



THE HUNGER AND THIRST GAMES YOUTH OUTREACH

*"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED" MATTHEW 5:6*



WELCOME TO THE HUNGER AND THIRST GAMES

Changing The Context of Culture

We all know the impact culture has on our students. We implore them from scripture and from our own hearts not to conform to this world. At times it feels like a losing battle, but our God is bigger than culture.

We can't stop culture, but we can change the context of how our students look at and receive this culture. This series is a result of prayer and a desire to change the way our kids look at the music they listen to, the movies they watch, and in this case, the books they read.

This series could be used in multiple ways. This material could be used as a retreat, a camp theme, or as we used it, a four week meeting theme.

As a line from the book says, "May the odds be in your favor." I will say, may God richly bless you as you teach your kids what it means to hunger and thirst after God.

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How To Use This Curriculum

If you have not read the book *The Hunger Games*, I suggest you start there. In reading the book you will achieve a few things:

1. You'll earn street cred among your kids. If you are trying to make a point from the book without having read it, the kids will know you are faking it.
2. You'll get more ideas than what I have packed into this short outline
3. You'll understand the philosophy of the book, the writer, and the major themes.

Once you have read the book, talk with your leaders, students, parents, and your pastor about this series. The book is semi-controversial, in the sense that it involves kids and death. It's not *Lord of the Flies* by any means, but the theme of survival in a post-civilized world is very strong.

Once getting approval, get the dates on the calendar and you should take about 2-3 weeks to promote the kick off, "The Hunger Games Are Coming!". Take time to explain the goals of the four week teaching. We used it as an outreach tool so kids could bring their friends, but it met many other needs as well.

Take a list of your kids and break them into teams. If you have 8 kids, that's o.k.. Four and four works. Assign each team an adult leader to help with points, etc.

I made cards based on the 12 districts in the book, printed them off and allowed the kids to choose a card and which district they represented (Mining, Agriculture, etc.). These cards are located at towards the end of the book.

I have created [a cool page](#) where you can order cool give-aways and room decorations

Finally, after all the prep work, pull the trigger, and go all out. I have offered four meeting outlines to get you started, a point system, a list of worship songs we used, and links to the videos of the games we played.

Enjoy!



THE HUNGER AND THIRST GAMES POINT SYSTEM

The Hunger and Thirst Games is a four week contest for fun, prizes, and world domination. For the four weeks you will be a part of a city of contestants playing for prizes. Each week you will choose two contestants to compete. The two contestants chosen from each team must be different each week.

Prizes, such as free trips or reduced fees, can be earned each week by the contestants. The city that claims the ultimate prize will be earning major bucks towards “Your Big Event Here”

Here is how your city can win points

5,000 Points for NEW Guests (People who have never been to our youth group)

1,000 Points per dollar given in the offering

5,000 points per week, per scripture memorized.

Challenges

1st Place 25,000 2nd 15,000 3rd 10,000

5,000 points for event attendance

Four Week of Outlines

The outlines are basically the same, but feel free to add to or change the order of the outlines to fit your kids. I do not use many notes, so I do not have an outline for each message, but I do have a power point for each message.

Week 1: The Kick Off Service- Are You Hungry To Do Something Great?

Scripture: Exodus

The Point: Helping kids understand what it was like for Israel to leave Egypt and use their gifts to glorify God. I wanted our kids to see the hunger the Israelites had for building a place to meet with God. I likened our group to the tent of meeting but now we do not need the tent because we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. These are not in the Power Point slides but what I closed with.

The Game: In the book the Hunger Games selects two kids from every district to compete. We do the same by allowing each team to choose two different kids to compete every week in “the games”.

[Week One Game One: The Maze](#)

Praise and Worship: We have a full band so we played the songs live. Don't be put off by this if you do not have a band. You can simply play the song and allow kids to sing along or use it as a time of reflection before and/or after the message. I have a suggested list of songs you can use later on in the book.

[Intro Video: Why I Hate Religion But Love Jesus](#)

This video has over 12 million hits and came out the week I shared this message. I love when that happens.

Message: Are You Hungry To Do Something Great?

[Power Point](#)

Closing: We do altar time and prayer, allowing kids to hunger and thirst after God. We also assign leaders to pray with kids at the altar. There are multiple ways to close your meetings from happy and joyful to serious and everywhere in-between. Don't feel like you have to it just one way every time. Feel free to change it up every week as the Lord leads.

