

Instructions

1. Set the timer for however long you want to play.
2. Everyone starts on BORN AGAIN because this is a game about being a part of God's family and how we can support our family in Christ who are being persecuted.
3. Whenever you land on a SMASH, SQUEEZE, or BLESSING spot, draw a card, read it out loud, and follow those instructions. Unless otherwise stated, cards are returned to their specific piles.
4. **End of Game:** once everyone has reached the ETERNITY WITH GOD space. When each person reaches this spot, give them an IMPERISHABLE CROWN card (they could also receive a pretend crown), award additional CROWN cards if indicated on their BLESSING cards, and each person should re-acknowledge the BLESSING cards that they are still holding onto since they are now receiving their eternal blessings. The person who is the last to enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space could also receive the CROWN OF GLORY card for being faithful until the end.

Smash Card # – (Write your own)

Egypt – *As you left worship service at your church this morning, men on motor bikes ran through security guards stationed in front of the church and began shooting. Nine members of your church family were killed. Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for the attack. Some of the attackers escaped.*

You are afraid but ask God for strength and wisdom in a quick prayer and decide to stay to help with the wounded and comfort others.

Move forward 1 space.

Smash Card 1

Pakistan – *Multiple denominations of Christian churches and schools are being attacked in your country. Sadly, the government remains unconcerned and does not implement an anti-terrorism plan. Hundreds have been killed by IS (Islamic State) attacks. You were at your church's Children Sunday School Christmas Program when it was attacked. You were wounded but one of your friends was killed.*

You are twelve years old and don't understand why these attacks are happening. You are angry at God and quit praying even though you are a Christian.

Miss a turn and move to the nearest "off the path spot" to reflect on the gospel and the attributes of God while you wait your next turn. Discuss these things with the player closest to you.

Smash Card 2

Sudan – A Muslim business man has filed a case against churches in your country to obtain the property and vacate the people from them. Your father is an Elder of your church and the court is taking it away and giving it to this business man because they are falsely accusing your Dad of attacking a policeman and attacking someone at a school. Everyone knows it is a lie. Nonetheless, they took the church and arrested your Dad.

You and your family know that God knows everything. A building is not The Church. The Church is the body of Christ's children with Christ as the head. Your Dad is strengthened in his faith knowing that the South Sudanese have persevered in persecution to have a country with freedom of religion as a goal. Their sacrifice and prayers are examples to your family as you seek the next step from the Lord.

Continue in His path and move forward 2 spots.

Smash Card 3

Kenya - You are a young man who attended an open air evangelistic event a few months ago at the urging of a friend. You had a deep sense of sinfulness and at the conclusion you went to talk to the pastor. You learned of your greatest need – the forgiveness of your sin and what Jesus did for you. You prayed to Christ, admitting you had sinned, and believed that His death on the cross for you was the only way to salvation and forgiveness. You died to your old self and have been born again. A few months later your father remarked that you weren't attending the mosque prayers anymore. As you remained silently respectful to his dismay, he began beating you. Neighbors heard your screams and rescued you from the killing blows for the moment. Now what will you do? Where will you go? What Scripture can give you encouragement?

Draw a Blessing card.

Smash Card 4

United States – You are a New Yorker going to work as normal on September 11, 2001 in one of the Twin Towers. Shortly after arriving your building was hit by a plane hijacked by Islamists declaring Jihad on America. You were able to escape the building before both towers collapsed killing over three thousand people. Your co-workers either died or were injured. As a Christian, you are thanking the Lord for His protection but struggling with issues of grief and guilt that you survived and not others.

Draw a Solution card.

Smash Card 5

Philippines – U.S. missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham are college friends of yours. They have been serving there for many years so you have not seen them and have lost contact. One night on TV you learned they have been taken hostage by Muslim guerillas into the jungles there. You learn their children were evacuated for their protection. The hunt for them continued for 18 long months until they were spotted with their captives. Authorities quickly attempted to rescue them. A gun battle followed where Martin was killed and Gracia was wounded but rescued.

As a Christian, what did you do during the long time waiting for their rescue that filled a need for them? Now you are going to give money to Gracia and her children to help them. You are also going to start a prayer and support group in your church for persecuted children of God, after reaching out to reconnect with Gracia.

Go forward 1 step.

Smash Card 6

Philippines – *You are a Christian laborer. One of your church elders says your city is in a battle that is in part spiritual warfare, stating the battle is not against flesh and blood but against the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12).*

One day the Maute Group, Islamic militants, stormed your city. You, along with hundreds of others, have decided to flee the Capitol of your province. You were stopped by dozens of these militants on the way. They tied the hands of the eight of you they captured and demanded that you recite the Muslim conversion creed. You all refused. You along with your brothers and sisters in Christ were immediately shot dead and placed in the ditch along the road with a sign that said “Munafik” which means traitor or liar.

Move to ETERNITY WITH GOD and receive your CROWN OF LIFE.

Smash Card 7

Ethiopia – *Your mother has become a Christian. She is one of two wives to a Muslim husband. One day your father, along with a friend, demanded that your mother give them the government drought relief aid she had received for your family, as your father spent most of his time and attention with the other wife and family. (Your father has threatened your mother before to denounce her Christian faith and return to Islam.) She has refused to denounce Christ and refused to give them the money. They began beating her until she collapsed. Villagers took her to a clinic but she died in route. Police charged the men with murder. You and your brother have since become Christians, seeking help from the local church your mother had attended. Also one of your mother’s friends also decided to follow Christ. A local Christian said your mother was like a Stephen, in that her death is bringing new life to others.*

Move forward 1 step as you continue her Christian legacy.

Smash Card 8

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