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### Friend Connection Game

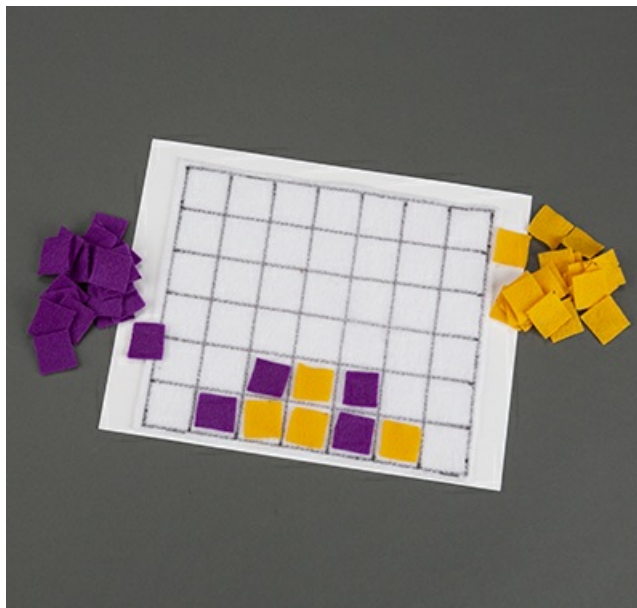
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#### Supplies

- felt (3 different colors of 8½x11 pieces per child)
- rulers
- permanent markers
- scissors
- card stock
- stapler

#### Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



#### Make a Version of Connect Four

Show kids the sample craft you made. Set out the supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make felt versions of Connect Four.

- Choose three different colors of felt. Pick one to be your background and two to be your playing pieces.
- Use a ruler to help you draw on your background felt a grid that's seven squares wide and six squares high. The squares should each be 1¼ inches.
- Cut the other two colors of felt into 1-inch squares, creating 21 of each color.
- Staple your background to a piece of card stock, trimming off any extra if you need to.

#### Play the Game

- Have kids form pairs and use one of their game boards to play Connect Four.
- First, kids will stand up the game board by propping it against a wall. Then they'll sit in front of it.
- One player will go first by placing a felt square of his or her color in any of the squares on the bottom row. (It will stick on its own.)
- The second player will add one of his or her squares. Players can't put a piece of felt in a square that's already filled in, and they can't have any empty squares below their piece in a column.
- The goal is to get four squares of your color in a row, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.
- After kids play a game with a friend, have kids try to play the game by themselves.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **What was it like to play this game by yourself? with a friend?**

• **What are other games that are more fun to play with a friend?**

Say: **This game was pretty boring when you tried to play it all by yourself. But when you play with a friend, it's a lot of fun! There are a lot of things that are more fun to do with friends, and that's why it's great that faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit. God gives us faithfulness so we can form long-lasting friendships with him and other people!**

Have kids take their Friend Connection games home and show them to their friends and families as they share why faithful friends are so great.

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