
Activity Time

Symbol Matching Game

Description: Jesus taught the people spiritual truths using everyday objects and concepts. Play this matching game with your family and match each symbol to its meaning and scripture reference. See who can collect the most matches!

What you need: ■ A copy of the “Symbol Matching Game” activity, scissors, heavy paper.

Preparation:

1. Print out the game card sheet on heavy paper, or mount on heavy paper.
2. Cut out the game cards.

Activity:

- 1. Setting up the Game:** Jesus taught the people spiritual truths using everyday objects and concepts. In this game, you’ll match the symbol with the scripture. Then discuss as a family what is being taught in the scripture. To get ready to play, mix up the cards and lay them out in rows, face down.
- 2. Game Instructions:** Take turns turning over any two cards. If the two cards match, keep them. Discuss the symbol and the meaning. Read the scripture reference if you need help. If the cards don’t match, turn them back over. Try to remember what was on each card and where it was. The game is over when all the cards have been matched.
- 3. Think about it:** There are many symbols in the scriptures. Try to notice the symbols you find, and ponder their meaning. Try coming up with spiritual lessons for everyday objects around your own home!

Birth

"Except a man be
born again, he
cannot see the
kingdom of God."
John 3:5

Serpent

"And as Moses lifted
up the **serpent** in
the wilderness,
even so must the
Son of man be lifted
up:"
John 3:14-15

Water

"...whosoever
drinketh of the
water that I
shall give him shall
never thirst."
John 4:13-14

Light

"...that light is come
into the world, and
men loved darkness
rather than **light**"
John 3:19-21

Wind

"The **wind** bloweth
where it listeth, and
thou hearest the
sound thereof, but
canst not tell
whence it cometh..."
John 3:8

Bridegroom

"but the friend of
the **bridegroom**,
which standeth and
heareth him,
rejoiceth greatly
because of the
bridegroom's voice:"
John 3:27-29

Meat

"Jesus saith unto
them, My **meat** is to
do the will of him
that sent me, and to
finish his work.
John 4:32-34

Fields

"Lift up your eyes,
and look on the
fields; for they are
white already to
harvest"
John 4:35

Temple

"Jesus answered
and said unto them,
Destroy this
temple, and in
three days I will
raise it up."
John 2:19-21

Fruit

"And he that
reapeth receiveth
wages, and
gathereth **fruit**
unto life eternal:"
John 4:36