

Game: **The Corner Game**
Discussions: **Being Chosen / Fear**
Scripture: **Psalm 56:3**
YOU WILL NEED: *No items are needed.*

The Corner Game

Point out the four corners and two midway points on the long sides of the walls. Then choose a counting-person. When you say "Go" the students will choose one of these six places to stand at. Then, in your mind, you will choose one of them from which you will begin counting. Then ask your counting-person for a number between one and six. Begin counting around the room from the place you had chosen (each time you will choose a new place from which to count). The place that you land on is out. They need to come and sit in the middle of the room, where you are standing. Everyone else will go to a different place from among the six choices. Keep going until there are only six people left. Tell them that only one person can be on a spot. Keep going until only one person is left. This person is your new counting-person. (NOTE: The counting-person will continue to give you numbers each time even if they are out of the game.) Play the game again and then use one of the following discussions:

(NOTE: This game is similar to the Dice-Roll game that many skating rinks play and can be played that way if you have a large dice. In this version the dice roll would take the place of the counting person described above.)

Have everyone sit down in a circle.

Discussion—Option #1

Ask the students— **In the game how did it feel to have your spot chosen?** (Sad; Disappointing; I was out, etc.)

Ask the students— **How would you have felt if you won a special prize when your spot was chosen?** (I would've wanted to be chosen.)

SAY: Today I want you to know that God has chosen you. He has chosen to love you and He has chosen great plans for your lives.

Continue with a discussion of the plans God has for them and how to walk with Lord and how live for Him.

Discussion—Option #2

ASK: **In this game, did you ever feel safe?** (Probably not, because you couldn't control what spot would be chosen and if you'd stay in or out.)

ASK: **In life are there times you don't feel safe? What are they?**

ASK: **What are some things that scare you?**

SHARE—Briefly share something you were scared of when you were a child.

ASK: **What should we do when we're scared?** (Trust God.)

**Read from your Bible:
Psalm 56:3**

REPEAT: Repeat this after me:

Leader: When I am afraid... (*Kids: When I am afraid...*)

Leader: I will trust in Thee... (*Kids: I will trust in Thee...*)

Leader: Psalm 56:3... (*Kids: Psalm 56:3...*)

SAY: "Thee" is an old way of saying, "You," and this makes a great rhyme to remember when you're scared.

SHOUT OUT COMPETITION

Divide your class into two teams (i.e., split the group down the middle)

SAY: We're going to have a competition to see which side can be the loudest. When I point to this side, yell out, "**When I am afraid!**" When I point to the other side, yell out, "**I will trust in Thee!**" Then you say, "Psalm 56:3".

Go back and forth between the two teams three times to see which side is louder.

Play the Game Again...