

## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

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

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- Music and CD/Tape player

#### **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. 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 Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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

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- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

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#### **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 Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
5. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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### **Slap, Clap and Stack**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (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 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 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 Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.