

## Annotated Table of Contents for Popcorn Theology Too: The Sequel

### **Session One: Failure is Not an Option**

Theme: creative problem solving

Movie: *Apollo 13*

Activities: Discovering Inventions by Mistake, Making our Own Inventions

UU Principle/Source: heed the guidance of reason and results of science

Materials Needed: laptop computer(s), tablet(s) or smart phone(s) and wireless access, samples (or pictures of) inventions created by mistake, supplies for creating an invention (recyclable materials like egg cartons, meat trays, paper towel rolls, etc, and binding/decorating supplies for the invention (paper clips, rubber bands, string, wire, pipe cleaners, buttons, other odds & ends)

### **Session Two: Genetic Instructions**

Theme: how the drive for perfectionism leads to oppression

Movie: *Gattaca*

Activities: Building Without Instructions, Building With Instructions

UU Principle/Source: inherent worth and dignity of all persons

Materials Needed: building materials like blocks, Legos® or K'Nex®, CD version of the hymn, "Come, Come, Whoever You Are" (optional)

### **Session Three: The Tiger Inside**

Theme: accepting our anger and expressing it positively

Movie: *Life of Pi*

Activities: True/False activity, Music Cacophony

UU Principle/Source: wisdom from world religions

Materials Needed: double stick tape, percussion instruments (drums, tambourine, shakers, etc,)

### **Session Four: I Am Who You Say I Am**

Theme: Unitarian Universalist views of Jesus

Movie: *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Activities: Celebrities and Power, The Whisper Game or Fill-in-the-blank

UU Principle/Source: our Jewish and Christian heritages

Materials Needed: laptop computer(s), tablet(s) or smart phone(s) and wireless access, images of powerful celebrities, King James Bible

### **Session Five: With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility**

Theme: we have a responsibility to help others

Movie: *Spiderman*

Activities: Graffiti Wall on Power, Backseat Driver

UU Principle/Source: respect for the interdependent web of all existence

Materials Needed: posterboard or large mural paper, markers, drawing paper

### **Session Six: Vengeance is Mine**

Theme: vengeance and fear

Movie: *Star Trek: First Contact*

Activities: Quotes on Vengeance, Anger Splat

UU Principle/Source: encouragement to spiritual growth

Materials Needed: basket, large white posterboard or paper, water soluble markers, napkins or toilet paper, several containers of water (such as buckets or large bowls)

### **Session Seven: God On Our Side**

Theme: patriotism vs terrorism

Movie: *Traitor*

Activities: Fanaticism discussion board, Identity Mandalas

UU Principle/Source: the right of conscience

Materials Needed: laptop computer(s), tablet(s) or smart phone(s) and wireless access (or newsprint & markers), pictures or samples of mandalas, drawing paper and markers

### **Session Eight: May The Odds Be Ever in Your Favor**

Theme: economic injustice

Movie: *The Hunger Games*

Activities: Wealth Distribution Slips, The Inequality Games

UU Principle/Source: justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Materials Needed: five different pieces of color cardstock (blue, green, orange, yellow & red), a thick permanent marker, wireless access (or printed out ahead of time) information on distribution of wealth in the United States, slips of paper, large clear plastic bowl

### **Session Nine: The Right to Die**

Theme: do people have the right to die with dignity?

Movie: *Million Dollar Baby*

Activities: Defending Right to Die cases, Limited Sculpting.

UU Principle/Source: inherent worth and dignity of all persons

Materials Needed: clay or Playdoh® or homemade salt dough, bandanas or long strips of fabric (an old bed sheet will work great) to create blindfolds and bind one arm to participants' sides

### **Session Ten: I Want To Believe**

Theme: acting on our beliefs

Movie: *X-Files: I Want to Believe*

Activities: Word Clouds or Graffiti Wall on Belief, Beliefs & Truths Venn Diagram

UU Principle/Source: inherent worth and dignity of all persons

Materials Needed: laptop computer(s), tablet(s) or smart phone(s) and wireless access OR large piece of posterboard or newsprint with markers, drawing paper

### **Session Eleven: The Ghost in the Machine**

Theme: what makes intelligent life?

Movie: *I, Robot*

Activities: The Three Laws, Ethical Dilemma Role Plays  
UU Principle/Source: inherent worth and dignity of all persons  
Materials Needed: none

### **Session Twelve: By Accident**

Theme: determinism vs random events  
Movie: *Knowing*  
Activities: Classifying Words, Time Capsule  
UU Principle/Source: heed the guidance of reason and the results of science  
Materials Needed: index cards & tape or Post-it® notes, paper, color pencils

### **Session Thirteen: One Nation Under God**

Theme: social activism and religious belief  
Movie: *Jesus Camp*  
Activities: Jesus Said, Righteous Protest, What Jesus Said About Homosexuality & Abortion  
UU Principle/Source: democratic process in our world  
Materials Needed: None

### **Session Fourteen: Lesser of Two Evils**

Theme: does the ends justify the means  
Movie: *Stargate: The Ark of Truth*  
Activities: Two Truths & a Lie; Step Forward, Step Back  
UU Principle/Source: free and responsible search for truth  
Materials Needed: None

### **Session Fifteen: The Way of Truth and Love**

Theme: inclusion and exclusion  
Movie: *Gandhi*  
Activities: Folding Paper, Inclusion/Exclusion game  
UU Principle/Source: goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all  
Materials Needed: paper

### **Session Sixteen: Bad Things Happen**

Theme: turning bad experiences into growth opportunities  
Movie: *Super 8*  
Activities: Being a Color, Negative Coping Behavior role play  
UU Principle/Source: accepting one another and spiritual growth in our congregations  
Materials Needed: none

### **Session Seventeen: We Make It Happen**

Theme: knowing what the future holds can change our actions in the present  
Movie: *Paycheck*  
Activities: Future Quotes, Sum of Our Experiences  
UU Principle/Source: accepting one another and encouragement to spiritual growth  
Materials Needed: laptop computer(s), tablet(s) or smart phone(s) and wireless access OR

sayings and quotes about the future printed out ahead of time

### **Session Eighteen: Change the World**

Theme: random acts of kindness can change the world

Movie: *Evan Almighty*

Activities: Exploring the Noah's Ark story, Signs of Kindness.

UU Principle/Source: the interdependent web of which we are all apart

Materials Needed: laptop computer(s), tablet(s) or smart phone(s) and wireless access OR information printed out in advance on the Noah's Ark story

### **Session Nineteen: Equal Justice Under Law**

Theme: taking sides in justice issues

Movie: *Dead Man Walking*

Activities: Continuum on Death Penalty Facts, Uneven Hands card game

UU Principle/Source: peace, liberty and justice for all

Materials Needed: paper or cardstock, deck of playing cards

### **Session Twenty: Outside the Box**

Theme: understanding transgender issues and gender justice

Movie: *Boys Don't Cry*

Activities: items associated with one gender or another, Gender Boxes, Three Puzzles

UU Principle/Source: peace, liberty and justice for all

Materials Needed: items associated with one gender or another