

FUN NIGHT IDEAS

Putter Nonsense Night

Basic Overview:

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You will divide your kids up into 5-6 teams. The team that gets the highest score overall on all of the holes is the winner.

Additional Ideas:

None.

Reminder Flyer:

See the flyer and additional instructions on the next pages.

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When the children come into game time, divide them up into 5-6 equal teams (base the number of teams you have on however many holes you have). Each team will also include one leader. The leader for each team will be given a scorecard (see scorecard below) and will be asked to put each of the kid's names from their team on it. To start off, each team will line up behind one of the 6 holes below.

Do a quick talk/demonstration of each of the holes all at once for everyone at the beginning and from there, as they rotate, the leaders and children can refer to the instructions that hang on the wall in front of each of the holes. Just like in putt-putt golf, each team will move on to the next hole when they complete the one before it (so you won't be blowing a whistle and having everyone switch stations). Once the team is done with a hole, they'll just stand behind the team on the next hole and wait for the team in front of them to be finished.

Since you obviously cannot drill holes in your floor at the church, the "holes" can be one of two things. You can instead print off point cards (see below) and tape them to the floor. Whichever point card the child's ball rolls over is the number of points they win. The other option (especially if you have a carpeted floor is to use a row of cups (placed top down on the floor) that have been stapled together. Each cup would have a different point value written on it and the leader will record points for each child based on whichever cup their ball hits. The goal of putter nonsense is to end up with the highest score as a team (which is the opposite of normal golf). At the end of game time, reward the team with the top score with a prize.

Putter Nonsense Night Holes (Choose 5-6 of these events or come up with your own events):

- **Hole #1 - "Mini" Golf** - Use a hex wrench (Allen wrench) as the putter (or another very small object to serve as your putter) and a regular golf ball and hit the ball towards several cups sitting in a row on the floor. (See figure 3 below)
- **Hole #2 - Broom/shuffleboard Golf** - Push the golf ball towards the cups using a small broom (See figure 4 below)
- **Hole #3 - Pool Golf** - Use a pool cue (made out of PVC pipe or regular pool cue) as the putter and a regular golf ball and shoot towards several cups sitting in a row on the floor (see figure 5 below)
- **Hole #4 - Runway Golf** - Use a regular putter and regular golf ball. Have them attempt to hit straight down a strip of green Astroturf that is 7 inch wide and 8 foot long. the goal is to hit it straight so that it does not veer off of the Astroturf. Have some cups sitting down at the end of the Astroturf for them to run into. (see figure 7 below)
- **Hole #5 - Bowling Golf** - Use your hand to "bowl" the golf ball towards the pins or cups several feet away. (see figure 6 below)
- **Hole #6 - Loop Golf** - Use an old tire to form a loop-de-loop. The children will hit the golf ball in one end and have it come out the other end and then roll and hit some cups. You can usually get one from a tire store if you explain you are using it for a game/carnival type event at your church. (see figure 8 below)
- **Hole #7 Baseball Golf** - Use a baseball bat to hit the golf ball (or even a baseball) with.
- **Hole #8 - Soccer Golf** - Kick a golf ball with your foot - or put a shoe on a putter and use it to "kick" the golf ball.

