
Bible Verse Game

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Block Clapping

Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- 2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

1. Show the children the clapping blocks and tell them: "We are going to use our Bible verse to play a game. But first, we need to practice saying the verse." (Practice saying it a couple of times).
2. Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without saying the verse), then quiet them.
3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try saying our verse and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in reciting the verse and clapping with each word. Or, you can have the children clap the blocks together a certain number of times, then say the verse after the last clap. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
4. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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Meet, Greet and Keep It Up

Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- 16 oz. cups, 1 per child (with some extras)
- 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children
- Masking tape

Preparation

1. Line up the 2 pieces of rope about 6' apart.
2. Put down a piece of masking tape the same length as the ropes, running parallel to the ropes midway between the 2 ropes.

Learning the Verse

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Playing the Game

1. Split the children into partners. Have them stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 6' apart.
2. Tell the children they will be meeting and greeting their partners with a handshake at the masking tape in the middle, then turning around and going back to their place along the rope. Have them practice this.
3. Now tell them, that they will also be balancing a cup on their head while they do this.
4. Give out a cup to everyone. Have them practice balancing the cup on their heads.
5. Now play the game. Have everyone say the verse together. Then have them put the cups on their heads. At your signal, have them walk to the middle, greet their partner with a handshake, turn around and go back—trying to keep the cup balanced on their head the whole time. (There is no penalty for cups falling off.)
6. Have everyone settle back in place in the line, with the cups off their heads. Say the verse together again, put the cups back on their heads, then walk to greet partner again, etc.
7. You can move the ropes back gradually so the children can try to do it from further and further apart.
8. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few turns. See the Deep Down Detective Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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Bean Bag Catch

Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
 - Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
 - 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

1. Pair the children with a partner.
2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other at arm's length apart.
3. Give out a bean bag to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.) Have everyone say the verse together, then throw the bean bag to their partners, trying to catch the bean bag. (NOTE: no one is "out" if they don't catch it.)
4. Have both lines of children take a step back.
5. Say the verse altogether again, then throw the bean bags again.
6. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.