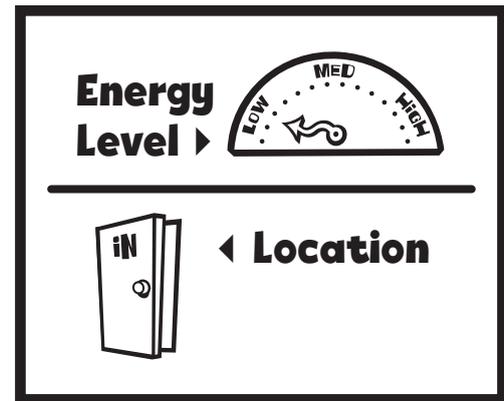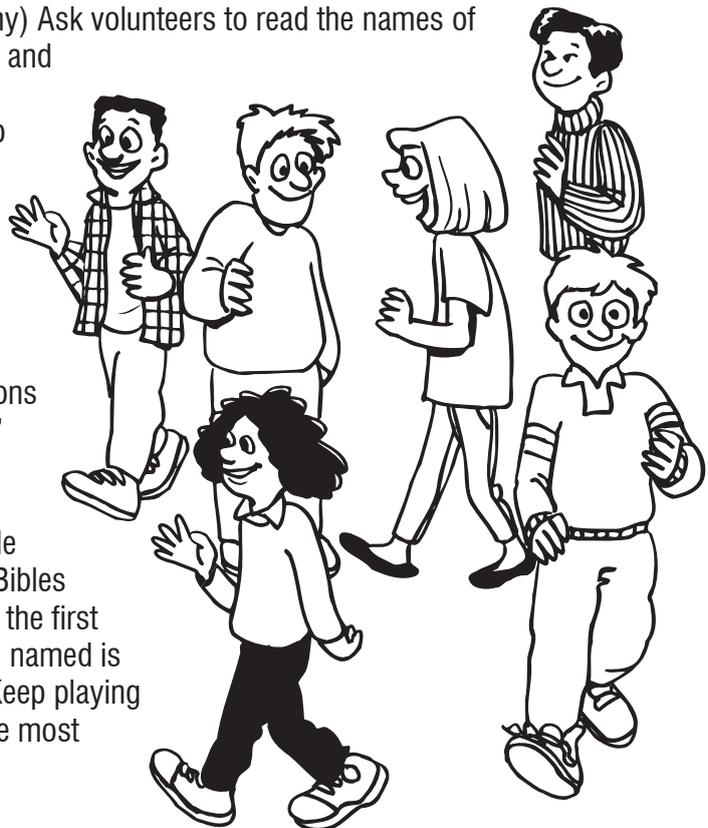# Who's Got the Beans?

Bible Skill ▸ Identify Bible Divisions: Old Testament—Law, History, Poetry

Materials
Bibles, 10 beans per student (or other small objects for each student), children's music from your collection, music player

Lead the Game
1. Ask students to open their Bibles to the contents page. **Which books are in the Law division of the Old Testament?** (Genesis through Deuteronomy) Ask volunteers to read the names of the books of Law aloud. Identify the books of History and Poetry in the same way.
2. Give each student ten beans. Group students into two equal teams: A and B. (You can participate if you have an uneven number of kids.) As you play music, students should move randomly around the room. When you stop the music, each student should find a partner from the other team. Call out either A or B. Each student in the named group is to say the name of a book in one of the first three divisions of the Old Testament (Law, History, Poetry). The kids' partners should respond by saying the name of the correct division, and then names another book in the division. (Optional: If students are unfamiliar with Bible book names, let them use the contents page in their Bibles to find book names.) If the division named is correct, the first student gives his or her partner a bean. If the division named is incorrect, the partner gives the first student a bean. Keep playing as time permits. The object of the game is to have the most beans at the end of the playing period.

Game Tips
1. Coins or uncooked pasta shapes can be used instead of beans.
2. Before playing, briefly review the first three divisions of the Old Testament: **The books of Law tell about the beginning of the world and record God's instructions to His people. The books of History tell how God led His people to a new land and give us stories about their leaders. The books of Poetry are stories, songs, sayings, and poems about how great and wonderful God is and how we can live in ways that please Him.**