

People Group Prayer Cards Game Ideas

The following games were created use Unreached People Group Cards from the Joshua Project (www.joshuaproject.net/prayer-cards.php). Download the cards of your choice with your children's group in mind.

With any of these games, finish the game by praying for one or more people groups.

- **Make Matches:** deal out all the cards evenly among the kids. Have them look through their cards and find things that are matches among their cards—same language, live in same country, same amount of Bible printed, etc. As children make matches, they should compare the information on the cards and be prepared to tell about the group.
- **Where Are They?:** Give each child one card, and have them race to mark their group's country on a map. Use this activity to show that there are people who follow a certain religion or have a similar culture all over the world. After each round, pause and pray for one of the groups, the people who are taking the Gospel to them, or for a Bible translation in their languages.
- **Prayer Card Bingo:** Choose a total of 15 people groups and print enough cards for each child to have nine people groups. Hand out their cards and have them form a 3 x 3 bingo board in front of them with their cards. (If you have a large group of children, you could preprint your bingo boards).
Make a list of the 15 people groups you selected. Call the groups out one at a time, and have the children turn over (or cover up) the card you called out. Each time a child gets 3 in a row, they should say a sentence prayer for one of the people groups in the row they just completed.
- **Who's Like Me?:** Deal out all of the cards. Call out a topic (such as same language, same country, same amount of Bibles printed), and have each child find a match with another child. Or call out a country (or language) and have whoever has that country (language) stand up and read about their group. Or call out an amount of Bible printed (like portions of the Bible or New Testament, etc.), and have a child that has a card with that information stand up and tell about the people group.

- **Blind Match:** Place 20-30 cards face down on the floor, and have children choose 2 at a time, determining if anything matches on their cards. With this game, you could have up to 5 groups playing at the same time.
- **Go Fish:** Deal 3-4 cards to each child, leaving some in a draw pile. One at a time, children will ask another child if he or she has a card from a specific country, language, or Bible portion. If the person has the type of card asked for, it must be given to the child who asked for it. If not, the child says, "Go Fish," which means that person must draw a card. Children try to make as many matches as possible with the cards in their hands and those collected. Once a child has a match, he or she can put it down in front of them.
- **People Group UNO:** With 5-6 children, deal 7 cards to each child (fewer cards if there are more children). One child starts by playing a card, and the next person must play a card that matches something on the first card, saying what the match is (example: "Like the Bozo people, the Comorian people only have portions of the Bible in their language" or "Like the Tatar people, the Chechen people also live in Azerbaijan and also only have the New Testament in their language"). If someone can't make a match, they have to draw a card. Play until one child runs out of cards.
- **Go 'Round and 'Round the World:** Place a large world map on the floor. Have children take turns choosing a prayer card. Help them find the country on the map. Then the children march around the map singing (to the tune of the "The Farmer in the Dell"):

Go 'round and 'round the world,
go 'round and 'round the world,
Telling people about Jesus
in (insert name of country).

Allow all children the opportunity to choose a card.

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