

Bible Lessons for Children
Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word
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Sharing Activities

Answers First: Answers to questions are written on index cards and handed out randomly to students. The leader asks a question and the student with the correct answer cards stands up and reads the answer.

Beanbag Toss: The leader asks a question and then tosses a beanbag to someone who must either answer the question or toss the beanbag to someone else. When the question has been answered, the beanbag is tossed back to the leader.

Card Prompts: Prompts or questions are written on index cards and handed out randomly to students. Students share based upon the card prompt. If necessary to progress in a certain order, then the cards can be numbered as well. Sharing is then based on the card prompt but in numerical order.

Clothes Clues: Clothes clues are written on small pieces of paper, folded, and placed into a container. A clue is pulled out and read aloud. Only those that fit the clue can share. Examples: wearing black shoes, wearing red, wearing a watch, wearing NO hair accessory...

Count Down: Numbers are written on small cards and handed out randomly to students. The leader asks questions and students answer in numerical order (1,2,3...), reverse order (10,9,8...), or by type (even, odd, divisible by three, etc.).

Grab Bag: A bag containing small items of two different colors is passed around the circle. Students reach into the bag to pull out an item. Depending upon the color of the item, the student either shares or passes the bag to the next person in the circle. (The leader pre-determines which color shares and which color passes. Any small items will work: building blocks, cards, erasers...)

Hand Action: Instead of students raising their hands to share, they perform another pre-determined action. Example: Touch your nose. Pat your head. Pull your right ear. Etc.

Hot Potato: A bean bag or other small object is passed around the circle while singing a song or quoting a poem. When the song stops, the person holding the object answers the question.

Jeopardy Jump Up: Give each answer and challenge students to produce the correct question. Have students jump up to share questions.

Match Up: Questions are written on one set of index cards and answers are written on another. Cards are randomly handed out to students who must find the person with the "match" for their question or answer. Partners then read their cards to the group to determine correctness of the match.

Order Please: Students are ordered by height, birth date, length of hair, etc. Students share in this order.

Popcorn: The leader asks a question and students that want to answer the question "pop" up, share their answer, and then sit down.

Stand Up/Sit Down: Students stand. After sharing, student sits, or vice-versa, until all students are either standing or sitting.

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String Wrap: A length of string is given to each student. The student wraps the string loosely around one finger while sharing. When the string is all wrapped, the student is done sharing.

Yarn Web: While holding one end of a ball of yarn, the leader tosses the ball to someone who must either answer the question or while holding on to a piece of the yarn, toss the ball to someone else. Each person that catches the yarn must hold on to a piece of it. The ball of yarn will become smaller as a web is built by those catching and tossing the ball. Questions are asked and answered until the ball of yarn has disappeared and become a web.