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GET IN THE MIX

VBS 2021 | GAMES



GAMES | DAY 1

Bible Story: Who is Jesus • John 10:16 and John 14:6

Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I am known.

Memory Verse: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NIV)

GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

1. I AM THE WAY

- 10-15 pieces of string between 10-20 feet in length
- Painter's tape
- 10-15 random objects or toys from around the room
- A Bible or cross
- Small prizes (optional)

2. INTRODUCE YOURSELF

- No supplies needed

1. I AM THE WAY

What You Need: 10-15 pieces of string between 10-20 feet in length, painter's tape, 10-15 random objects or toys from around the room, a Bible or cross, small prizes (optional)

What You Do:

- This is a real-life version of a "Follow-the-line" maze.
- Tie one end of a string to an object and place it on one end of the playing area.
- Be sure one string is tied to the cross or Bible.
- Tie the other end of the string to a "starting point." Every string will be tied to the same starting point.
- Be sure to go under chairs, around tables, through obstacles, and cross the strings over each other to form a maze.
- Direct each student (or team of students) to choose one string that they think is the winner. The winner is the string that is tied to the Bible or cross.
- Have each kid follow their string to the very end.
- The kid who gets to the Bible or cross is the winner.
- Hand out a prize to the winner. (optional)

What You Say: "Of all the billions of people on this earth, you are known. Jesus knows what you need, what you like, and even what scares you. Sometimes we may feel lost or like life is a jumbled-up mess—like all our strings are a jumbled-up mess. But you know what? While we may be confused, Jesus is not. He knows the way. He is the way! And we can get through anything if we just follow Him. *[Make it Personal] (Share an example of a time when you felt lost or confused. Be sure to give an example that the children can understand.)* When we feel confused or lost along the way, we can have confidence because we are known by Jesus! Let's say our bottom line together: **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am known."**

2. INTRODUCE YOURSELF

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- This is a “call and response” circle game to get to know the kids in your group.
- If you have a large group, consider breaking your group down into groups of 10.
- Instruct the group to call a kid to the center of the circle.
- Once a kid is in the center of the circle, direct the group to chant:

“Jump in, jump out, Turn yourself about! Jump in, jump out, Introduce yourself!”

Have person who was called to the center say: “Hi! I’m _____.” (his or her name)

The group responds: “Hi, _____!”

The person in the center answers: “I like to _____.” (name an activity—like “play the drums”)

The group responds: “Yeeeeaaaah!”

The person in the center says: “And I’m gonna _____!” (repeats the activity above)

The group responds: “Yeeeeaaaah!”

The person in the center says: “For the rest of my life!”

The group responds: “For the rest of their life!”

Jump in, jump out, Introduce yourself!”

- Continue around the circle.

What You Say: “It’s always fun to get to know things about our friends—old and new ones! What’s even more fun is knowing that Jesus knows us and loves us! We can have confidence because we are known by Jesus! Let’s repeat our Bottom Line together: **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am known.**”

Travel Time

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they’re learning.

- What is something you wish everyone knew about you?
- Tell me about a time when you felt confused or like you needed to find your way.
- What is the favorite thing you know about your friend or a family member?