



The Teacher's Aid



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PRE-SCHOOL



Know 'n' Show Review Game

An easy-to-prepare fun review game which can be used indoors or out!

Preparation:

Write out review questions for the Bible content you wish to review with children.

Procedure:

Before you ask each question, give children one or more of the following directions. Example: "If you know the answer to the question, scratch your nose." Then give the question and look for whoever does the motion first or choose anyone doing the correct action. The list of suggested actions can be made to "fit" your children.

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| 1. Whistle | 6. Put hands on head |
| 2. Scratch your nose | 7. Clap twice |
| 3. Stand up | 8. Blink twice |
| 4. Smile | 9. Touch your toes |
| 5. Raise right hand | 10. Snap fingers |

I Love Jesus

(Tune: Jesus Loves Me)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

Chorus:

Yes, I love Jesus (3 times)
And I will tell Him so.

Take time for children to each tell Jesus they love Him in prayer. Have them tell why they love Jesus.



Just for Fun
with
PAPER PLATES



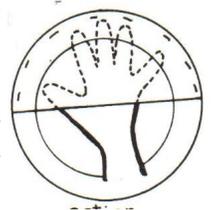
Here is a simple game to play before or after class—maybe even during!! It is a great way to review Bible verses or Bible lessons.

Supplies:

- * 3 paper plates per child
- * sponge ball or bean bag or wrapped candy.
- * Stapler

Preparation:

Prepare 2 paper plates for each child. Cut 3rd plate in half and staple each half to the backs of the 2 whole plates, creating a "mitt" for each hand (See picture.). This enables the children to grab and easily hold onto their plates.



Procedure:

Have each child hold one plate in each hand. Throw a peanut, wrapped candy or small sponge to a child who tries to catch it inside their paper plates be banging them together.

After catching the object, the child then gets a chance to say the verse or answer a question. Be sure each child gets a turn and is successful at "catching" the object and saying the verse or answering the question. If using candy and the answer is correct, child can keep the treat. Allow children to take their "mitts" home and try it with their family.



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Supplies:

- * Bean bag or sponge ball
- * Chair per child (Optional)

Procedure:

Decide which Bible verse you want to drill with children.

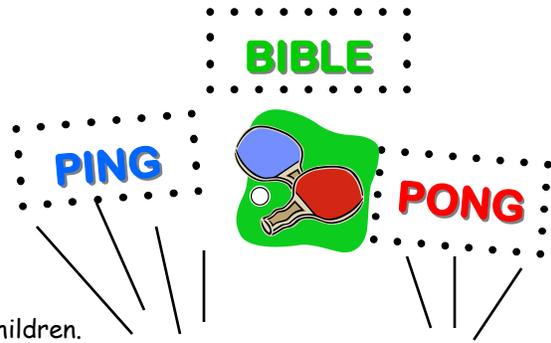
Have children sit in chairs or stand in a semi-circle around you. Be sure to instruct the children on what to do before beginning to play.

Instructions: While saying the first word of the Bible verse, throw the ball or bean bag to the first child. That child then says the second word of the verse as he throws the ball back to you. You say the third word as you throw the ball to the next child, who then says the fourth word and throws the ball back to you and so on until all children have had at least one turn. Incorporate the "address" of the verse into game as well.

Option 1: If children are really learning verses, you might try doing 2 verses in a row, going directly from one to the next.

Option 2: Instead of Bible verses, questions from the Bible lessons can be used, with the ball coming back to you after each question is answered.

NOTE: You, the teacher, should always control the ball. If a child throws wildly on purpose, give him a chance to do it over as you say, "Show us the correct way to do it this time." If the child persists in being silly or disobedient, make him/her miss a turn or two until he chooses to do it properly. Praise each child who throws it correctly to you the first time around. This positive reinforcement will help maintain acceptable behavior for this game.



Sponge Ball — make your own!

Collect colored sponges (no scratch pads on one side) The multi-coloured ones from the \$1.00 store work well. For each ball use 3-4 sponges, cutting strips lengthwise in sponges, 4-5 strips to a sponge (or 3 rows of strips stacked 6 strips high for a real fat ball), using sharp scissors (fabric ones work well.). Use strong string (even dental floss) and gather strips in middle and tie tightly to cinch the center of the strips together. The tighter the cinch the fluffier the ball. Cut off any uneven ends. One nice feature of the sponge ball is it can be washed after many uses.

