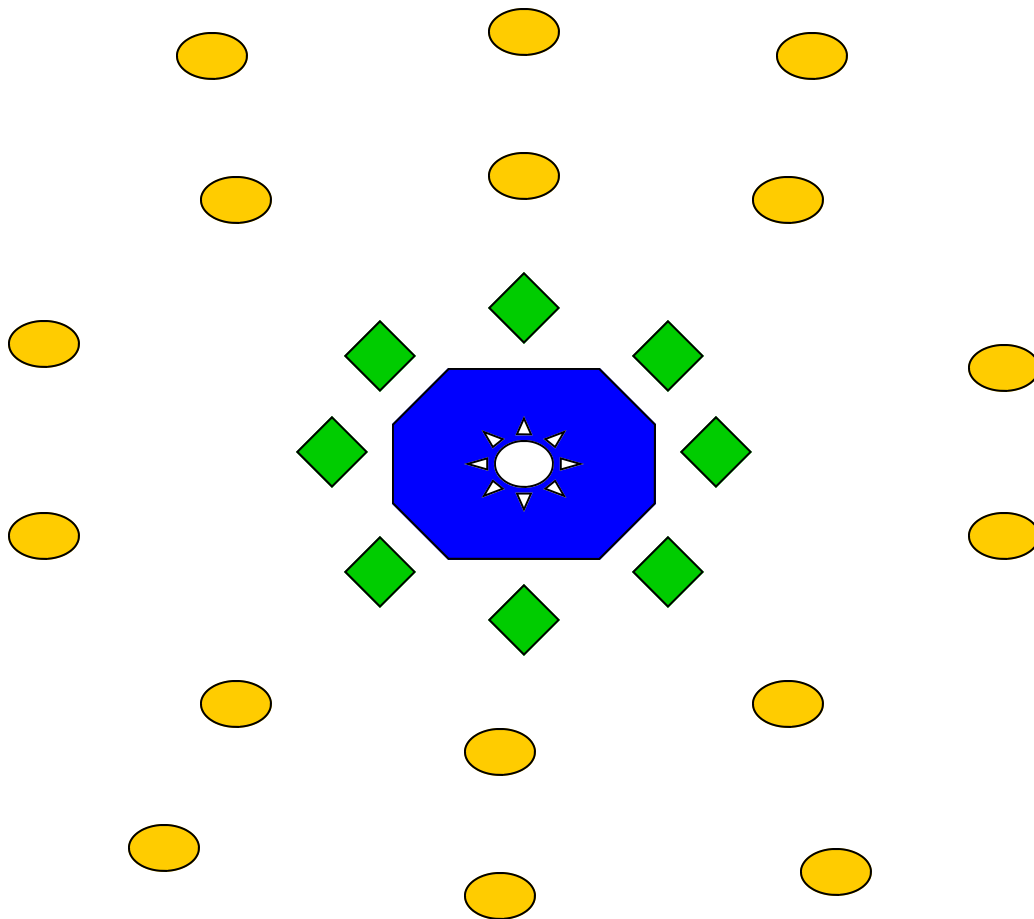


Watchmen on the Wall







Prepare ahead of time:


Soft nerf balls are perfect for playing this game. If you don't have them, roll pieces of computer paper up into a ball shape. You will need at least 5 per child and more is better.


Use tape or pieces of construction paper on the floor to designate the playing field.

To play:

The blue center  represents the nation of Israel, the green diamonds  are the watchmen who pray for Israel and the yellow ovals  are the enemies of Israel.

 The enemies have the paper balls and try to launch them past the watchman so they will land in the blue space. They are allowed to move within arms length to pick up tossed balls on the floor.

 The watchman must stay in their place and stay alert to swat any incoming balls away from Israel.

 Only one child will stand on Israel's sun. They are confined to their space and may only use their arms to defend themselves.

The enemies start by tossing the paper balls ;their goal is to have them land on the blue

space. Let the children for several minutes and then have them switch places. Have them play enough rounds so that they are getting weary of it. This is an important teaching point for later. After the children have played several rounds, ask them to divide up into small groups and ask them these questions. Let each group report after a few minutes of sharing within their section.

To the watchmen:

What was the most difficult part of being a watchman?
(distraction, outnumbered, having to stay close to the blue spot etc.

There were a lot of people throwing paper at you. There were more of them than watchmen. Was it hard to keep the papers away?

In the game, did you get tired, or want to quit?

Did any of the paper balls hit you? How did that make you feel?

To Israel:

There was only one of you. What was that like?

How did it feel to have to stay in a small space while your enemies had room to move?

How did you feel with the watchmen around you?

What would have happened to you if you did not have the watchmen?

To the enemies:

Did the watchmen cause any problems for you?

If the watchmen had not been here, who would have won the battle?

**“I have put watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;
They will never be quiet day or night.
You who call on the Lord, don’t quit praying
Keep praying to the Lord until He saves Jerusalem
and makes her the praise of the earth.”
Isaiah 62: 6,7**

Our game was fun, but across the world there is a country that really does have fighting going on and for them it is not fun. The blue spot on our floor is Israel. Israel is a special place to the Lord; it is where Abraham lived when he was alive. God loved Abraham very much. Abraham loved God and listened to Him. Because Abraham obeyed God, He was given lots of land and promises. God told Abraham that he was so special to Him that all of his children and grandchildren and great, great, great grandchildren and their great, great, great children would be special to God forever. Many of those special children live in Israel. Even now. None of their neighbors want to be friends with them. They don’t like them at all. Instead of throwing paper balls at Israel, their neighbors throw dangerous things in the country. People on both sides get hurt. What can we do to help? We can pray! We can be like the kids on the green diamonds and swat the weapons away from Israel with our prayers. God hears our prayers and He wants us to pray for His special people. In our Bible verse, God says that He himself has put watchmen on the walls around Jerusalem. Will you be one of them?

Use a laptop and go to www.yourchildlearns.com click on **map puzzles play online** then **"Middle East"; then "play"**

Allow the children to click and drag a Middle Eastern country to its place. When the map is complete, the children can see how small Israel is compared to the other countries. What do you think it must feel like to know that all those other countries wish you weren't there and some even wish to destroy you?

Allow the children to move around the game floor and pray at the different spots—pray for safety and peace hearts at Israel's blue spot—pray at the green diamonds for watchmen to not grow weary—pray at the yellow spots for those who wish harm to the Israeli people.