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# GAMES | DAY 1

**Bible Story:** Look at what God made | Seeing God in Creation • Romans 1:20

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus." Hebrews 12:2, NIV

## GAMES ROTATION

This rotation is meant to be flexible for your church environment. You have several options:

- These games are designed in a way that could be used inside or outside.
- For outdoors, you will need a large, open space with secure boundaries.
- For indoors, we suggest an open space that is free of chairs or tables.
- Prepare for as many games as your resources and space allow.

### 1. ANIMAL WALK

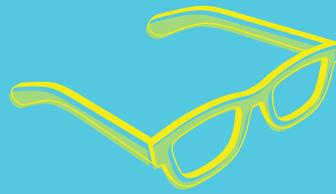
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**What You Need:** "Look at Jesus" Activity Pages; cardstock; colorful painter's tape; and animal costume props, such as: a pool noodle (to be an elephant's trunk), three or four large feathers (to be a bird), a bowl large enough to fit on a child's head (to be a turtle), a headband with bunny ears (or any other animal ears), etc.

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Look at Jesus" on cardstock and tape them to the floor on different sides of the room. Tape a start line by the "Look" page and a finish line by the "at Jesus" page. Place all of the animal costume props by the start line.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to take turns using the props and pretending to be animals. They will start at the start line, say, "Look," walk to the other line (*pretending to be that animal*), and say, "at Jesus!" Repeat as long as time and interest allow.

*After the Activity:* Clean up the materials and place them out of reach.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "We learned today about how God made all the animals. For this game, we're going to pretend to be animals! Each friend will have a turn to choose some animal props and walk like that animal from the start line to the finish line! You might choose to be an elephant (*hold up the pool noodle like an elephant trunk*), a bird (*hold up the feathers like wings*), a turtle (*put the bowl on your head*), or a bunny (*put on the bunny ear headband*). (*If you provided other props, explain them now.*) At the start line, you'll say, 'Look,' and when you get to the finish line, you'll say, 'at Jesus!' Give me a thumbs up if you've got it!"

*During the Activity:* "Look at all these animals! God made all of them. And the greatest gift God gave us is Jesus!"

*After the Activity:* "Our memory verse tells us to keep looking to Jesus. And guess what. Jesus wants to be your friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

## 2. FLYING HIGH

*Made to Move:* An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

**What You Need:** Parachute or large sheet; and four plush items of things that God made (star, bird, tree, fish, etc.)

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Place the parachute or sheet on the floor, and place the plush items on top.

*During the Activity:* Help the children bounce the plush items in the parachute. Encourage them to look at different items as they're bouncing in the air.

*After the Activity:* Put the supplies away and out of reach.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "When we look at the world, we can see all the things that God made."

*During the Activity:* "We're going to play a fun game together. Let's all hold the sides of this parachute. When we raise our arms up and back down again, it will make the toys bounce up and down. Each toy on the parachute is something that God made. Look at everything God made!"

*After the Activity:* "God made the world and everything in it. When we look at the things that God made, we are learning more about Him. And the greatest gift God gave us is Jesus. **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

### 3. RING TOSS

*Made to Move:* An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

**What You Need:** Four traffic cones or two-liter bottles; "Things God Made" Activity Page; cardstock; rope; duct tape; and masking tape

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Things God Made" on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. Tape these pictures to the traffic cones. Use the rope and duct tape to make rings to toss over the traffic cones. Tape a line on the floor where children will stand to toss the rings.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to take turns tossing rings over the cones. As they get ready to throw the rings, have them call out the thing that God made that is taped to the cone they are aiming for. Let each child have three tries before the next child has a turn. Continue until every child has had a turn.

*After the Activity:* Put the supplies away and out of reach.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "God made the world and everything in it! When we look around, we can see so many things that God made!"

*During the Activity:* "We're going to play a game called 'Ring Toss.' When it's your turn, you will look at the cones with the pictures on them and say one of the things that God made. Then you can toss the ring and try to get it to land on the cone! Let's all take turns and cheer for each other!"

*After the Activity:* "Great job, friends! It's so fun to look around and see all the things that God made! God made everything. And the greatest gift God gave us is Jesus. **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Tell me: **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Great job, friends!"