

CITY SG - July 22-24, 2023

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

1. Work Together

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Help each kid find a partner.
 - If there's an odd number in your group, pair yourself with a kid.
- Guide partners to stand facing each other.
- Call out a series of commands such as "hand to hand" or "foot to foot."
- Kids must then touch their partner's hand with their hand or foot with their foot, etc.
- Possible combinations include:
 - Hand to hand
 - Shoulder to shoulder
 - Ear to ear
 - Hand to foot
 - Elbow to elbow
 - Elbow to knee
 - Back to back
 - Foot to foot
 - Ear to knee
 - Knee to knee
 - Elbow to ear
 - Toe to toe; etc.
- At random times call out, "People to people," and everyone must quickly find a new partner.
- Keep interest high by varying the pace at which you give commands and the frequency you call "People to people."
- You guys did a great job of working together!
- Ask these questions:
 - How was today's Bible story all about the importance of TOGETHER?
 - What are some things that are fun to do as a group? (*sports, attending a game or concert, sleepovers, school, church, etc.*) So many of our life's greatest experiences would be way less fun if we did them alone.
 - Even though we are all responsible to follow Jesus and grow in our own faith, why is it important to come together at church to worship God? (*we need each other to encourage us, to stay strong, to lose faith, if we don't spend time together, it can be really hard to work together and encourage each other.*)
 - What are some ways you can do get to know friends you meet at church better? (*have a playdate, go to a game or performance, invite them to your birthday party, etc.*) It's important to hang out with friends who love Jesus because **our faith is stronger together.**"

2. Memory Verse Roll

What You Need: a soft ball (one per group)

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together.
"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8 (NIRV)
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

3. Discussion Questions

- How can your relationship with someone else make your faith stronger?
- Who has encouraged you?
- How do we know God intended for us to work together?
- How can our small group be there for each other?
- What does it mean for our faith to grow stronger? What does that look like or feel like?

4. Pray

- "Dear God, thank You for loving us more than we could ever imagine. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Help us remember that Jesus is more important than anyone or anything. Help us remember that **our faith is stronger together** and help us encourage others by what we do and say. We love You SO MUCH, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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