

The Promised Land

The book of Joshua speaks of God's faithful promises and provisions. In this second half of the book of Joshua we read that the land God promised the children of Israel is distributed among the tribes. God is faithful and we see that his promises to give the children of Israel a land flowing with milk and honey are true. After seven years of battle, it is now payday and Joshua distributes the land--giving each of the tribes their inheritance.

Distributing the Marshmallows

- Objectives:** Joshua distributes the Land (marshmallows) to the tribes
Have fun with your family
- Number of Players:** 4 or more, you will work in teams of 2 -- a flinger (Joshua) and a catcher (tribe).
Have one person as a referee
- Length:** 10 - 30 minutes
1. Your playing field should be about 15 feet wide. Tape a long strip of masking tape on the floor on one end of your playing field. This is the fling line (make sure that there is enough room for the flingers to stand behind the line and fling/flip their marshmallows across the playing field).
 2. Divide your family into teams of two (one flinger "Joshua" and one catcher "tribe" on each team).
 3. Make a two foot square on the floor out of masking tape about 10 feet away from the fling line (you will need a square for each team). This is the box that marshmallow catcher will stand in.
 4. You will need enough marshmallows for each team to have 10 (toss them in a large zip lock bag with a touch of flour so they won't stick together).
 5. You will need some plastic spoons and some paper lunch bags or cereal bowls (if you use cereal bowls, they should be large enough to hold 10 marshmallows).
 6. Gather your family around and read Joshua 13:1-2, 7-8, 14:1.
 7. Give each team a plastic spoon, a lunch bag or cereal bowl and 10 marshmallows.

Round One: Have the marshmallow flingers stand behind the fling line with their plastic spoon and their 10 marshmallows. Have the catchers stand in their two foot masking tape box with their bag or cereal bowl. The flingers have to use their plastic spoon to fling marshmallows to their teammate, the catcher. The catcher has to catch the marshmallows with their lunch bag or cereal bowl (no hands allowed). But, she can't leave her masking tape box. Once all the marshmallows have been flung, the team with the most catches wins. Play begins by the referee saying "on your mark, get set, GO!"

Round Two: Switch roles and let the flingers be the catchers this time.

Final Round: Read and Pray. Read aloud Joshua 23:2-8, 11, 14, 24:13-15. Pray for the family that they will observe God's commands and follow Jesus all of their lives. Then make smores!