

Snakes and Crosses

Supplies:

- Snakes and crosses game boards (1 for every 2 children)
- Dice

Before you Begin:

In many countries throughout Asia, children play a game called Snakes and Ladders. In America, we call it Chutes and Ladders. Snakes and Ladders is an ancient Indian board game. The original game is a Hinduism symbol of destiny. The top part of the board represents heaven, and the bottom part represents lower levels of existence (like hell). The snakes represent sin, or bad things that we do; the ladders represent the good things we do. If you fall into sin, you slide down the snake. If you do good things, you climb the ladders towards heaven. According to Hindus, good works are how you reach heaven. Your good works must be more than your sin. In the original game, there were more snakes than ladders.

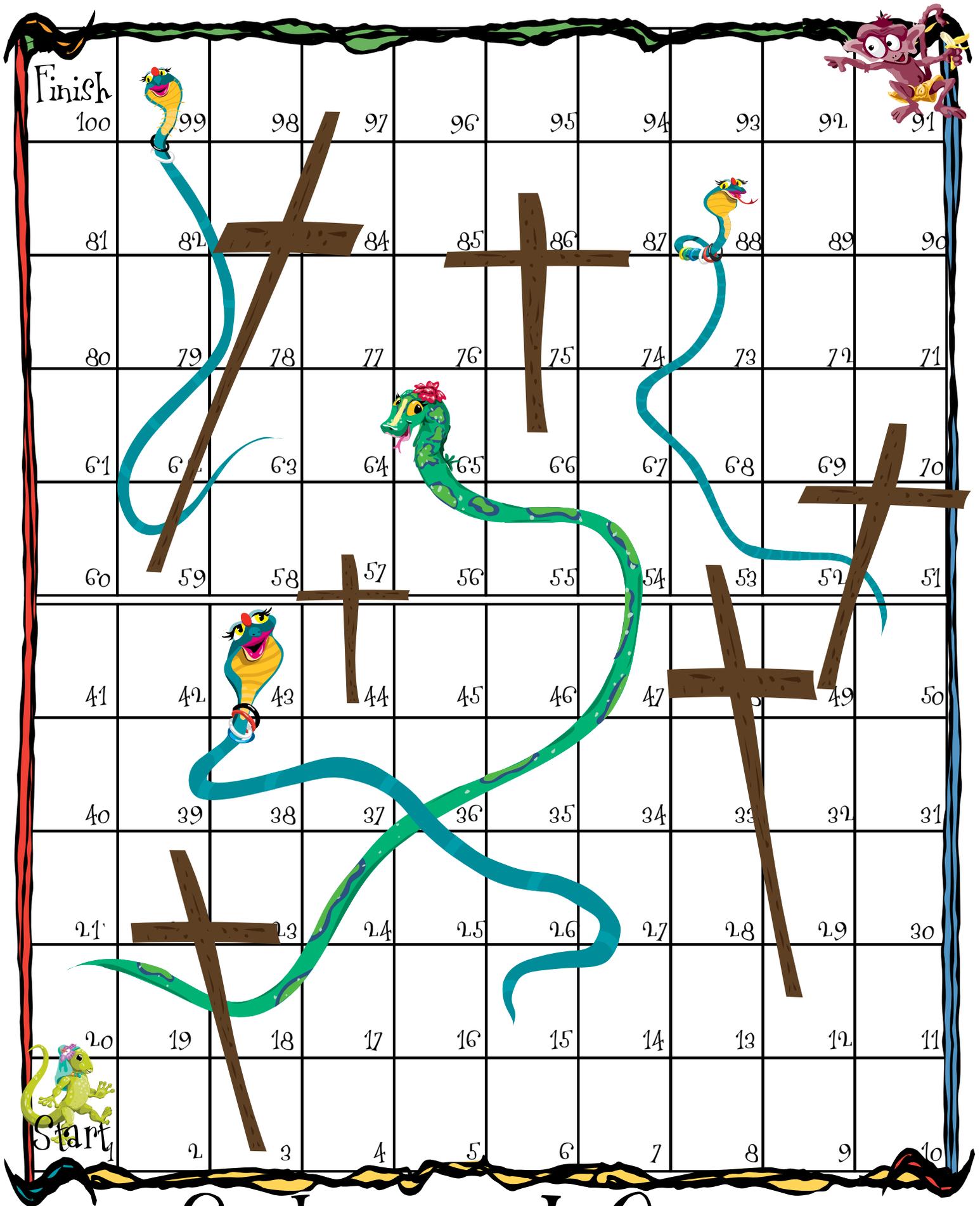
However, as Christians, we know that no matter how many good works we do, no one can reach heaven, because of the good works we do. Why? Because, we all have sin in our hearts. Therefore, we can only enter into heaven, because of Jesus' death on the cross for all our sins.

Directions:

Snakes and Crosses is the Caravan's version of Snakes and Ladders. In our game instead of ladders, we have used crosses. There are more crosses than snakes. If you land on a snake, you slide down, but if you land on a cross you go up. If you are the first to make it to the last square, you win the game.

Optional Rules:

1. If you roll a 3, you get to roll again. If you roll a 4 immediately after a 3, you win the game!!
2. When a player makes it to the top row of the game, he must roll the exact number to win. (For example, if he is two away, he has to roll a two.)



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