

BLIND ARTISTS

YEAR 1, 2nd Sunday of Lent/YEAR 3, 2nd Sunday of Lent

This is a very simple game to play. It needs to be prepared in advance. Have some sheets of paper, colored pens or pencils, and some ideas for "Bible scenes" (see some below) and write them down on individual squares, fold them up and put them in a bucket or hat.

Divide your people into three groups of equal number. Elect a member to be blindfolded as the "blind artist". Invite each team choose one scene and to not reveal the scene to the "blind artist". Explain that the teams may only explain to their "blind artist" what the scene looks like by describing the objects that are there and where they should go. Include rules like, "no names of characters or places". To make it more fun (or maybe just more chaotic), group members can move around groups and disturb the other teams. This can get very noisy. After drawing the first scene for three minutes, the blind artist must keep the blindfold on as the team tapes the scene name onto the back of the drawing and sets it up for presentation.

Repeat process until all teams have three drawings made by three different members in three minutes each. Then have an "art show" and ask the artist who drew the scene to try and guess what the scene they drew. If they cannot guess it, have the other teams make a guess.

Wrap up the fun by asking, "What was most enjoyable about this process?" What was most difficult?" Briefly point out that the more creative effort a person put into the game, the more good work then came out of that effort. Explain that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are the new incarnation, the new hands and feet and body of Christ to participate in the redemption story. Explain that while we may not always know where the finished work of art (the completion of our earthly lives) will end up and we are completely blind, confused or afraid, as long as we put our faith in God and trust Him enough to follow His will, we know we'll be painting a heavenly story for ourselves and those we love.

Bible Scenes:

- The Testing of Abraham (Genesis 22)
- Raising of Lazarus (John 11)
- Parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
- Healing the Paralytic (Mark 2)
- The Fall of Jericho (Joshua 6)
- David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
- The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3)
- The Temptation of Jesus (Luke 4)
- Jonah and the Whale (Jonah 2)