



## POWERBALL PRESENTATION

### Step 1

Using an under-inflated ball that looks inflated, drop it to the ground, demonstrating the fact that it cannot bounce. Ask the following questions:

- what is the problem? - no air, flat
- when the ball's creator made it, what was his intention? - to bounce, to be kicked, to be handled firmly etc
- what is required for this ball to fulfil its potential? - to be filled with air

### Step 2

Now turn to the inflated powerball with its coloured panels remembering that the gospel is the 'power' of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16)

#### BLUE

God is a creative genius. Hold the ball up and use it as a model for the earth. He created the blue heavens and seas and surrounded them with teeming life. The earth was just placed the right distance from the sun so that it didn't freeze over or burn to a cinder (move the ball appropriately to demonstrate this). Then came God's special creation that was different from the rest of the living creatures - us. Like the action with a deflated ball God breathed into man the 'breath of life' (Genesis 2:7). A special relationship had begun.

#### GOLD

God wants this relationship to last forever, right into eternal life. It's the question everyone asks – 'Why am I here and what is my purpose? The Bible tells us that the streets of Heaven are paved with gold, a lovely picture of what eternity with God is all about and what excitement there is in store for us. God created us to enjoy this special relationship while here on earth.

#### SEAMS AROUND THE PANELS

Unfortunately, we've not lived up to expectation - made mistakes, lied, got angry, been selfish etc. There's a little word that describes these big things that spoil relationships with God and other people - sin. This causes us to lose touch with our Creator and we are 'bound' and 'tied up' just like the seams do to the panels. We are prevented from being the people God really intended us to be.

#### DARK.

If there is a dark panel on the ball use an alternative text:- As great a place as the Earth is, there is a problem. God is a holy God, and we are not a holy people. We have made mistakes. We have lied. We have been angry and even acted out that anger. We do these things because of the darkness of our heart. The Bible calls this 'sin' and it separates us from God.

