

Old Leaven Seek and Find

Materials

- ☐ Tongs or chopsticks
- ☐ Trash can
- ☐ Leavened/regular bread broken into pieces

Instructions

Hide pieces of bread around the room. Explain the first part of the Suggested Discussion. Then play the game. Finish with the second part of the discussion.

Have tongs/chopsticks and trash can nearby. Allow students to find bread and call out. When a piece is found, no one should touch it; use tongs or chopsticks to pick it up and throw it in the trash can. Give hints as necessary to help students find all the pieces. Have students return to seats once all pieces are found and thrown out.

Suggested Discussion

Part 1

- ? There's a verse in 1 Corinthians where the Apostle Paul warned the Christians to get rid of old leaven. What do you think "old leaven" means in this verse? *Allow guesses. Sin.*

Old leaven refers to sin in this verse. Remember how people would use a small piece of old dough to make a new lump of dough rise? The leaven from the old dough spreads through the new dough and makes it rise. Sin is like that, isn't it? Just a little bit of sin spreads and affects everything it touches. Before the Passover meal, the Israelites would go through their houses and get rid of everything with leaven in it. This reminded them of how they needed to get rid of sin.

We're going to try this as a game. I've hidden pieces of leavened bread around the room. When I say "Go," I want you to spread out and try to find them. But, here's the important part: if you find a piece, you MUST NOT touch it! Instead, call out "Leaven!" and I'll come and get rid of it without touching it. Everyone understand? Ready? Go!

Part 2

- ? Good job finding all those pieces! Why do you think I didn't want you to pick up the bread yourselves? It has to do with leaven being like sin. *Allow answers.*

I wanted you to understand that sin is dangerous! Even a small sin is worthy of God's judgment.

- ? Can we get rid of our own sin? *No.*

No, only Jesus can do that. He is our Passover lamb. Jesus was sacrificed for us to take away our sin.

Refer to trash can with removed bread pieces. The "leaven" of our sin is removed by Jesus Christ when we ask him for forgiveness!