

## **Bible Verse Game**

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### **Duck, Duck, Goose**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum  
Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **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. Have the children sit in a circle, cross-legged on the floor.
2. Choose a child to be "It". "It" will walk around behind the seated children, tapping each one on the head, the whole group recites the verse, saying one word for each head tap.
3. The child whose head is the last one to be tapped must get up and chase "It", hoping to tag "It" before "It" can get around the circle and sit down in the open spot in the circle.
4. If the child does tag "It" then he may take his place in the circle. If not, then the new child is "It." If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
5. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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### **Detective Mission Madness Practice**

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- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions (optional)
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song and/or Bible verse song
- Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

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#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell the children that a detective is someone who gets paid to find answers to questions. Hide 'n' Seek Kids are like detectives, looking for answers to big questions about God. Sometimes detectives have to do all sorts of things to get answers to their questions and solve the case they are working on. In this game, they will practice some sneaky detective moves.
2. Put on the detective costume, telling the children that you will start out the game as the Chief Detective.
3. As you play the Hide 'n' Seek Kids theme song, you will lead the children in practicing one of their moves, such as swimming across a deep river. . (Other possible actions would be crawling, hand over eye looking around left and right; walking backwards, shuffling, stooping, and crawling..)
4. When the song finishes, the children will sit down and everyone will say the verse together. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse. See the Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
5. Choose a child to take your place as Chief Detective. Repeat activity, choosing another detective move. Play continues as time and attention span allow.

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### **Block Clapping**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids 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**

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#### **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 Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions 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
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids 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. Break 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 Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions for possible questions.

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### Lily Pad Jump

#### Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions (optional)
- Cube-shaped cardboard box, paper, glue, marker

#### Preparation

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube.
2. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube).
3. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
4. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.

#### Learning the Verse

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#### Playing the Game

1. Tell children that they will be froggies, leaping from lily pad to lily pad. Everyone will say the verse together, then you (or a very good, well-behaved listening "froggie" ) will roll the die and see how many leaps all the froggies will make before them stop.
2. Have them practice leaping. Warn them to watch out for their other froggie friends so that no one gets hurt. Practice stopping.
3. Have everyone get in froggie position. Roll die and tell them how many leaps they will leap. Say the verse together. At your signal, everyone leaps as you (or you and they) count out the number of leaps together: "1, 2, 3, stop!" etc. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Hide n" Seek Kids Discussion Sheet for possible questions.