

Chinese Numbers Activity

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Required: a few sticks or a few spoons.

Notes: Also known as 'Spoons'. This is more of a trick that the group tries to figure out rather than an activity.

Have all scouts gather in a circle or at a table.

As the leader, tell how you have studied chaos and the meaning of the cosmos and have concluded that all random events have meaning.

As an example, take a few sticks and drop them on the ground in front of you. Study the sticks and then ask the scouts if they can tell you what number the sticks represent. After a few guesses, announce the number.

Repeat this a few times, and some in the group may figure it out. If they do, allow them to drop the sticks and you guess the number.

The Trick: When you drop the sticks, you place your hands on your knees or on the ground in front of you. The number represented by the sticks is actually the number of fingers you have pointing out.

You can make the placing of your hands more and more obvious until someone gets it if your goal is to teach the solution. Otherwise, just have fun with it.