



## Magic Shoes

**Materials Needed:** Ladies and Gents...(and imaginary shoes)!

### **Instructions:**

Set a starting line and have the participants break into 2 groups. The object is to get their entire team across the lava (the ground they are crossing). Each team is given one pair of 'magic shoes' and the rules of these shoes are as follows:

\*\*\*Only one person can wear the shoes at a time, and each person can only wear them one time crossing the lava (crossing one direction counts as their one time).

So, each participant can only cross **one** direction **one** time while touching the ground with their feet. (Hands can be used if needed.) The only way to be able to cross the river of lava, without getting burned up, is by following these rules! The first team with every member across safely wins. If they fall in the lava, the whole team must start over again.

**Explanation (Let the youth figure this out for themselves, but just so you, the counselor, know how it works):**

The only way for the team to get each member across is by having one person carry 2 other people at a time across (can do a front and back piggy back simultaneously, or a wheel-barrel), then one of those that was carried goes back across wearing the shoes and passes them to the next person. Continue like this until all of the members of the team are across the lava.

### **Discussion:**

- 👉 How did you figure out the way to get everyone on your team across?
- 👉 Could you get across alone, or did you need help?
- 👉 Did you figure out the solution on the first try?
- 👉 How does this relate to family life?