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Family games : Stone teacher and other games!

The weather isn't looking great today so how about a few family games that can be played inside, crossing from one side of the room to the other?

Stone teacher You can play this using a flight of stairs or taking single steps across a room. The first person to the top of the stairs or to reach a line in the room/garden (if you want to go outside!) is the winner.

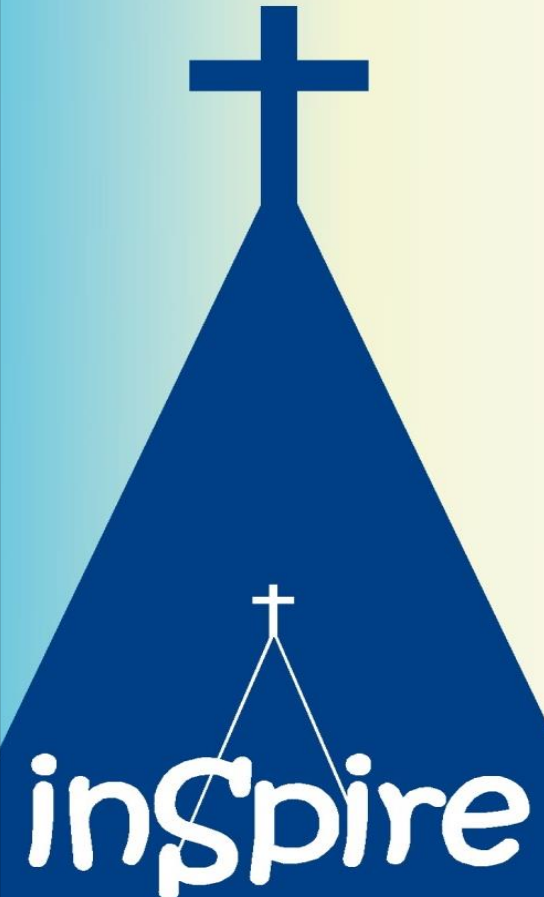
The "teacher" holds a stone in their hand. He puts his hands behind his back and switches the stone from hand to hand. He then brings both hands in front as fists holding them one on top of each other. He then very quickly changes the position of his fists saying, "Schuster, Schuster! Up! Down! Up! Down! Is the stone now up or down?!" Everyone playing has to guess if the stone is up or down.

If they guess correctly, they can climb a stair or take a step forward.

The first person to win, takes over as teacher.

Keys to the castle This is a good quiet game!

One player (blindfolded) sits opposite a small chair/stool



to make the entrance to the castle. He is the keeper of the keys. Between him and the chair are placed a bunch of keys.

The other players start at the other end of the room or garden and have to creep up and take the keys (jingle them) to get into the castle! If they are heard moving towards the castle, the Keeper of the keys points in the direction of the sound and they turn into a stone statue and have to sit down where they are.

If you are only playing with two people you could score a point for each time you hear your opponent. They then have to go back to the beginning and try again. If after 5 attempts they can't get the keys, players swap over. If the keys are picked up, 5 points are given to that player and they then become the Keeper of the keys.

Sleeping Lions Probably the quietest game of all!

Everyone lies on the floor and "goes to sleep" like sleeping lions. One person has to be on guard to check the lions don't move. Anyone who moves is out.....even blinking an eyelid!! The guard has to try and make the sleeping lions move by making them laugh but is not allowed to touch any of the lions. The last person to stay asleep without moving is the winner! It's always amazing how much kids love this game!!and adults!!

