

USING GAMES FOR A PURPOSE

Objective: To understand that games are wonderful tools to teach Bible's truth to children.

Introduction

One can never emphasize enough the importance of playing games with a purpose. It is okay to play for fun or play to kill time but why do that if we can use any means to instil values, reinforce teachings and bring the message of truth across?

Purpose for games



Games are the open door to relationship to children.

It breaks down barriers and helps us relate to the children in a physical way.

Games open their hearts to laughter, lifting off heaviness.

Games open children's hearts for the presence of God in the same way worship does for adults.

Games have a wonderful effect to burn off their energy so they can sit still during the lesson.



After each game, make time to share a moral value or ask children to share what they have learnt through the games.

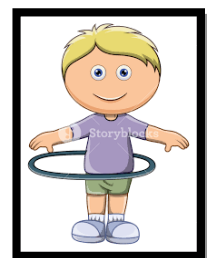
Games can be played after the lesson or you can just get together to play games especially in the beginning of the year, term or at the end of each term.

Some examples of games

1. Hula hoop relay game

Each team joins hands to form a line. Team lines pass the hula hoop over themselves without letting go of hands.

Lesson: We need to help each other both in good times as in bad times. Do never let go off your hands without caring for others.



Scripture: Carry each others' burden Galatians and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ (Galatians 6v2).

2. Sack relay

Put both legs in the sack; Jumping action; After your turn, pass to the kid in front of the line. Go back to the last line. Sit down. Compete against the group.

Scripture: Now every athlete competes in the games are disciplined and exercises self-control in all things. They do it to win a crown that will not last but we for a crown that will last forever (1 Corinthians 9:25).

There are some children who do not want to participate in games. Give them other tasks such as keeping scores or recruit them as your facilitators.



DISCUSS

Get into groups and share any other games that you know.
Back it up with a Scripture.

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**Every time you appreciate
a child's effort
in doing something right,
you actually add another brick
to build his self-esteem.**