

# The Fun Kind Of Chaos

Last night's youth group was... interesting, to say the least. It was the last session before a 2-week holiday break, and the kids were as hyper as they could be! We had decided to throw the kids in my husband's group and my group a pizza party, but last week, my husband had another teacher's group as well, so two 6th grade boys groups and one 7th grade girls group were invited. The kids ran in, ate pizza and drank pop (got all sugared up), and kept running around the room. Finally, we got them to sit down for a kid-friendly version of the party game Mafia (I've linked to it enough, if you want more info, you'll have to do some searching thru my blogs or just google it). Well, that presented a problem we hadn't foreseen: once the players were eliminated from the game, what were they supposed to do with themselves? When adults play the game, players get "killed" in the game and then are trusted to sit there quietly, observe and gather strategy for future games. Not the case with a bunch of preteens. The boys were trying extra hard to impress the girls, and they were falling all over each other like a bunch of buffoons. One kid even decided to record the Mafia action with his cell phone while he was closing his eyes – cheating, but you've got to recognize his resourcefulness. The girls weren't running around, but they were busy texting with their cell phones and shooting the immature boys dirty looks. It wasn't quite what we had in mind, but it was fun nonetheless and a great way to end our first session as youth group leaders!