

Rice Jars Game



Materials needed:

- 1.) Two jars (plastic Miracle Whip jars work well)
- 2.) Bag of rice
- 3.) Several theme-related miniature objects that fit easily in the jars
- 4.) Stopwatch or timer
- 5.) A sheet of paper for each set of seat partners
- 6.) Pencil for each set of seat partners
- 7.) Several cardboard backs of tablets to write on
- 8.) Two prizes for the winning partners

Instructions:

Fill the jars with rice and miniature objects spread throughout the jar until both jars are full to the neck. Taking turns, each set of seat partners will have two minutes to list as many items as they can find in the jar by shaking it to redistribute the rice.

If anyone unscrews the lid, they are disqualified. One partner can look for objects while the other writes down the names of the objects found.

Partners will work on their list until the timer goes off. Then they must hand the jar to the seat partners behind them so that team can play for two minutes.

After everyone has had a chance to list the jar items, ask for the participants' lists and calculate which team the most objects. Distribute prizes accordingly.

Miniature Ideas

Look through your family's small toys, figures, buttons or other things to find some miniature items that could go inside the jars. Try to find items that relate to either the destination or the season of the bus trip.

Possible jar themes

Christmas-themed Miniature Items:

- 1.) Marshmallow
- 2.) Piece of candy
- 3.) Wreath button
- 4.) Christmas tree light bulb
- 5.) Christmas tree pin
- 6.) Holly
- 7.) Star
- 8.) Jingle bell
- 9.) Piece of ribbon
- 10.) Church bells
- 11.) Candle
- 12.) Christmas stamp
- 13.) Candy can
- 14.) Gift package
- 15.) Kernel of popcorn

Wisconsin-themed Miniature Items:

- 1.) Cardinal
- 2.) Cow
- 3.) Bear
- 4.) Other Wisconsin animal figures
- 5.) Snowman
- 6.) Apple
- 7.) Cheese
- 8.) Theatrical face
- 9.) Boat
- 10.) Pinecone
- 11.) Poker chip
- 12.) Motorcycle
- 13.) Snowflake
- 14.) Cranberry
- 15.) Baseball