give thanks to our Great God!”

You can continue the game through dinner, you can switch roles, let someone else be Simon. Have fun with it and enjoy the laughter and time together with your family. You can work in instructions that have to do with each family members special gifts and talents.

Discussion Questions (during or after dinner):

- a. Why is it important to wait on the Lord’s direction?
- b. What is the gift that you bring to the family and the body of Christ?
- c. What can happen if you do something that God did not direct?
- d. How does grumbling and a bad attitude affect the rest of the family?
- e. How does a good attitude and a cooperative spirit help the family?
- f. What can we do as a family to help each other have a good attitude?

Close in prayer, praying specifically for the needs of each family member.

Simon says: “Be strong! Be strong! And let us encourage one another!”