Week 2- Jesus and The Thirsty Woman

Scripture: John 4

The Point: The goal is for students to understand that all people are spiritually thirsty. They are thirsty to worship something, anything.

The Game: [Link to Game Two: Cheeto Face](#)

Unlike the last game, this is just pure fun, no deep theological meaning here.

Praise and Worship: See Worship List

[Intro Video: Thirsty](#)

Message: Jesus and the Thirsty Woman

[Power Point](#)

Closing: Multiple ways to close this service

Have a big ceramic pot (representing the woman's pot) where kids can write down (in marker) what they want to leave behind.

Give each kid a dixie cup and let them draw water from a ceramic pot labelled "Living Water". You could have the kids pray and drink the cup when they are ready or you can pray and drink it all together.

Week 3- Jesus and The Hungry Men

Scripture: John 6:22-34

The Point: To help students understand that because Jesus is the bread of life, he is worthy of following and not just for His miracles.

The Game: The Mystery Bag

We were not able to film this for some reason, but all you have to do is have partner 1 put their hands behind their back and partner 2 slip their hands through partner number 1's arms and feed partner 1 with the items in the mystery bag. We chose messy things like yogurt, etc.

Praise and Worship: See Worship List

[Intro Video: Bread](#)

Message: Jesus and the Hungry Man

[Power Point](#)

Closing: We closed with communion

Week 4: Where Does Your Hunger Take You?

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

The Point: Students are hungry for life and sometimes that hunger drives them to places that ultimately will not satisfy that hunger.

Link to Game Three: [Sundae Face](#)

One partner must build a sundae on the face of the other.

Praise and Worship:

Message: Where Does Your Hunger Lead You?

[Power Point](#)

Two news stories I used

[One students' hunger led her to hurt](#)

[One students' hunger led him to help](#)

Closing: Prayer

Give Away Prizes

When the winning team has been crowned winner, put the names of everyone on that team in a bag and draw for the prizes (free trips, etc.) You could do this on a weekly basis, it's a bit more work, but it may be worth it.

We took pictures of each of the teams and posted them on Facebook.

If you have any questions about the lessons contact Paul

[On Twitter](#)

By Email at thedproject@me.com

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SCRIPTURES FOR POINTS

THE HUNGER VERSES

- [Psalm 42:2](#) My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
- [Psalm 107:9](#) for He (God) satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
- [Proverbs 10:3](#) The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- [Proverbs 13:25](#) The righteous eat to their hearts' content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry.
- [Isaiah 32:6](#) For fools speak folly, their hearts are bent on evil: They practice ungodliness and spread error concerning the LORD; the hungry they leave empty and from the thirsty they withhold water.
- [Matthew 5:6](#) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- [Matthew 25:35](#) For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,
- [John 6:35](#) Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
- [John 4:13,14](#) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal
- [John 7:37](#) On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

Pre- Meeting Songs (makes fun game music)

Secular

Eat It By Weird Al

Hungry by Spectre General (From The Original Transformers Movie)

Hungry Heart by Bruce Springsteen

Christian

Hunger by S.O.C.O.M

American Fastfood by Randy Stonehill

The Thirst Is Taking Over by Skillet

Is Anyone Thirsty by Undercover

Songs For Worship, Prayer, or Meditation

One Thirst by Bethel Live

One Thirst and Hunger- Jeremy Riddle

Thirst by Uptown Worship Band

Hungry (Falling On My Knees) by Vineyard UK

Stir Up A Hunger by Paul Baloche

We Are Hungry- Jesus Culture

All Who Are Thirsty - Brenton Brown

Thirst by Kevin MacDougal and Lyndsey Wallace, and Scott Reed (Best of Worship Volume 3- Grace Alone)

