

“The Dating Game”

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MATERIALS AND ADVANCE PREPARATION:

- 1 Make copies of the questions for the game.

THE GAME:

Some of you may remember The Dating Game that used to air on TV. One person would ask questions of three members of the opposite sex that were hidden behind a screen, and at the end of the game, the person asking the questions would choose one of the three for a date. This is a take-off on that game. Since you will probably be playing it with youth who know each other, arrange for a way to disguise the voices of those answering the questions. If you have girls answering, you could have a guy with each girl to whom she whispers her answer, and then he answers the questions out loud.

ROUND ONE:

Guy asks questions, three girls answer questions. Guy can make up his own questions or use the following. He can ask all three girls the same questions, or use different questions for each girl, or a mixture of those approaches.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS:

- 1 What would you like to do on an ideal date?
- 2 What do you look for in a guy you want to date?
- 3 Do you prefer brawn or brains in a guy?
- 4 Would you kiss on the first date?
- 5 What would you say if I said we were going to babysit my 3 younger brothers on our first date?
- 6 Would you date a guy who isn't a Christian, and why or why not?
- 7 What would you do if, after dating a guy for 6 months, you found out he has a child already?
- 8 What would you do if your parents said that you can't date anybody one-on-one until you are 18?
- 9 What is the most appealing part of your personality?

10 What do you think guys misunderstand the most about girls?

After these questions, you can either have the guy choose a girl, just for fun, or skip that step and go straight into a discussion of the questions. Then move on to Round Two, with a girl asking the questions of three guys.

ROUND TWO:

Girl asks questions.

Possible Questions:

- 1 What would you like to do on an ideal date?
- 2 What do you look for in a girl you want to date?
- 3 Do you prefer beauty or brains in a girl?
- 4 Would you kiss on the first date?
- 5 What would you say if I said we were going to babysit my 3 younger brothers on our first date?
- 6 Would you date a girl who isn't a Christian, and why or why not?
- 7 What would you do if, after dating a girl for 6 months, you found out she has a child already?
- 8 What would you do if your parents said that you can't date anybody one-on-one until you are 18?
- 9 What is the most appealing part of your personality?
- 10 What do you think girls misunderstand the most about guys?

After the answers, discuss as a whole group. Then if you have time, and students want to continue the game, divide into groups of guys and girls and have each group come up with questions and play the game again.

The point of the game is to raise the questions and the issues on dating that are important to your youth. The game is just one way to make that happen. Be aware of what the students say, and use this to come up with input for this or other sessions.