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## Bible Verse Game

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### 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**

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#### **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**

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#### **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.

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### **Freeze 'n' Say**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum  
Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions (optional)  
Music and CD/Tape player

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

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#### **Playing the Game**

1. Play some of the music for the children. Tell them that they will move around the room as you tell them (marching, leaping, clapping, etc.) while they hear the music. They will stop and freeze in whatever position they are in when the music stops. Practice this with them.
2. When they have the concept down, add saying the verse when the music stops and they are in their frozen position.
3. After they say the verse, then tell them how you want them to move when the music starts again. You can take their suggestions for movement ideas, too.
4. Start the music up again and continue. 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 Kids Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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### **Fill 'er Up**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 bean bag per child
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.
- Cardboard box or laundry basket
- Carpet squares, 1 per child

#### **Preparation**

1. Put box/basket in a central location.
2. Place carpet squares equidistant about 2' from center box/basket. These will be for the children to sit on.

#### **Learning the Verse**

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#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children stand on a carpet square.
2. Tell them that they will be saying the verse, then—on your signal—they will try to throw as many of their bean bags as they can into the box/basket target in the middle.
3. As they get good at throwing their bean bags in, have the children move back their carpet squares.
4. Repeat verse before toss. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few tosses. See the Hide 'n' Seek Kids Discussion Sheet for possible questions.