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# GAMES | DAY 5

**Bible Story:** Look for ways to love people like Jesus. | The Greatest Commandment • Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13

**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. SORTING HEARTS

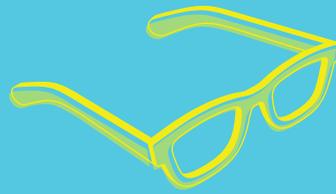
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**What You Need:** Different colored hula-hoops; foam hearts that are the same colors as the hula-hoops; and painter's tape

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Use the painter's tape to make a line down the center of the room. Put an equal number of hula-hoops on each side of the line. Have a bag of foam hearts for each side of the line. The colors of the hearts in each bag should match the colors of the hula-hoops on that side of the line.

*During the Activity:* Explode the hearts onto each side of the line and invite children to sort the foam hearts into the hula-hoops that are the same color as the hearts.

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

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Let's play a fun sorting game! We need some friends on both sides of this line. When I throw the hearts onto your side of the line, you put the hearts into the hula-hoop that matches the color."

*During the Activity:* "Are you ready? Here we go!" (Throw hearts onto the floor on both sides of the line.)

*After the Activity:* "All of these hearts remind me just how much Jesus loves us! Just like we looked for the hearts that could go in the hula-hoops, we need to look for ways to love others! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

## 2. JESUS LOVES, JESUS LOVES . . . YOU!

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

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Have the children sit on the floor in a circle.

*During the Activity:* Play "Duck, Duck, Goose," but instead say, "Jesus loves, Jesus loves, Jesus loves . . . YOU!"

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Have you ever played 'Duck, Duck, Goose'? (Pause.) Well, we're going to play it a little differently today!"

*During the Activity:* "We're going to play it today, but instead of saying 'Duck, duck, goose,' we're going to say, 'Jesus loves, Jesus loves . . . YOU!' Are you ready to play?"

*After the Activity:* "Jesus loves us so much, and He wants to us to share that love with others. We can look around and find ways to love people! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

### 3. COUNTING HEARTS

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

**What You Need:** Painter's tape; lots of pom-poms; bucket or bin; and large foam dice

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Use the painter's tape to make lots of groupings of small tape hearts on the floor around the room. Put a bucket or bin of pom-poms in the middle of the room. Put a large foam die by each grouping of tape hearts.

*During the Activity:* Split the children into smaller groups and have them stand by the taped hearts. Invite the children to roll the large foam die, run to the bucket or bin of pom-poms, get that number out, and then run back to put them in the taped heart. Continue until the tape hearts are full of pom-poms.

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

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Let's play a fun game together! I'm going to ask each of you to go and stand by one of the tape hearts on the floor."

*During the Activity:* "Take turns rolling the die. When you see the number on the die, run to the bucket in the middle of the room and get that many pom-poms. Bring them back and put them into your taped heart. Take turns with each person in your group getting a chance to roll the die. Be sure to cheer for each other! Keep doing this until your tape heart is full. When your tape heart is full, sit down and cheer for the rest of our friends!"

*After the Activity:* "Looking at all these hearts reminds me that Jesus loves us so much! He wants us to spread that love to others. Let's look for ways to love others! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"