Most all of these songs are available on itunes



WEEK _

District _____

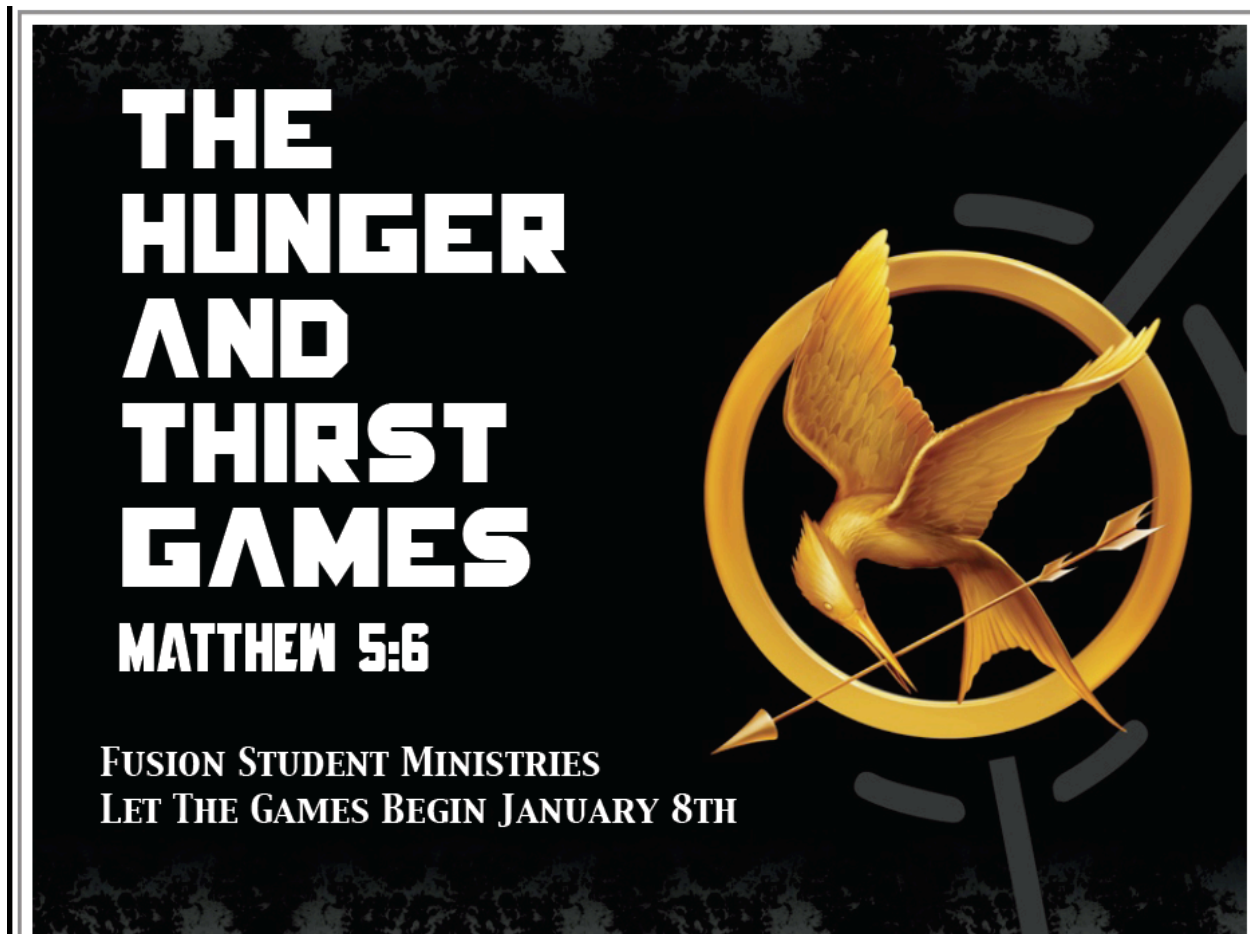
Guests

Offering _____ Challenge _____

Guests _____ Early Sign Up _____

Memory Verses _____

Sample Post Card/Invite Card



You can download the Hunger Games font [HERE](#)

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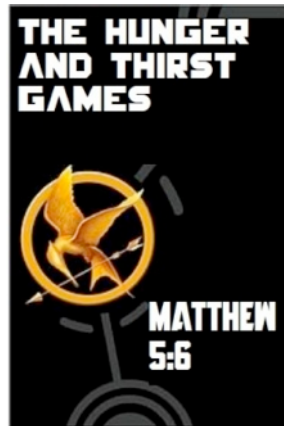


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[The Cure For The Common Youth Ministry: A Discipleship Paradigm](#)



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