

## Draw Lots with Snacks | Joshua 13-18

Students experience what it would have been like to inherit a portion of the land of Canaan by lot. Students will draw lots to receive one snack from an assortment of snacks.

### Materials

a variety of snacks, e.g. boxed raisins, small packages of chips, granola bars, apples, etc.

paper or plastic bag in which to hide snacks

bowl or large jar

1-2" (3-6cm) squares of paper

pen or pencil

tape



### Preparation for Activity

1. Use a pen or pencil to write duplicate numbers on small squares of paper. Create as many numbers as you have snacks.
2. Tape one number on each snack. Fold the corresponding number and put it into the bowl or jar.
3. Hide the snacks in a paper or plastic bag.

### Directions

1. The Lord divided the land of Canaan as an inheritance among the tribes of Israel by lot. When people draw lots, they don't know which of a number of things they will receive. We're going to find out what this would have been like for the Israelites. There are a variety of snacks in this bag. You will receive one snack. The number you draw will determine which snack you get.
2. Offer each student the bowl. Invite them to pick one numbered slip of paper. Once each student has a number, give students the snack that has a corresponding number.
3. Was drawing lots a fair way to give out the snacks? Why or why not?
4. Whether or not you got the snack you would have chosen, say one good thing about your snack. (e.g. It's easy to share, it's healthy, it tastes good, etc.)
5. The land of Canaan represents heaven. The Lord has a place for each of us in heaven, and He is leading us to that place. While things don't always seem fair, we can know that the Lord is leading everyone to their own place.
6. *Optional:* While all students received a snack, the teacher did not! Which tribe did not get their own piece of land when Canaan was divided? (Levi.) What did the tribe of Levi receive instead? (Cities throughout the land.) Brainstorm what could we do that would be similar. (e.g. the teacher gets one bite of every snack.)