

Game: **Gorilla Beats the Man**
Discussion: **How to win in life**

YOU WILL NEED: *No items needed*

Gorilla Beats the Man

This is like a large version of rock, paper, and scissors. Your students stand back-to-back. You say, “Gorilla (raise arms like a gorilla) beats the man (put hands on hips), man (put hands on hips) beats the gun (hold finger out as gun), gun (hold finger out as gun) beats gorilla (raise arms like a gorilla), if you tie (act like you are adjusting your tie), you die. (In other words, if they both make the same gesture, they are both out.) 5-4-3-2-1...(This is when your students turn around and make the appropriate gesture for gorilla, man, or gun...and, remember, if they tie, they’re both out.)*

“Gorilla beats the man, man beats the gun, gun beats gorilla, if you tie, you die. 5-4-3-2-1...”

Continue playing and eliminating players until there is only one winner.

KEY—There could only be one winner in this game, but with Jesus, everyone can win.

ASK: How can a person win in life? (By giving their lives to Jesus and following Him every day in every way.)

Continue with a discussion of what it means to follow Jesus...then play the game again.

Other great “bridges” from this game into spiritual discussions are:

- (1) In the game, if you “tie, you die!” What happens to a person when they die? What do you believe about heaven? Are you scared to die? If you had only one day to live, what would you do? Other suggestions: Read and discuss Hebrews 9:27. Or, share about how you gave your life to Jesus and how because of that you know absolutely, positively for sure that you’re going to heaven—you don’t deserve it, but you have this assurance and they can too (1 John 5:13).
- (2) What “beats” you? Have you ever been beaten before? How did you feel? What does it take to “beat” the devil? How can you overcome temptation? (1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, James 1:12-15, etc.) Are you getting beaten at the Christian life—eaten up by the world (1 Peter 5:8-11). And even if they experience hardships and sufferings, especially in living for Christ, the worst things this world can give sure “beats” hell, which is what we deserve for our sins, but thank God, Jesus died and rose again to make a way for us to be forgiven.**

*The original source for this game is unknown.

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