

MAKE YOUR OWN GIANT ANGRY BIRDS



One of the reasons we love Middle School Ministry so much is that it gives us an excuse to put together whatever crazy, messy, hilarious games that we can imagine. But this Giant Angry Birds Game is, by far, the most popular game we've ever played. So if you'd like to try it out, we're giving you all of the step-by-step instructions and tips that we accumulated while putting it together. Have fun!

THE BIRDS MAKES 3 LARGE BIRDS

- * 4 large exercise balls (red, yellow, green & black)
we recommend using at least 72cm balls.
- * 2 foam footballs, cut in half (orange or yellow if possible)
- * Some kind of glue that works well on rubber

First, we glued a football half to each exercise/playground ball. The guy at Home Depot pointed us in the direction of glues that adhere well to rubber. We then painted the eyes, eyebrows, and other details directly onto the exercise/playground balls. Try your best to find orange/yellow foam footballs so you don't have to paint those as well.

THE TARGETS MAKES VARIOUS PIGS & OBSTACLES

- * Green paper lanterns (www.lunabazaar.com)
- * Pig faces (scroll down) print & cut out one for each pig
- * Assorted cardboard boxes (www.uline.com)

To make the pigs, we simply taped the pig faces to green paper lanterns. We intentionally made the pigs fragile and inexpensive (about \$2 per pig), because we designed them to collapse when hit directly by an Angry Bird. To make the pigs last longer, try wrapping clear packing tape around them when they start to get beat up. In the real Angry Birds game the pigs get beat up too so it's not a bad thing if some of your pigs look a little damaged. The cardboard boxes could be easily be folded and stored for multiple uses as well.

THE SLINGSHOT

- * 2 heavy duty posts (we used portable volleyball posts)
- * 1 pick-up truck cargo net (walmart)
- * Exercise resistance bands (walmart)

To make the slingshot, we attached the cargo net to the posts of the volleyball net with the resistance bands (2 on each side), and adjusted the distance between the posts until the cargo net could be pulled back comfortably.

THE GAMEPLAY

We played guys verses girls for this game, but as long as you have two teams it will work. While one team played offense (launching the birds), the other team played defense (constructing obstacles to protect their pigs and moving the birds aside after each launch from the offensive team). After every available bird was launched, the teams switched sides. We played 3 rounds and then crowned a winner.

THE COST

This game definitely took a lot more effort and money than most games we play. In all, we spent approximately \$150-\$200. The two volleyball posts were the only material we already owned. But more than the cost, it was also required a significant time commitment. It took weeks to build the birds and test the slingshot until we developed something that we were happy with.

We'd love to hear any ideas you have or updates you made to make this game work better for you. Email us at kcampbell@thechapel.com and let us know how you improved the game!

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