

Step 1

FIND A LOCATION

- Choose the home or neighborhood of someone in your Life Group
- A place with lots of people trick-or-treating (e.g., central location in the neighborhood, low car traffic)
- Pick a place where it'll be easy to set up (e.g., cul-de-sac, parking lots, deep front yards)

OLYMPICS

For décor: Use Olympic rings, tiki/"Olympic" torches, medals, flags, stopwatches/The OMEGA clock

For costumes: gymnastics leotards, swim caps/goggles, warm up suits, dress up like an announcer/interviewer

For games: set up a "soccer field," races, obstacle courses with cardboard boxes, shot-put and track and field areas

SPORTS

For décor: golf clubs and putting greens and balls, scoreboards, basketball hoops, PVC goal-posts, organe cones for endzones, foul lines, big league chew bubble gum, send trading cards with candy as giveaway

For costumes: golf shoes, shorts and a polo, basketball jerseys and shoes, football and cheerleader uniforms, baseball caps and eye black

For games: putting and chipping contest, practice nets, HORSE, Nerf games, hula hoop in a tree (football)

FARM

For décor: Bales of hay, stick horses, red wagons, stuffed animals

For costumes: Overalls or jeans, plaid/flannel shirts, bandanas, boots, cowboy/straw hats, brown eyeliner to make freckles on cheeks

For games: Bobbing for apples, pin the tail, throwing horseshoes, potato sack races

MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT

For décor: set up lots of chairs for parents to watch, bright lights to focus on contestants, fake money to win, tables to set up games, stopwatches/60 second countdown, name of the game signs

For costumes: sweat bands, knee high socks, workout clothes, safety goggles, Guy Fieri hair

For games: See nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to for more game ideas.

Defying Gravity- Tap 3 balloons to keep them off the ground for a minute.

A Bit Dicey- Balance six die on a popsicle stick held in your mouth.

Baby Rattle- Transport all the gumballs from one soda bottle to another in under 60 seconds.

Breakfast Scramble- Assemble the front of a cereal box that has been cut into 16 even pieces.

CAMPING

For décor: Tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, camping chairs, fishing poles, fake campfire

For costumes: Hiking boots, flannel shirts, backpacks and Nalgene bottles, headlamps (go for granola)

For games: dig for treasure in a tent, "gone fishing" with paper clips and magnets, smores at the fire pit, sleeping bag races

Step 2

CHOOSE A THEME

Step 3

START A CONVERSATION

If the opportunity presents itself in the flow of a conversation, you might start a discussion about your faith by asking questions such as:

- Are you connected and involved in a church?
- How can we pray for you?
- What's been your experience with Christianity and/or Christians?

- Ask everyone to bring one or two bags of candy so you have plenty to share.
- Keep a high energy level so people want to stop by your home and get involved.
- Aim for family friendly, and not-so-scary.
- Please refrain from consuming alcohol.
- This is about making connections and forming relationships, so get into your community and seek the welfare of the city!

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