

TOT/PRESCHOOL BASEBALL (AGES 3-5) ACTIVITY REFERCE GUIDE



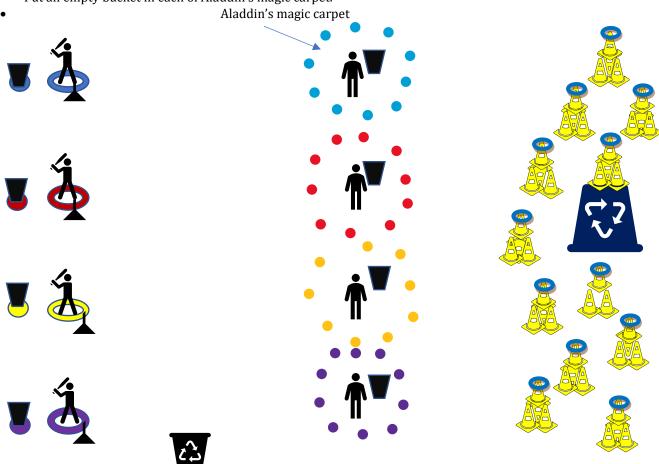
Aladdin's Wishes

Purpose: Hitting

<u>Equipment</u>: 1 Baseball tee/Kids, Large Bucket/Kid, 4 extra large buckets and four cones, 7 Whiffle Balls/Kid (one of each color), Hula Hoops/Kid, 30 Cones, Colored Spot/Tee, 4 Javelins

Set Up:

- Create Aladdin's magic carpets (discs)
- Set-up Baseball Tee's parallel to Aladdin's magic carpets
- Put Hula Hoop next to each Tee for the kids to stand in. The side of the Tee will depend on whether the child is Righty or Lefty.
- Put a matching colored spot behind each Tee for the kids to put their bucket full of Whiffle Balls on their spot.
- Put 2 rows of tape in the middle of each hula hoop to show where the kids feet go.
- Put an empty bucket in each of Aladdin's magic carpet.





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Execution:

- 1. Have each child stand in their Hula Hoop (The Genies). Coach holds on to Javelins until 3 wishes are made by child.
- 2. Review the correct way to hold and swing a baseball bat
- 3. Tell the Genies that they will need three wishes (whiffle balls) to land in the circle for Aladdin to knocked down Jaffar's Castle.
- 4. Give each kid their Baseball Bat and have them show you your ready position
- 5. Make sure the kids understand they must stay in their Hula Hoops at all times. Tell them you will collect all of the Baseball's at the end
- 6. Coach tells all the kids to "GRAB YOUR RED BALL AND PUT IT ON THE TEE".
- 7. Once all kids have balanced their ball on the tee and are in the correct batting stance, coach blows his/her whistle and all of the kids hit the ball towards the magic carpet (circle of disks). Kids should shout out "I got a wish!" every time they make a ball into the magic carpet area.
- 8. Coaches walk around to work on hitting technique.
- 9. Once three wishes are made, Aladdin (kids in the circle of discs) get javelins from the coach and prepare to hit Jaffar's castle.
 - a. Kids get one swing to hit Jaffar's castle
- 10. Coach calls "Easter egg hunt" and the kids grab their buckets and fill their bucket with 7 Whiffle Balls (one of each color). Then put their bucket back down on their spot.
- 11. Then kids switch roles and do it over again.
- 12. Continue as time permits. Reinforce technique, Storyline Flow, and Encouragement/Praise throughout.
- 13. Recap Hitting and when/why it is used in Baseball.