

Under Construction: Tower Power



Supplies and Set Up:

- Campers will be split up into 3 even groups and will each be given a “Construction Site” (table) to begin building at for the day
- The following supplies will be at the corresponding tables:
 - Tower Station #1: Pool noodle pieces, Lego pieces, wooden blocks
 - Tower Station #2: Plastic cups, small wooden cube or dice, and popsicle sticks
 - Tower Station #3: Spaghetti noodles (challenging) or toothpicks (easier), marshmallows, index cards, Oreos, gumdrops

Instructions:

1. Split the Campers up in to three even groups and have each group start at one of the three “Construction Sites”
2. Campers will be given 10-12 minutes at each station to see who in their group can build the TALLEST tower(s), most creative tower, most detailed tower, etc.
3. Each station will have different supplies and offer a variety of opportunities for them to build creatively
4. Time to build!
5. When time is coming to an end of each rotation, the Volunteer will go around and award campers for categories such as Tallest Tower, Most Creative, and Best Design, etc.

Tower Station #1: Pool Noodle Pieces

1. Campers will be in groups of two for this activity.
2. Campers will be given a tub of pool noodle pieces, Lego pieces, and wooden blocks
3. For the first round of this activity, Campers will be using the pool noodle pieces to see who can build the TALLEST tower with just the pool noodle pieces.
 - a. In order for a tower to count as “built”, it must stay standing for at least three seconds without Campers holding it.
4. Continue this activity for multiple rounds! Incorporate the other items. Add in more challenging sculptures to make as you see fit. (build an animal, pyramid, bridge, etc)

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Tower Station #2: Cups and Popsicle Sticks

1. Campers will use the popsicle sticks and the plastic cups to create different structures and towers.
 - a. At first, this may seem tricky, but the possibilities of structures are infinite.
2. The Campers' towers must be able to balance on the small cube (for younger Campers, no cube is needed to make the activity easier). See picture below for guidance.

Tower Station #3: Candy Mountain

1. Each Camper will have 20 marshmallows, 20 gumdrops, and 5 oreos, and a large amount of spaghetti noodles.
2. Campers will see who can build the tallest structure!
3. For variations, give Campers more or less marshmallows and toothpicks, have them build different shapes, etc.

Helpful Tips:

- For Kindergarten Campers, allow more free play with the building materials if the activities are too difficult.



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HUDDLE

Skill Verse: Luke 6:46-48

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Skill Truth: God is Our Strong Foundation

What did you enjoy about the activities today? What made your structure stand strong?

That’s right! A foundation!

Just like when building structures with pool noodles, cups, or even candy, you must have a strong foundation to make sure you are steady in life. God wants us to build our foundation on His teaching so that we are not washed away by the ways of the world.

What are some ways we can build our foundation on God – our steady and strong rock?