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# GAMES | DAY 2

**Bible Story:** Look for how Jesus teaches us. | The Wise and Foolish Builders • Matthew 7:24-27

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus." Hebrews 12:2, NIV

## GAMES ROTATION

This rotation is meant to be flexible for your church environment. You have several options:

- These games are designed in a way that could be used inside or outside.
- For outdoors, you will need a large, open space with secure boundaries.
- For indoors, we suggest an open space that is free of chairs or tables.
- Prepare for as many games as your resources and space allow.

### 1. LOOK-TAC-TOE

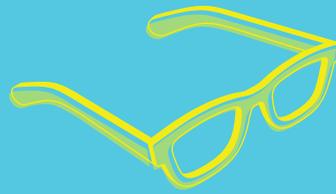
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**What You Need:** Large sheet or blanket; painter's tape; permanent marker; and 10 Frisbees (five of one color and five of another color)

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Use a large sheet and painter's tape to make a large tic-tac-toe board. Use the marker to make the Frisbees look like eyeballs. Set out the supplies.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to play tic-tac-toe with you. Each child can take a turn to place a Frisbee on the board. Continue playing as long as there is interest.

*After the Activity:* Put the supplies away and out of reach.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "What part of our bodies do we use to look? (Pause.) That's right! We use our eyes to look around and see things! Today we're going to play a fun game called 'Look-Tac-Toe.' It's just like 'Tic-Tac-Toe!'"

*During the Activity:* "We are going to take turns putting the eyeballs on the game board to play 'Look-Tac-Toe.' Remember, we are trying to get three in a row of the same color!"

*After the Activity:* "That was fun! We can use our eyes to look and see how Jesus teaches us! Tell me: **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

## 2. LET'S GET MOVING

*Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** Large bucket or bin; lots of gray paper or gray socks; "Movement Cards" Activity Page; and cardstock

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Movement Cards" on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. Use gray socks or gray paper to make lots of "rocks" and put them in the bucket. Put the "Movement Cards" in the bucket.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to take turns choosing a card from the bucket of rocks. When they choose a card, they will do the activity on the card and then put the card back in the bucket. Continue until every child has a turn and as long as there is interest.

*After the Activity:* Put the supplies away and out of reach.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Okay, friends, we are going to play another fun game!"

*During the Activity: (Hold up the bucket of rocks.)* "This is our bucket of rocks. Inside of this bucket of rocks, there are cards that will tell us what to do. When it's your turn, reach into the bucket of rocks and choose a card. Then do what the card says. The number on the card tells you how many times to do it. Then put the card back in the bucket for the next person."

*After the Activity:* "That game was really fun! We read the cards and did what they said. We can read the Bible and do what Jesus says. In our story today, there was a wise man and a foolish man. We want to be like the wise man who built his house on the rock. We are wise when we follow what Jesus says in the Bible! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

### 3. ROCK RELAY

*Made to Move:* An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

**What You Need:** Bucket of rocks; tub of sand; and several spoons

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Put the bucket of rocks on one side of the room and the tub of sand on the other. Put the spoons beside the bucket of rocks.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to take turns doing this relay. Give each child a spoon with a rock on it when it's their turn. Children will use the spoon to carry the rock to the other side and drop it into the tub of sand. Children will have a seat by the tub of sand after their turn. Continue until every child has a turn.

*After the Activity:* Put the supplies away and out of reach.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Have you ever done a relay race before? (Pause.) Today we are going to do a 'Rock Relay.' We will each take turns, and it will be lots of fun!"

*During the Activity:* "When it's your turn, I will give you a spoon with a rock in it. Carry that rock to the other side of the room and drop it into the tub of sand. Then have a seat!"

*After the Activity:* "Today we heard a story about rocks and sand. We learned about a wise man who built his house on a rock. We also learned about a foolish man who built his house on the sand. We want to be like the wise man and look for ways that Jesus teaches us how to be wise! Tell me: **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Yay!"