

DOWNLOADABLE GAME · YOUTH / SMALL GROUP



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Rename → Real Name

Soft names for pride — and the only way down

Ages 13–18

10–20 min

Pairs with Knees First

HOW TO PLAY

1. Print pages 2–3. Cut on the dashed lines. Keep SOFT NAME and REAL NAME in two stacks.
2. Deal Soft Name cards face down. Flip one. Group guesses: What might God call this?
3. Reveal the matching Real Name card (same number). Read the verse aloud.
4. Talk 60 seconds: Where have we used this soft label this week?
5. Optional race mode: two teams — first to match all 12 pairs wins, then discuss the hardest pair.
6. Gospel close: Pride dies on its knees. Empty hands catch grace — kneel first, then rise in mercy.

Free for churches, homes & youth leaders

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Soft Name Cards

Print · cut on dashes · keep this stack face down

SOFT NAME · #01

"I got this"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #02

"I'm built different"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #03

"Respect me first"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #04

"They're just jealous"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #05

"I never quit"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #06

"I don't need saving"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #07

"Winning is the point"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #08

"Apology is weakness"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #09

"I earned this seat"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #10

"Image is everything"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #11

"I was right"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #12

"Grace is for losers"

What might God call this?

Real Name Cards

Same numbers as Soft Name · reveal after the guess

REAL NAME · #01

Self-reliance that won't kneel

Proverbs 16:18
was: "I got this"

REAL NAME · #02

Pride before a fall

James 4:6
was: "I'm built different"

REAL NAME · #03

Crown you won't lay down

Philippians 2:5–8
was: "Respect me first"

REAL NAME · #04

Soft label for being unteachable

Proverbs 12:15
was: "They're just jealous"

REAL NAME · #05

Stubbornness called strength

Daniel 5:22–23
was: "I never quit"

REAL NAME · #06

Empty hands refused

Luke 18:9–14
was: "I don't need saving"

REAL NAME · #07

Tower of grit and gold

Genesis 11:4
was: "Winning is the point"

REAL NAME · #08

Knees refused

James 4:10
was: "Apology is weakness"

REAL NAME · #09

Self on the throne

Romans 12:3
was: "I earned this seat"

REAL NAME · #10

Swagger that turns to dust

1 Peter 5:5–6
was: "Image is everything"

REAL NAME · #11

Being right over being humble

Proverbs 11:2
was: "I was right"

REAL NAME · #12

Soft scorn for empty hands

Ephesians 2:8–9
was: "Grace is for losers"

Leader Key + Gospel Close

Answer sheet · keep this page uncut

MATCH KEY

#01 "I got this"
-> Self-reliance that won't kneel · Proverbs 16:18

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-> Pride before a fall · James 4:6

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#12 "Grace is for losers"
-> Soft scorn for empty hands · Ephesians 2:8-9

GOSPEL CLOSE (2-3 MIN)

- Pride loves soft names so it never has to kneel.
- Jesus meets empty hands — pride dies on its knees; grace rises there.
- Invite: Which card named you tonight? Tell God that real name.
- Pray: Lord, bring us knees-first — call pride by its name, and fill empty hands with grace.
- Point to Song-to-Scripture: Knees First (listen + student sheet).