

“Javelin” Balloon Pop: Fighting Evil | Joshua 8

The children of Israel’s battles against the nations living in Canaan picture the way we are to use true ideas from the Word to fight against false thoughts and selfish feelings. This activity encourages “fighting” against selfishness by writing selfish words on balloons, large bubble wrap, or inflated plastic bags and then popping them.

Materials Needed

- something that can be popped, such as 10-12 balloons, large bubble wrap, “air pillows”, or inflatable plastic bags
- magic markers to write on balloons, etc.
- a “spear” or “javelin”, e.g. a long stick, broom handle.



Directions

1. If using balloons or plastic bags, inflate and secure them. If using “air pillows”, divide them into separate units.
2. Write the name of a selfish thought or feeling on each of them. A word bank is provided below to give you a few ideas.
3. Place the balloons or pop-able material on the floor.
4. Take a “javelin” or “spear” in your hand, raise it up. Think about true ideas and good actions that could overcome the selfish thoughts and feelings.
5. With the spear raised, crush the balloons or air pillows with the spear or your feet. When all are popped, stand in victory over them, then lower the spear.

Word Bank

greed	being right	lying
anger	me first	cheating
hatred	mean	hurting
coveting	mad	put down
jealousy	stealing	boasting