

The Jerusalem Game

It's hard to play this game more than once, so make it count! Each participant gets a piece of paper with two cities on each. They should be instructed to memorize those cities, keep them a secret, and that everyone has unique cities. Everyone is to stand in a circle with arms tightly interlocked. One leader calls out the name of a city, it is the job of the person who has that city to drop his/her "bum to the ground" and the job of the people on either side of that person to keep him/her from getting to the ground. The leader should frequently encourage participants to listen carefully and be ready to act quickly when their city is called. After you have played several rounds, call out the city, "Jerusalem." What no player knows is that, while one of the cities listed on their paper is unique to them, everyone has Jerusalem as their second city. This means that when you call Jerusalem, everyone should crash to the ground at once!

Supplies needed

Scrap paper with one unique city and Jerusalem printed on each. (see other pdf)

Group Size

20-100 people

Application

This could be a fun way to introduce a lesson on the geography of Jesus' life and the early Church!