

Rock-it Science Observations For Winter Lessons 2010

Minion Traps (younger groups)

Students were to design and build a 'Rube Goldberg' type of crazy device to trap a minion or a leprechaun using boxes, sticks, string, and whatever else happened to be laying around.

They might have noticed:

- It is not so easy to turn an idea into a model
- It is usually easier to draw a picture before starting to build something
- It is usually easier to ask another person to help
- It is hard to make compromises about ways to do things with two people
- It is usually better to try an imperfect plan than to wait for a perfect one to come up
- Sticks and cardboard always seem to bend or come loose at the wrong times.
- Things work best when no one else notices, if they watch, then everything falls apart!