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And it came to pass that when the heat was on, some did explode with promise and did magnify themselves an hundred fold, and some did burst forth with whiteness which did both gladden the eye and satisfy the taste of the popper. And likewise, some others did pop, but not too much.

But lo, there were some that did just lie there and even though the popper's heat was alike unto all, they did bask in the warmth of the oil and kept everything they had for themselves.

And so it came to pass that those which had given of themselves did bring joy and delight to many munchers, but those which kept of the warmth and did not burst forth were fit only to be cast out into the pail and thought of with hardness and disgust.

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DON'T EAT POPCORN PETE: Send the first player away from the game board or into another room, then have the remaining players choose which one of the twelve people on the game board will be "Pete" for the round. Place one piece of popcorn in each square of the game board. Have the first player come back and begin picking and eating popcorn pieces from the game board. As soon as the player tries to pick "Pete" everyone yells "Don't Eat Pete!" The player keeps all the popcorn picked up before trying to get Pete. Refill the game board and play again with the next player.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

POPCORN RELAY: Divide into two teams and give each team a cup or plate of popcorn. Have each player take turns walking with the cup of popcorn on their heads, across the room, around a chair and back to their team. Play for a specified amount of time such as 2 minutes or more. The team that has the most popcorn left in their cup wins.

POPCORN DISTANCE THROW: Throw a piece of popcorn as far as you can. Farthest throw wins.

POPCORN CUP DROP: Stand on a chair and drop pieces of popcorn into a cup on the ground. Try to get as many pieces as possible into the target.

POPCORN STRAW BLOW: Place a piece of popcorn at the end of a table for each player. Using a drinking straw, blow the popcorn to the other end of the table. The first popcorn to arrive wins.

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