

GAMES | DAY 4

Bible Story: The Lord's Prayer • Matthew 6:5-13

Bottom Line: You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything.

Memory Verse: "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)

GET READY

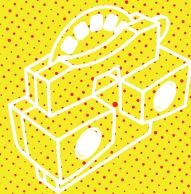
Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

1. STOP, DROP, AND PRAY

- *Optional:* Funny glasses

2. OBSTACLE FREEZE TAG

- Floor tape or four cones
 - Use the provided items to create a start line and finish line.



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1. STOP, DROP, AND PRAY

What You Need: Funny glasses (*optional*)

What You Do:

- Select 1 out of every 10 kids to be a Tagger.
- The Tagger can put on the optional funny glasses to stand out as a Tagger.
- On your "Go," the kids run around trying to avoid being tagged.
- If they are tagged, they must freeze by taking a knee (going down on one knee).
- Another kid can come and unfreeze them ANYTIME. They can ONLY tag them on the knee that is off the ground.
- Feel free to give kids a time limit, and routinely switch out the Taggers.

What You Say:

"Great job! I am so glad we were able to burn some energy in that game and have some fun along the way. Today we talked about the Lord's Prayer, which gives us a road map of how to pray. In this game, you were able to be tagged ANYTIME, and you needed someone else to come and help. And when it comes to talking with God, we can pray and ask for help at ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, about ANYTHING. We don't have to wait to be in a specific place or with specific people. We can always talk to God."

[Bottom Line] **"You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything.** You can always stop and pray, no matter where you are. You can be in school, at home, or even in the car. **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about your favorite time and place to pray.)** I am so thankful that we can have direct access to God through Jesus. He loves us and knows everything anyway, so we can trust Him and go to Him anytime, anywhere, and talk to Him about anything."

2. OBSTACLE FREEZE TAG

What You Need: Prepared tape lines or cones

What You Do:

- Have all kids line up shoulder to shoulder behind the start line.
- Select one kid to be a Tagger.
- On your "Go," the kids must attempt to get from one side to the other without being tagged.
- If they are tagged, they must freeze in place either standing or on their knees. They become a Tagger on the next round but must stay in position. The original Tagger can continue to move about the area.
- Have kids continue to try and get from one side to the other until one kid remains.
- *Optional:* Have two or three groups of kids that take turns going across. Give each team a name (ex. Sausage, Pepperoni, Bacon). When you call out one of the group names, that group runs across.

What You Say:

"Great job today! I am so glad that we were able to burn some energy and have some fun along the way. Today we talked about the Lord's Prayer, which gives us a road map of how to pray. Just like in our game, it's tough to get where you want to go when there are obstacles in the way, right? That's what is so cool about Jesus. Because He has removed all the obstacles, you don't have to wait for the right place, the right person, or the right time."

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Travel Time

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- Where do you often like to pray?
- Why do you think Jesus gave us a model of how to pray?