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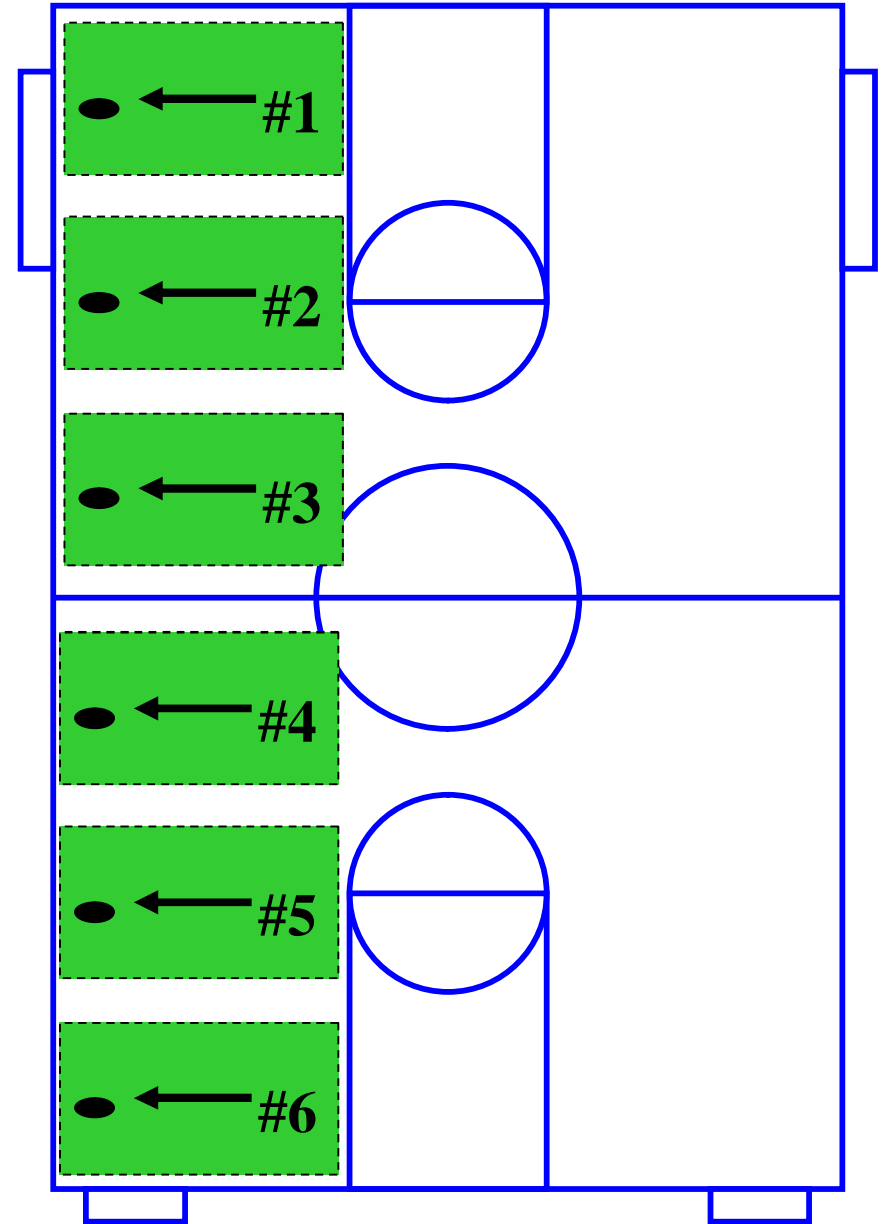
- **Hole #9 - Football Golf** – Roll a golf ball backwards through your legs (think of a center snapping the football to a quarterback to get into the right position. Or you could also use a putter and have the children hit a miniature football instead.
- **Hole #10 - Hockey Golf** – Use a hockey stick to hit a golf ball with. Or use a putter to hit a plastic puck with.
- **Hole #11 - Goofy ball Golf** – Use a putter to hit a mini football, egg, large dice or any other ball that has a funny shape and will not roll straight when hit.
- **Hole #12 - Tunnel Golf** – Set up little tunnels made out of cardboard boxes for the kids to hit into or pass through on the way to the hole.
- **Hole #13 - Pipe Dream Golf** – Have the children roll a golf ball down through a piece of PVC pipe (3-4 feet long). You could even add an elbow joint to the end of the PVC pipe and make the ball jump over blocks or something like that.
- **Hole #14 - Ping Pong Golf** – use a ping pong paddle and try to hit a golf ball into a bunch of cups standing upright on the floor. Or use a putter and putt a ping pong ball instead.
- **Hole #15 - Croquet Golf** – use a croquet mallet to hit the golf ball towards the cups.
- **Hole #16 - Windmill Golf** – Use a ping pong ball as the ball and either blow using your mouth (or maybe create a fan out of like a pizza box or something). The kids get will get one chance to blow the ball as hard as they can towards the hole.
- **Hole #17 - Flick Golf** – Flick a ping pong ball with your fingers towards the cups
- **Hole #18 - Bocce Golf/Curling Golf** – set the golf ball down and then use another golf ball, bocce ball, hockey puck or something that you will slide into the golf ball and knock it on into the cups.
- **Hole #19 - Egg Golfing** – Putt a plastic easter egg filled with sand. Unevenness in rolling is what we are going for here.
- **Hole #20 - Air Hockey Golf** – Use an air hockey paddle to bump the golf ball towards the hole
- **Hole #21 - Basketball Golf** – bounce the ball (either a ping pong ball or golf ball) into coffee cans or even a bunch of plastic cups standing upright.
- **Hole #22 - Towel golf** – tape one end of a towel to the floor then hold the other two corners up in the air and either make a half pipe shape for the ball to run down, or use it to fling the golf ball like that towel water balloon volleyball game
- **Hole #23 - Balance beam** – Lay a 2X6 or 2X8 piece of wood on the floor. They have to try and hit down without falling off off the board.
- **Hole #24 - Giant Golf** – Create a large putter (perhaps you could use PVC pipes and wrap a pool noodle around it) and hit a large playground ball at some cups.
- **Hole #25 - Regular Putt-Putt Golf** – Use a regular putter with regular golf ball.
- **Hole #26 - Long Putt Golf** – Choose 1-2 kids (or even have the leaders do it) from each team and let them hit a long putt across the length of the room. If they hit between two cones or cups they get 5000 points etc.
- Feel free to come up with other ideas of your own!

