

Bored of Go Fish? Try building a house of cards!

First try building a structure with four walls. Can you get it to stay intact? You might notice that it keeps flopping over.

Now try assembling your cards in a triangle. Triangles are the strongest shape to use in buildings. They use a force called friction to hold together.

Friction is the force that holds car tires to the road or makes your hands warm when you rub them together. Friction also works in still objects, like a house of cards!

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Deck of Cards

Game: Go Fish

Players: 2 or more

Your goal: make as many complete sets of 4 as you can. A complete set is 4 cards of a kind, one from each suit (like 4 queens or 4 eights).

Set up: The dealer deals each player 5-7 cards. If 2-3 people are playing, everyone gets 7 cards. If more than 4 people are playing, everyone gets 5 cards.

How to take your turn: Turn to any of your opponents and ask them to give you all of their cards of a certain kind. For example: "Give me your eights, please." You must have at least one of the kind you're asking for in your hand. If your opponent has the cards and gives them to you, you've made a catch!

If your opponent has none, they will say "Go fish!" and you will have to draw one card from the pile in the middle. If you don't draw the card you were asking for, your turn ends.

If the card you draw is the kind you were asking for from your opponent, you've made a catch. Once you make a catch, you can take another turn.

The game ends when all the sets of 4 are made (there should be 13 altogether). The player with the most sets wins.

In Go Fish, you don't get to choose your cards. You have to play the hand that was dealt to you. Sometimes you already have a complete set in your hand, but most of the time you don't. The key to being a good player is being strategic with the cards you have.

We don't get to choose our circumstances in life either. God asks us to be faithful even if we're going through a hard situation. God can use troubles to mold us into the person he wants us to become.