

## REFORMATION GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

1. **5 Solas Ring Toss** - Learn the 5 Solas of the Reformation as you play this classic game of ring toss. (Need: 5 milk jugs filled with sand or water, 5 hoola hoops. Write 1 of the 5 Solas on each jug with a permanent marker)
2. **Pin the 95 Theses** - Instead of pinning the tail on the donkey, let's pin the theses to the door -- just like Martin Luther! (Need: Door, blindfolds, sticky tack, and cards with the words, "95 Theses by Dr. Martin Luther" written on the front.)
3. **Burn the Papal Bull** - When Martin Luther was excommunicated by the Pope, he let the whole world know that he wasn't afraid by publicly burning the parchment on which his excommunication was written. Practice your aim while tossing your own papal bull into the fireplace. Remember, "the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever!" (Need: Campfire made with paper towel tubes and red/orange tissue paper; 5 Parchment scrolls rolled and tied w/ ribbon)
4. **A Mighty Fortress Beanbag Toss** - When Emperor Charles V tried to have Martin Luther killed, Duke Friedrich kidnapped him to keep him safe. For almost a year he stayed in the Wartburg Castle and worked on his translation of the New Testament. This is also where he wrote his famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". Toss bean bags through the castle window to send food to Dr. Luther as he works on his translation. (Need: Castle window; 5 beanbags)
5. **Musical Tuffets** - After the Reformation broke out in Germany, it spread to other countries and continents. In the tiny country of Scotland, John Knox preached to the wicked queen, Mary. She was so frightened by his message and his prayers that she fled Scotland! It is rumored that the children's poem, "Little Miss Muffet" was written about Mary Queen of Scots. John Knox was the spider who sat down beside her and scared "Poor Miss Muffet" away. This game is played just like Musical chairs but the chairs are called tuffets. (Needed: Chairs; medieval music)
6. **Design a Coat of Arms** - If you lived in the time of knights and castles what would your family crest look like? Design your own coat of arms so you can enter a jousting, archery, or sword-fighting tournament! (Needed: shields printed on cardstock; markers; stickers, etc...)
7. **Coloring Reformation Pages** - Learn more about the Reformers and the era in which they lived. (Needed: Reformation Coloring Pages; crayons, markers, colored pencils, & etc...) This could be a competition, but we would have to appoint judges ahead of time!
8. **Face painting** - Fun at the festival! (Needed: Face paint and accessories)
9. **Shoot the Wild Boar** - Pope Leo the Tenth was so angry with Martin Luther that he called him "a wild boar in the vineyard, trampling the grapes". Practice your archery skills by shooting "safe" arrows at the wild boar. (Needed: poster board with wild boar for a target, bows and arrows)
10. **Table Games** - More fun at the festival! Just bring some of these for extra fun. (Ideas: Pick up sticks, Jenga, Tic Tac Toe, Dominoes, etc...)
11. **Cotton Candy** - If we really don't care about the amount of sugar consumption already going down, we could always pass out homespun sugary goodness! (Need: Cotton candy machine and accessories)
12. **Stack the cups** - Build a huge wall to keep out enemy invaders! Two brave souls must face off with plastic cups and see who has the most standing at the end of 2 minutes. Remember: the Word of God is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe! (Needed: cups, stopwatch)
13. **Build a Catapult** - Attack the enemies of the Gospel with this homemade trebuchet and lay siege to their strongholds! "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." (Needed: craft sticks, glue gun, rubber bands, plastic spoons, mini marshmallows)
14. **Puppets** - A trip to the festival would be incomplete without a proper puppet show! Appoint a puppeteer to set up a curtain for his/her performance or to walk around the festival and greet everyone.
15. **Horseshoes** - Relax on the village green with this timeless game and see who can score the most points. (Needed: Horseshoes, pegs)

16. [Reformation Skit](#)\*\*\* - This short Reader's Theater on the life of Martin Luther has limited props and limited memorization, but lots of opportunity for everyone to be involved!
17. **Bible Smuggler** - William Tyndale translated the Bible into English but he couldn't print them in England because of an edict by King Henry VIII. So he smuggled them into the country with the help of his friends. This game is like *Capture the Flag* but you are smuggling Bibles instead of capturing flags. Appoint 3 or 4 guards. The rest are smugglers. They have to get all of the Bibles (Glow sticks) across enemy lines and into Bucket "A" before being caught by the guards. (Guards can only catch smugglers who are carrying a glow stick when they are tagged!) Those who are caught get thrown in jail and their glow stick is placed in Bucket "B" until one of the glow sticks is retrieved from Bucket "B" by another smuggler. Then ALL the prisoners are free. The game ends when all of the glow sticks are in one bucket. If they are in Bucket A, the smugglers win. If they are in Bucket B, the guards win. The glow sticks make this a fun "after dark" game. (Needed: 10-12 Glow Sticks, 2 buckets, designated "jail")
18. **Fireball** - The teens and adults enjoy playing with homemade fireballs. Just don't forget what Ulrich Zwingli told the Anabaptists, "Those who play with fire are likely to be burnt!" (Make fireball at home)
19. **S'mores** - A bonfire is incomplete without them! (Graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate)
20. **Candy for Prizes** - Pass out FUN sized candy as prizes at the different stations. (Assorted candy)
21. **Minstrels** - Show us your musical talents! Bring your instrument and help us sing around the campfire.
22. **T.U.L.I.P.** - This game is a mixture of TV freeze tag and SPUD. John Calvin has been kicked out of Geneva, Switzerland for preaching the Gospel and is being chased by enemies of the Gospel. Only the TULIP can help him! Nominate 1 or 2 people to be "It", they attempt to freeze the rest by touching them. Those who are touched must remain frozen until someone else comes and unfreezes them. If someone is tagged and frozen three times, they're out. To avoid being tagged, participants can squat, touch the ground and say one of the letters from T.U.L.I.P. starting with the first letter, "T". They can continue to avoid being tagged by using the next 4 letters in order. Once they get to "P" they can't avoid being tagged anymore and will be out of the game as soon as they've been tagged and frozen 3 times.
23. [PINTEREST BOARD](#) - a collection of Reformation ideas on my Pinterest Page
24. [Diet of Worms Cake](#) - EW! A Reformation Party wouldn't be the same without remembering Martin Luther as he stood before the Diet of Worms to defend the truth of God's Word.
25. [JOHN CALVIN SKIT](#) - This Reader's Theater skit is based on the life work of John Calvin.