

Young Adult Year-end Retreat Danga Cruise@JB

More than 200 young adults cruised on board a ferry for the Young Adults Retreat on December 13, and while out at sea, they battled their wits and guts out in the smorgasbord of activities. **Charmaine Tan** reports.

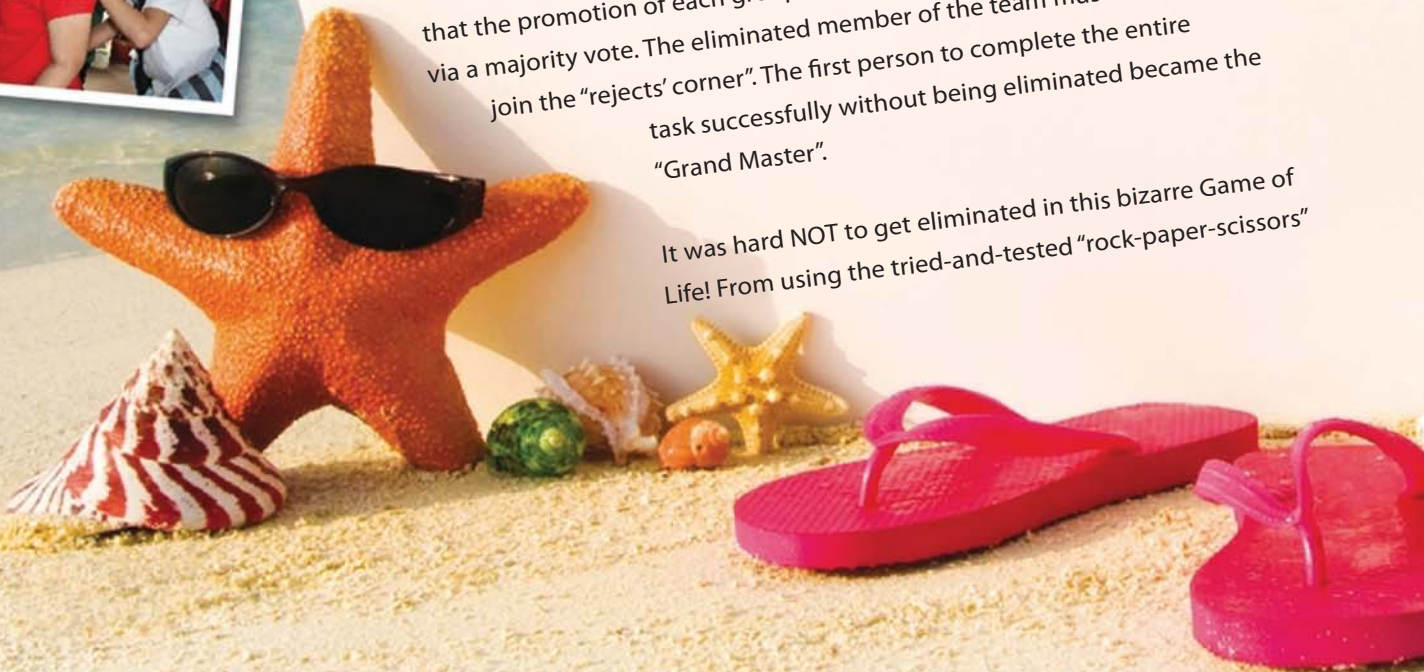


Following a short ride across the Causeway to Danga Bay, we were greeted by the sight of a white and blue ferry moored to a wide pier. As we entered the ship's hull, our fellow Young Adults scrambled about the ferry exploring every nook and cranny, familiarising themselves with the sights and sounds onboard.

Excited and ready for more, we gathered for a time of fun and games. With quirky names like Grip, Goodness, Green and Grin, each game station reflected a genre of choices we might pursue in life. We played pranks on others to earn points at the Grin station, rallied others to nominate our group member for mayor or president, spread good cheer to others in order to earn points at the Goodness Station and the Green Station brought out the high-roller in some of us!

Each team was given a series of tasks to complete for each station. Upon the completion of all tasks assigned by that station, we would be promoted to "Master". However, what we were not told at the beginning of the game was that the promotion of each group entailed the elimination of a group member via a majority vote. The eliminated member of the team must then leave to join the "rejects' corner". The first person to complete the entire task successfully without being eliminated became the "Grand Master".

It was hard NOT to get eliminated in this bizarre Game of Life! From using the tried-and-tested "rock-paper-scissors"





method to writing their own names on the voting slips, groups tried ways and means to keep the elimination process as painless as possible. Some found it hard to believe that their group had decided to let them go!

After the games, we spent time seeking God in worship. Pastor Wilson shared his experience of how as a pastor he had seen the destinies of many young adults being shaped by their decisions. He shared further what it meant to choose a life surrendered to the Will of God rather than a life given to the choices of the world. The choices we made, either for God or for our flesh, would have a direct bearing on our lives.

Praise the Lord for the wonderful time spent learning and living out his Word as well as the beautiful getaway on the Danga Cruise!

