

THE RESOURCES GAME

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The Resources Game was first run at a Scripture Union Training Day in Melbourne sometime in the early 1990's. The aim of the game is to help people to identify and share a whole range of resources for youth ministry, although the idea could be used for any area of ministry. I also had a whole stack of resources on display for people to look at.

The game is played by using the floor as a game board. The pages following are used to lay out the game board in any pattern that you choose. Make up at least one blank square for each square which has an activity. Likewise use the arrow squares as fillers. I had some great formula for working out the number of squares and moves for the time available but I've forgotten it. The main thing is not to have too many or too few game squares for the time available. I happen to have a large foam rubber dice which is excellent for people to throw.

Naturally, people start at the start and finish at the finish. The named squares relate to the following activities.

Golden Oldies

Copy and cut out a whole lot of classic ideas from books and magazines. Each time a person lands on this square they pick one and read it aloud. You will be amazed at how many old ideas seem new to people.

Just Do it!

Prepare about a dozen short activities to do together when people landed on these squares.

Toss A Topic

Roll the dice. The player shares one idea on whatever topic comes up from the list below. If they can do they get a lolly.

Hot Sources

The person picks a card and read it aloud. Other people have to give ideas for two great resources of this kind. The first two who do get a lolly. (see below for the *Hot Sources* Cards)

Lucky Dip

Put a whole range of bizarre items into a bag. The person takes an item from the bag. The rest of the group has 1 minute to brainstorm ways to could use this in a youth program. The player chooses the best idea and this person moves forward two spaces.



Hot Sources



Golden Oldies

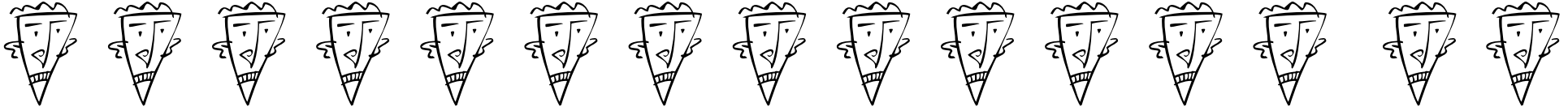




 TOSS A 

 TOPIC 

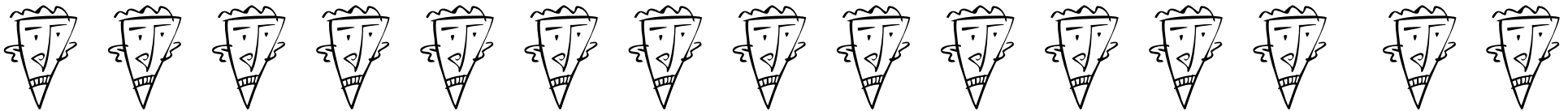


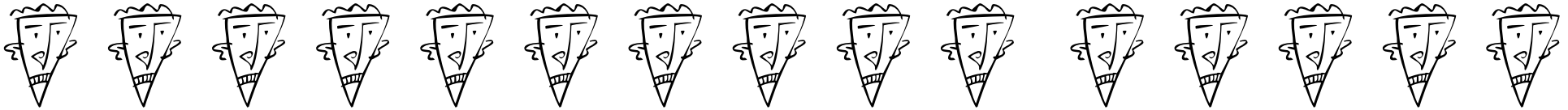
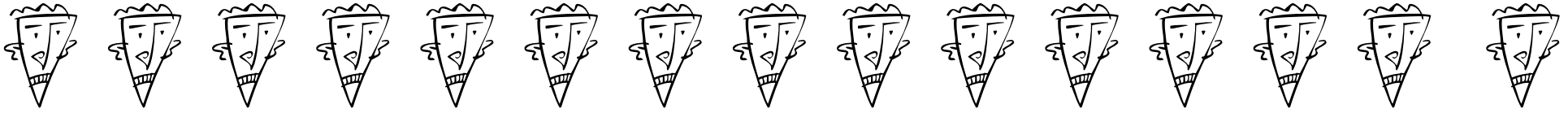


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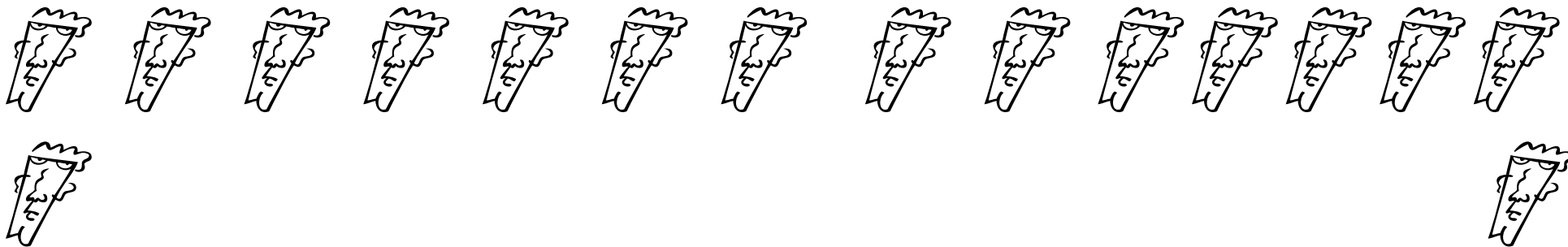


DO IT!





**start
here**



Lucky Dip







Finish





"TOSS A TOPIC" TOPICS

1. Worship

2. Game

3. Group

Discussion

4. Mission

5. Carinhô

6. Campinhô

HOT SOURCES CARDS

Book

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Movie

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Music

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Place

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