

BIBLE LEARNING GAMES

Bible Verse Wheel of Fortune: Select a Bible verse. On a board draw a line for each letter of each word of the verse leaving a space between each word. Write the alphabet across the top or bottom of the board. Divide the children into two teams. Let the children take turns guessing letters of the puzzle. As they guess a letter X out that letter on the board so they know which letters have been guessed. Give 100 points for each consonant they get. If they want to guess a vowel it will cost them 50 points. When a team solves the puzzle they get 1000 points.

Tic Tac Toe: On a large sheet of poster board draw a Tic Tac Toe Board. Make markers by placing X's and O's on pieces of paper or use Blue and Red pieces of paper. Make up questions for the story and place them on the Tic Tac Toe Board. Divide group into two teams. Teams take turns flipping over a question on the square they want. If they answer the question correctly they get to put their marker in that square. Play until a team gets Tic Tac Toe. This can also be played with the books of the Bible. Place a Bible book name in the square. When they flip the Bible book name over they must give the book that comes before, the book listed, and the book that comes after.

Human Tic Tac Toe: Use masking tape to tape off a huge Tic Tac Toe Board on the floor. Divide the group into two teams. Give one team signs with X's on them and the other team signs with O's on them. Team members line up with one team on one side and the other team on the other side. Begin by asking a person a question related to the story or topic for the lesson. If the person answers the question correctly they get to pick a square to stand in. Keep playing until you get Tic Tac Toe. If you fill all of the squares the first person who started must step out or if you go through all the people then when it becomes your turn again you must move squares.

Bean Bag Toss with the Memory Verse: Write the memory verse on a piece of paper or poster board. Have the children sit in a circle where they can see the paper or poster with the verse on it. Give the bean bag to one child, that child says the first word of the memory verse and passes the bean bag to another child. This child then says the first and second word and passes it to another child who says the first three words of the verse. This continues until you have all the words and reference, then have each child says the complete memory verse. Start the game again but the second time remove the poster or paper with the verse on it. Be sure to help any children who struggle with the verse.

Bean Bag Toss with Bible Story Questions: Prepare questions from the Bible Story on construction paper. Place the questions face down on the floor. Have the children take turns tossing the bean bag on the questions. Flip the question over and have the child answer the question.

This can also be done with the memory verse. Have each word on a different piece of paper and have children toss the bean bag on the paper until all the words are showing, and then have them put verse in order.

You can also make this a concentration game where you have questions and answers on the construction paper. The child throws the bean bag twice trying to match the question with the answer. If they do not match then turn the papers back over and the next player takes a turn.

(If you do not have a bean bag you can make one by filling a child-size sock about half full of beans or rice and then tying it tight.)

Bull's Eye Game: On a piece of poster board draw a bull's eye with the different rings worth different points. Have three or four different point values and a bag for each point value. Prepare questions to go into all the bags. Divide the children into two teams. Teams take turns tossing the bean bag on one of the rings. They must then answer a question from that point value bag. If they get the answer correct that team gets that many points. Continue until all the questions have been answered.

Bible Verse Relay: Write each word of the Bible Verse and reference on pieces of paper or index cards (one set for each team). Divide the group into two teams and have them line up. The first person on each team starts and runs to the bag or container the verse is in and draws one word and then runs back and tags the next team member. They continue this until all the words have been retrieved from the bag or container. The team members then put the words and reference in order. Encourage both teams to complete the game.

Books of the Bible Relay (this is from Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills): Make two sets of all the books of the Bible on small pieces of paper. Take a long piece of masking tape folding the edge and place it on the wall so that the sticky side of the tape is facing out. Do this so that each team has two long pieces of tape (one for the Old Testament and one for the New Testament). Divide the group into two or more teams. Line the children up. The first person on each team takes a book of the Bible from the container or bag and puts it up on the tape. They must decide if the book is in the Old or New Testament. When their book is up they go to the end of the line and the next person in line draws a book of the Bible. Continue to play until all the books of the Bible are up on the tape. The entire team then goes to the tape and puts the books of the Bible in correct order. Encourage each team to finish the game.

Bible Story Pictionary: Take items from the Bible story and write them on a piece of paper. For example if you are doing the story of the Birth of Jesus you may write down items like: star, stable, donkey, shepherd, etc. Divide the group into two teams. Allow each team to choose a person to draw first. They take a piece of paper and try to draw the picture while their teammates guess what they are trying to draw. Allow the person drawing one to two minutes to draw the picture.

Bible Story Role Play: After you tell the story to the children, assign different roles to the children and have them act out the Bible story.