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GAMES | DAY 3

Bible Story: Look at what Jesus did for us. | Salvation • The Gospels

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. KEEP YOUR EYES ON IT!

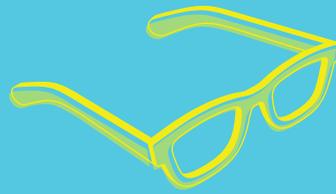
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1. KEEP YOUR EYES ON IT!

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What You Need: Play scarves and fun music

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Give each child a play scarf. Show them how to gently toss their scarf in the air and catch it as it floats back down. Next, encourage them to try and toss their scarf in the air, spin around once, and then catch it. End your time with a few moments of scarf dancing as you play your favorite preschool songs.

(Note: Play songs with slow, medium, and fast tempos. Encourage the children to move with the sound.)

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I have a super fun game for us to play! Everyone gets a scarf. (Give each child a scarf.) Does everyone have a scarf? Wave it in the air so I can see. (Look around.) Great! This is how you play the game. It's very important that you keep your eyes on your scarf. That way when you toss your scarf in the air . . . (demonstrate) . . . you can catch it! Or when you toss it and spin . . . (demonstrate) . . . you can catch it. Ta-da! You try it! And remember to keep your eyes on the scarf."

(While the children toss and spin with their scarves, walk around encouraging them and saying, "Keep your eyes on your scarf.")

After the Activity: "We kept our eyes on our scarves to play the game, but our memory verse reminds us to keep looking to Jesus. We keep our eyes on Jesus because He loves us and knows what is best. AND He wants to be our friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Let's dance with our scarves while we say the verse. All you have to do is dance to the music and say: *Let us keep looking to Jesus* (Hebrews 12:2 NIV). Get your scarves ready. It's time to dance!" *(Continue as long as the children are having fun.)*

(Note: The children do not need to say the verse in unison. They can just say it to themselves as they individually dance to the music.)

2. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE POM-POM!

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

What You Need: Large paper plates and large pom-poms

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Give each child a large paper plate and a large pom-pom.

During the Activity: Invite the children to use their plate and bounce the pom-pom high into the air and catch it again with the plate. They should count to three and look at the pom-pom as they bounce it in the air and catch it with the plate.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to play a fun game together! I'm going to give you a plate and a pom-pom. Use your plate to bounce the pom-pom high into the air while we count to three."

During the Activity: "Keep your eye on the pom-pom so it doesn't fall!"

After the Activity: "When we played the game, we had to keep looking at the pom-pom to make sure it stayed in the air. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus every day! We can look in the Bible to see what Jesus did for us! He went away, but on the third day He came back to be our friend forever. Jesus wants to be our friend forever!

Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

3. BEAN BAG TOSS

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

What You Need: Two hula-hoops; string or rope to hang them; several bean bags; and painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Use string or rope to hang the hula-hoops to look like a pair of glasses. Use painter's tape to make a throw line, and put the bean bags by the throw line.

During the Activity: Invite the children to take turns tossing the bean bags into the hula hoops. Give each child three tries. Continue until each child has had at least one turn.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Sometimes people wear glasses to help them see. We've got a giant pair of glasses right here!"

During the Activity: "Let's take turns tossing the bean bags into the giant glasses!"

After the Activity: "Glasses can help us look at things better. We learned in our story today about Jesus and how He loves us so much He went away and came back just like He said He would. Our memory verse says: *Let us keep looking to Jesus*, Hebrews 12:2. We can look to Jesus to know how much He loves us! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"