

## THE FAIR MAIDEN'S PLIGHT

Divide the group into four smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

KNIGHT/S	"Clankety-clank"
MAIDEN /S	"Help, help"
MEAN KING	"Gr-r-r-r"
DRAGON	"Roar-r-r-r-r-r-r"

Back in the days of bold **KNIGHTS** \_\_\_ and fair **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ S there lived a **MEAN KING** \_\_\_ with his daughter, who was indeed the most beautiful **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ in all the land. All those who passed by their castle would see this fair **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ sitting by the hour in the window longing to be set free.

It was told about the land that this fair **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ had a curse put on her by a wicked witch, that if a **DRAGON** \_\_\_ which lived in the woods close by, were to look upon her, she would suddenly become the most ugly **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ who ever lived. That is why the **MEAN KING** \_\_\_ kept her locked within the castle.

Of course, after hearing this, all the brave **KNIGHTS** \_\_\_ for miles around came to that part of the land, hoping to kill the terrible **DRAGON** \_\_\_ and thus save the fair **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ from a terrible fate. Night and day the brave young **KNIGHTS** \_\_\_ searched for that terrible **DRAGON** \_\_\_. Each one hoped to save the fair **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ and take her away from the castle of the **MEAN KING** \_\_\_.

One day there came a gallant **KNIGHT** \_\_\_ who was much wiser than all the rest. He decided that since the **DRAGON** \_\_\_ was nowhere to be found that maybe there was another reason why the **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ didn't come out. He rode his horse as swiftly as he could and charged at full speed right through the door of the castle, sending debris and rubble flying in all directions.

It seems the **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ couldn't find the door because the castle was such a mess, and that is why she hadn't come out.

The brave young **KNIGHT** \_\_\_ bounded up the stairs and carried his fair **MAIDEN** \_\_\_ down and put her on his horse. They rode away from the castle of the **MEAN KING** \_\_\_ and left the other **KNIGHTS** \_\_\_ still searching for the terrible **DRAGON** \_\_\_ which didn't even exist!