



Theme Games

Games involve and engage people, they have the ability to make learning fun, help people pay attention and stay focused.

A "Theme Game" is a game that relates to the topic or theme you will be learning about. Children, young people and adults will go out of their way to play games and will often find it easier to remember the content if there is something engaging to go along with the lesson.

Top Tips:

1. Start off a session with a quick and purposeful game. It breaks the ice, sets the tone for the rest of the session and helps to improve the learning experience of participants, while having fun!
2. Don't play the same game for too long, it can get quite boring if you play the same game for a long period of time, feel free to switch up the way you play in order to make it more engaging for players. Play for around 10 minutes or so.
3. Be creative! You can make up your own games! Use props (signs, footballs, cones, etc.) or just keep things simple with no prep games.
4. Have Fun!

Can't cross the Red Sea

Based on Exodus 14 - For ages 4+ - Work best with more than 6 people

One person, dubbed 'it' stands in the middle of the room.

All other players stand on one side of the room.

The goal is to get safely to the other side of the room without being 'tagged' by the person who is 'it'.

The person who is 'it' will call out "You can't cross the Red Sea without... choose a colour, item of clothing, accessory, hair colour, etc.

For example: "You can't cross the Red Sea without the Colour Blue."

There are two ways to cross:

1. If you are wearing the colour Blue, you can walk safely by the person who is 'It'
2. If you are not wearing the colour Blue, you will have to run by the person who is 'It' and try not to get caught!

When caught there are two options, you can either join the person who is 'it' and make a team until all other players are caught... Or you can become "It" on your own.



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Ladders

Based on Genesis 6-9 - For ages 4+ - Works best with larger groups

Split the players into pairs. Have everyone sit down in two lines, opposite their partner, legs out straight with their feet touching their partners feet. The two lines should look like a ladder. Then give each pair the name of an animal (monkey, elephant, crocodile, etc).

It's a good idea to write down the names, so you can remember them.

Call out the name of an animal and have the corresponding pair race against one another - carefully skipping over the top of the other children's legs, to the top of the ladder, then back down the outside of the ladder to their spot. The first person back wins 1 point for their team.

Act it out

(Charades) - For ages 8+

Write down passages from the bible specific to your topic on separate pieces of paper (for example, if you wanted to learn more about Jesus' miracles, you could write down each of the miracles on the pieces of paper) then put them into a bowl. Split the players into teams. One person will act out what is on the paper and their teammates will have 60 seconds to guess as many as they can correctly. For each correct answer, that team will gain 1 point.