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# Developing Tomorrow's Missionaries

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## *Relationship with God: Net of Faith*

### OBJECTIVE:

To illustrate how a teen's relationship with God involves many parts, all equally important.

### DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

This activity demonstrates how the key aspects, when linked into a ***Net of Faith***, result in a close relationship with God. One teen will be assigned to represent each of the seven key aspects. Another teen will represent the Devil. If more than eight (8) teens take part, two (2) or more can represent the same aspect. If fewer than eight (8) take part, one teen can represent more than one aspect.

### SEVEN KEY ASPECTS:

- ✦ Faith
- ✦ Reading the Bible
- ✦ Prayer
- ✦ Fellowship with Other Believers
- ✦ Sharing Our Faith
- ✦ Showing Compassion
- ✦ Worship

1. Participants should write the aspect they represent on a piece of paper and attach it to his or her back. The individual representing the Devil should do the same.
2. Those representing the seven key aspects should stand in a tight circle facing each other. Participants should grasp wrists with anyone except the person standing next to them. This linked circle represents a Christian's ***Net of Faith***. Each person represents a rope (aspect) in that net.
3. The mentor will give the Devil 15 seconds to attempt to break up the net
4. After 15 seconds has passed, the person playing the Devil will be asked how hard it was to break the net of faith with all of the aspects working together.
5. Then the mentor will ask another aspect to leave and allow a moment for the rest of the group to rejoin hands. The Devil will be given another 15 seconds to attempt to break up the net.
6. At the close of the round the Devil will express if it was easier or harder to break through the net. He or she will also explain how this attempt was different than the last.
7. This process should be repeated until the Devil breaks the net. After the Devil succeeds in breaking up the net, the game ends.



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## DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Was it impossible for the Devil to rip through the net when all aspects were connected? How does this apply to the development of our relationship to God?
- Why did it become progressively easier for the Devil to break the links in the net of faith? How does this relate to spiritual growth?

## LESSONS LEARNED:

- For a strong relationship with God, it is vital to maintain all seven key aspects.
- The stronger these aspects are in a Christian's life, the harder it is for Satan to discourage and distract them. People do not usually plan to fall away from God. It happens slowly, over time, as other things get in the way and they neglect their faith.

## APPLICATION:

- As Christians, we must be diligent disciples and seek out reliable accountability partners to keep us strong. It's hard to remain close to God with gaping holes in your net!
- Ask the participants if they would like to demonstrate this exercise in front of the congregation, a Sunday School class, or as a special event! (Mentor's Note: If positive interest is shown, assist the teens in making the presentation.)

