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## Bible Verse Game

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### 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

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. 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.

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### Animal Cube

#### Materials

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

#### Preparation

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube) Draw a simple animal picture on each piece of paper. Possibilities would be: rabbit, monkey, elephant, bird, fish, and a horse. Glue each picture onto each side of the cube.

#### Learning the Verse

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#### Playing the Game

1. Tell the children they will be playing a game in which they must move like six different animals. Have them practice the movements for each of the animals on your cube. (Rabbit: leaping; monkey: scratching under arms and saying "ooh-ooh, ahh-ahh"; Elephant: swinging arms like a trunk and making trumpet sound; Bird: flapping arms like wings; Fish: palms together, weaving them in a serpentine action, saying "blub-blub"; horse: galloping/prancing and neighing).
2. Show the children the cube with the animal pictures on it, just like the ones they've practiced. Tell them that you will roll the dice and everyone (at your signal) will begin making the movement for that animal. Tell them that they must stop in place and be very quiet when they hear a certain noise (such as a whistle, a bell ring, you clap, etc.). Tell them that you will be watching them. And that children who are very good at listening and stopping when you say so will get a chance to toss the cube for everyone. Practice tossing the cube, making the movements and stopping with the children.
3. Now it's time to play the whole game. Choose a child to roll the cube and say which animal is picked and what action they will do for the animal. Have everyone say the verse, then at your cue, let the children act out the animal until you tell them to stop (a bell or whistle can be used to give the start and stop signals).
4. Choose another child and 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.

**Other Option:** If children get really good at this, you can challenge them by saying the verse while they make the movement.

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### Simon Says How

#### Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions (optional)
- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- Die Number and Action Chart (see below)

#### Preparation

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

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

1 = Head	2 = Feet
3 = Hands	4 = Hands and Feet
5 = Laying Down	6 = Eyes Closed

#### 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 spread out facing the leader.
2. Tell the children that they are going to play "Simon Says How", a game in which everyone will take turns making up different actions that they will do while saying the verse.
3. Explain that "Simon" will roll the die and make up actions that use the parts of the body that correspond to the number on the chart. Everyone else will then recite the verse while standing still. Then challenge them to recite it again while doing the actions "Simon" made up at the same time.
4. Simon will then choose another person to be Simon in his place. 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.

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### **Bean Bag Catch**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
  - Hide 'n' Seek Discussion Sheet (optional)
  - 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

#### **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 stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other at arm's length apart.
2. Give out a bean bag to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.) Have everyone say the verse together, then throw the bean bag to their partners, trying to catch the bean bag. (NOTE: no one is "out" if they don't catch it.)
3. Have both lines of children take a step back.
4. Say the verse altogether again, then throw the bean bags again.
5. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Hide 'n' Seek Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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### Slap, Clap and Stack

#### Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Hide 'n' Seek Discussion Sheet (optional)
- 10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

#### 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 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. Tell the children that they are going to learn the verse while working together to make the largest stack of blocks/  
objects they can. After each time they say the verse, a child gets to pick out an object to put on the tower. Teacher will help them balance it in place.
2. Have everyone sit down in a circle around the stacking area. Say the verse together. If desired, you can add a motion  
the children do each time they say the verse, such as clap, stomp feet, etc. This will add movement to this game. Choose a child to pick out an object. Help the child put it in place.
3. Continue adding objects/blocks until all objects are used up or the tower falls down.
4. Repeat as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Hide 'n' Seek Discussion Sheet for possible questions.