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Putter Nonsense Night List of Supplies additional supplies:

- Apart from the supplies that you will need for the specific holes that you selected above, here are some additional supplies to keep in mind:
 - Scorecards for each team (see scorecards below)
 - Pens for each scorekeeper
 - Instructions to put on the wall behind each hole (see example instructions below)
 - Tape to hang up instructions
 - Prizes for the winning teams

Map of the stations in the Gym:



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Golfer's Name	<u>Hole #1</u>	<u>Hole #2</u>	<u>Hole #3</u>	<u>Hole #4</u>	<u>Hole #5</u>	<u>Hole #6</u>	<u>Hole #7</u>
Total up each column here:							

SCORECARD

Total
Score:

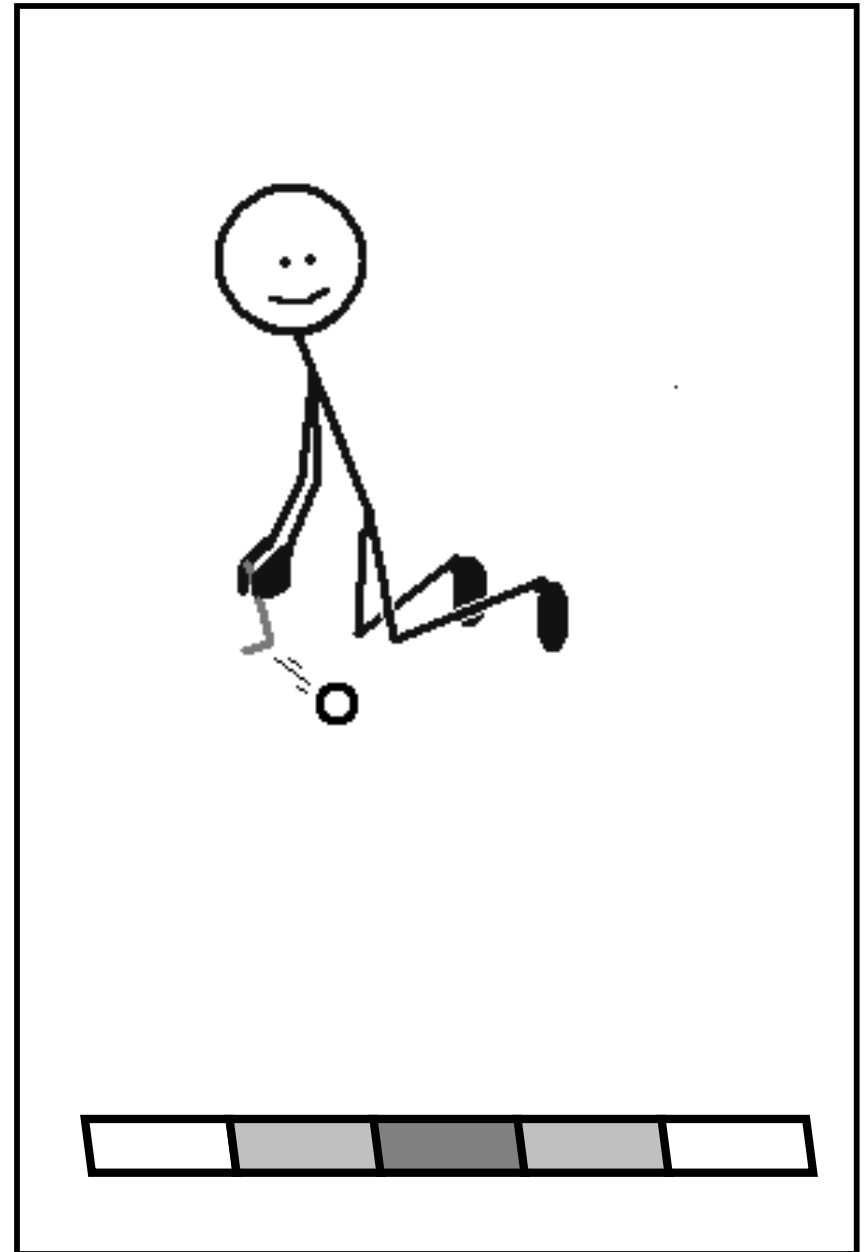
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Hole #1

"Mini" Golf

Use the hex wrench
(Allen wrench) to hit
the golf ball over the
point cards on the floor.

*SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS TO
HANG ON THE WALL IN FRONT
OF EACH HOLE*



Photocopy these point cards and cut them into strips and then tape them to the floor in front of each hole

100 Points

200 Points

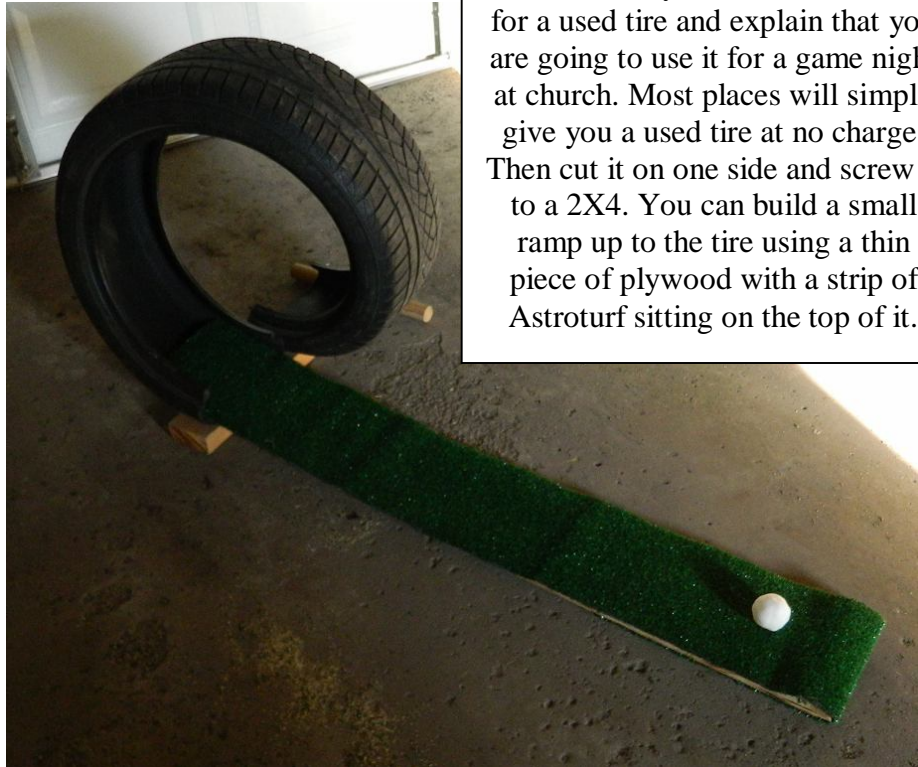
300 Points

400 Points

500 Points

1000 Points

Loop De Loop Tire Assembly



Go to a nearby tire store. Ask them for a used tire and explain that you are going to use it for a game night at church. Most places will simply give you a used tire at no charge. Then cut it on one side and screw it to a 2X4. You can build a small ramp up to the tire using a thin piece of plywood with a strip of Astroturf sitting on the top of it.

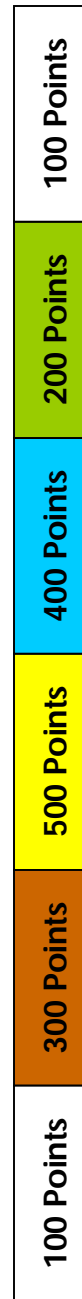
Golf Hole Point Cards

Print off the point cards from the previous page (If possible print off on different colored papers).

Cut apart and tape together in this fashion.

Tape the whole "strip" to the floor.

Whichever section the golf ball rolls over is how many points the child gets.



Putter

3/4 inch PVC pipe - 36 inch long piece (this can be as short or long as you need 26 inches is better for smaller kids)



3/4 inch PVC straight connector pieces

3/4 inch PVC T connector piece

Shuffleboard Cue

3/4 inch PVC pipe - 36 inch long piece

3/4 inch PVC elbow connector pieces



3/4 inch PVC T connector piece

Pool Cue

3/4 inch PVC pipe - 36 inch long piece

3/4 inch PVC cap



