Welcome Time

Questions:

These questions are intended to stimulate conversation, connection, and help our kids start thinking about what they will be learning each day.

DAY 1

What to Say:

- What's your favorite thing to do when you have free time?
- What's the strangest animal you've ever heard of?
- If you were Adam, what would you have named the hippo? What about the parrot? Or a snake?

DAY 2

What to Say:

- Play Follow the Leader as you walk!
- What's your favorite thing to do in the pool or at the lake?

DAY 3

What to Say:

- Have you ever used something to float on water—like in a pool or lake?What did you use?
- What's your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?
- Have you ever eaten breakfast on the beach?

DAY 4

What to Say:

- Has anybody ever stopped what they were doing in order to help you with something? What happened?
- How do you show someone you love them?

DAY 5

What to Say:

- What was your favorite thing from this week?
- What was your favorite snack?
- What song do you want to keep singing and listening to?



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Welcome Activities:

These activities are intended to be played as the questions, listed on <u>page one</u>, are asked. Use the activity/activities that work best for your class.

Activity Option 1

Supplies Needed: Ball

Instructions:

- Pass the ball to a child. That child will say their name and answer one of the questions.
- Then that child will pass the ball to another child who has not yet received the ball.
- Continue until everyone has had an opportunity to share.
 (If a child is extra shy, they can pass and give the ball to another child.)

Activity Option 2

Supplies Needed: No Supplies Needed

Instructions:

- Choose a kid to answer a question.
- That kid will clap once, say his/her name and then answer a question.
 After answering the question, that kid will clap twice and point to another kid.
- The second kid will then clap twice, say his/her name and answer a question. Then he/she will clap three times and point to another kid.
- The third Kid will then clap three times, Say his/her name, and answer a question. He/she will then clap four times and point to someone else.
- Keep playing and adding an extra clap as each child is called in. Continue until everyone has had a chance to participate.

Activity Option 3

Supplies Needed: One Dice

Instructions:

- Assign each number on the dice a question and write them on the white board.(If you only have two or three questions, add additional questions such as, what is your favorite color, how many bothers and/or sisters do you have, what is your favorite sport or activity, how old are you, etc.)
- Take turns letting each child roll the dice and answer the question that is assigned to the number they rolled.



Closing Time

Closing Activities:

These are extra activities you can play at the end of class if you have time to spare.

Activity Option 1: Land Sea

Supplies Needed: Masking Tape or Blue Tape

Instructions:

- Place one long strip of tape on the floor.
- Children line up behind the line of tape.
- If you say "sea" the kids must jump over the line (which is the "sea" side.
- If you say "land" the kinds must jump back behind the line (which is the "land" side).
- If you the kids jump to the "sea" side with you say "land" or vise versa, that child is out. Continue to play until one child is left. That child can be the "caller" for the next round or the teacher can continue to call each round.

Activity Option 2: Four Corners- Gospel Version

Supplies Needed: None Needed

Instructions:

- Assign each corner of the room a Gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- Close your eyes and count to 10 or 15.
- Once you are done counting, call out a corner.
- Who ever is in that corner must sit down.
- Continue to play until one child is left.
- Start the game all over again. This time, the child who was the last remaining will get call the corners.
- Continue to play as long as time permits.

Activity Option 3: Silent Speed Ball

Supplies Needed: Ball

Instructions:

- Pass the ball with out saying a word. If you say "ANYTHING" you are out.
- Keep play as long a time permits.

Activity Option 4: Jesus Says (Like Simon Says)

Supplies Needed: No Supplies Needed

Instructions:

- Call out a command with the phrase "Jesus says" in front. When you do this the children will need to do as you say.
- If you call out a command without saying "Jesus says" first, then they are not to obey.
- This is essentially played the same way as "Simon Says."
- Continue to play as time permits.



Supplies Provided

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Supplies Needed:

- One Die
- One Roll of Masking Tape
- One Beach Ball

Instructions:

• You will need to blow up the beach ball.