



DAY
1-5
SUMMER 2022

SMALL GROUP
Preteen
4th-5th

Welcome Time

Questions:

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

DAY 1

What to Say:

- What would you have named the platypus? The porcupine? The hippo?
- What is your favorite outside game? Inside game? Video game?
- If you had \$100 to spend, would you spend it at a craft store or a music store? Why?

DAY 2

What to Say:

- What is your favorite place to go swimming—a lake, a pool, the ocean, or somewhere else?
- Have you ever been on a boat? What is it like?
- Play Follow the Leader as you walk!

DAY 3

What to Say:

- Have you ever needed help or rescue while swimming, or in deep water?
- What happened?
- What would you eat for breakfast on the beach with Jesus if you were there?

DAY 4

What to Say:

- What is the longest trip you've ever been on?
- While you traveled, what did you do? Did you read like the official in today's story?
- When was the last time you stopped what you were doing in order to help someone else? Has anyone ever done that for you?

DAY 5

What to Say:

- What was the best part of this week?
- Which game would you do again?
- What song do you want to keep singing?



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Welcome Activities:

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

Activity Option 1

Supplies Needed: Ball

Instructions:

- Pass the ball to a kid. That kid will say his/her name and answer one of the questions.
- Then that kid will pass the ball to another kid who has not yet received the ball.
- Continue until everyone has had an opportunity to share.

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 added. 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 brothers 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.



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Closing Time

Closing Activities: These are extra activities you can play, at the end of class, if time permits.

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 kids 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 vice 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: Do This, Do That - Similar to Simon Says

Supplies Needed: No Supplies Needed

Instructions:

- Say the phrase "Do This" while demonstrating an action such as hopping on one foot, turning your palms face up and down, patting your head, etc. Continue to say the phrase "Do This" with every new action you make.
- If you say, "Do That" and demonstrate a new action, all of the preteens should freeze. If they do the action with you, they are out and you are to say "Don't Do That." (Continue to play until there is one person remaining.)
- That person will then be the winner and lead the next round. Continue to play as time permits.



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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.