

At Home Bible Games and Activities

Do one or more activities every day! Color in each box you complete. Try to get five in a row to get BINGO! Complete all the boxes for a special prize from our treasure box when we come back to church.

Memory Verse Tic-Tac-Toe	One Animal Many Parts Game	Help at Home! Clean, Vacuum, Sweep, Wipe!	Family Karaoke Night	Potato Sack Race with Pillowcases
Play God Says	Belly Laugh Game	Bubble Dodgeball	Play Bible Character Charades	Memory Verse Hopscotch
Foil Faces Game	Play Freeze Dance	Free Space (You Choose Activity)	Memory Verse Hot Potato	Hats of Salvation Game
Ride a bike, scooter, or rollerblades	Family Movie Night	Zacchaeus' Snack & Story	Go for a Walk	Pudding Slurp!
Shoe Enough Game	Post-It Note Memory Mosaic	Play Hide and Seek	Flashlight Scavenger Hunt	Laundry Basket Basketball



All Activities Instructions

- 1. Memory Verse Tic-Tac-Toe** - Draw a large Tic Tac Toe grid. Write the memory verse in phrases across the grid. Before beginning the game, recite the memory verse together. Flip a coin to see which person plays first. The first player will cross out one phrase from a square and replace it with an X. Recite the verse again. The second player will cross out a phrase and replace it with an O. Recite the verse again. Continue until Tic Tac Toe is complete!
- 2. One Animal, Many Parts** - In this game, name an animal, and work together to form that animal, each person taking on different body parts. As soon you've formed the animal, you'll all make that animal's sound. Begin play, and call out "duck" for the first round. Repeat several times, calling out a different animal each time. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:14-20, and then invite kids to talk about roles they can play in Jesus' family. Say: We all work together as important parts of Jesus' family.
- 3. Help at Home** - Honor your family and help clean up the home! Pray about how we can help others in our community too.
- 4. Family Karaoke Night** - Choose a list of your church's favorite traditional hymns and contemporary Christian hits that members would be familiar with, and it's always good to provide lyrics when possible.
- 5. Potato Sack Race with Pillowcases** - Race against a family member to one side of the room, say a memory verse and run back! See how many you have memorized or help each other learn new ones.
- 6. God Says** - Play a game os Simon Says, make it as hard or simple as you would like. Say: Many times, we find it a struggle to listen to instructions. Or we misunderstand what instructions are given to us. Ultimately, when instructions aren't followed exactly, we end up getting eliminated. To follow instructions only once or at the beginning is not enough. You have to keep following the instructions. To not follow God's instructions can also eliminate us from Him being able to use us. To obey Him only once is not enough. We must be in a constant state of obedience. We can fool everyone around us, but we can't fool God.
- 7. Belly Laugh** - Have one child lie on his or her back. Then have another child or family member lie with his or her head on the other's belly. Have the remaining kids or family members lie down with their heads resting on another's belly. Choose one person to start the game by shouting, "Ha!" The next person will shout, "Ha, ha!" and each child continues to add a "ha" as they work around the group. Sooner or later the group will burst into laughter, with heads bouncing off bellies with joy. Let kids take turns telling a funny story or joke. Tell kids that God wants us to experience joy every day through fun and laughter and that God loves a joyful heart. "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22
- 8. Bubble Dodgeball** - You can buy ready-made soap bubble solutions with wands inside or make your own with this recipe: 4 cups warm water , 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup dish soap. Whisk the sugar into the warm water until the sugar dissolves. Add the dish soap and whisk to combine. Let the solution sit for a few hours or overnight. For bubble wands you can use pipe cleaners, plastic lids with a hole cut in the center, a can or round plastic container with the bottom cut out, fly swatters, a slotted spoon, a wire whisk, cookie cutters, strainers, cheese graters, or a clothes hanger wrapped tightly with cotton string.
 - Each player gets a bubble wand and bubbles and staying in a designated area they try to blow bubbles at each other. If a bubble pops on you, you are out. Players must be stationary in one spot and can only pivot on one foot, but can duck and twist to avoid the bubbles. They can even blow them away.
 - Some bubble last longer than others, but in the end the bubble bursts. The same is often true of life's attractions. What are some things in life that may at first seem long lasting but in reality are only temporary? Explain that each bubble is filled with air. While you cannot see the air you know its there because it gives the bubble its shape. In life sometimes we must believe in what we cannot see and this is called faith. How is faith related to the desire to live for things that are eternal rather than temporary?
- 9. Play Bible Character Charades** - Write down the names of different people from the bible on slips of paper. Draw names from a hat and act our that person. Whoever can guess first wins that round.
- 10. Memory Verse Hopscotch** - Write out a memory verse in phrases and place it in a hopscotch pattern. Take turns throwing a sock or beanbag and pick up the pieces of the memory verse. Once you've collected them all, put them together in order.
- 11. Foil Faces** - Give each family member a piece of aluminum foil big enough to cover his/ her face. Have each find a partner who will make an image of his/her face by placing the foil up to the person's face and carefully molding the foil sheet to the face. If they wear glasses, a hat, earrings or other peculiar identifiable items ask them to leave them on during the mold making process. With a marker put the owners name on the inside of each. Mix up the masks and have one family member at a time guess whose face matches the mask. Then talk about how molding requires pressure – It take pressure to mold the foil to your face. In the same way God may use pressure to mold us into the image of His Son. It may be through health, trials, temptations, challenges, tests of our faith. Whatever circumstances God allows in our lives are for the purpose of making us more Christlike. Ask: What are some examples of Christlike characteristics? What's one thing that you could change in your life to be more Christlike?

- 12. Freeze Dance** - Choose your favorite Christian song and play it! When the music pauses, freeze! If you move, say a memory verse to get back in the game!
- 13. Free Space** - You choose any activity you want to do together as a family.
- 14. Memory Verse Hot Potato** - Choose from one verse from the memory verse list, sit in a circle, and pass around a ball, stuffed animal, potato, etc. to music. When the music stops, whoever is holding the object must recite the memory verse.
- 15. Hats of Salvation** - Similar in concept to musical chairs, everyone joins together in a circle and everyone except one is given a hat to wear. Play some upbeat music and when the music stops, everyone tosses their hats in the air and quickly grabs a new one and places it on their heads. The last person to get a hat is removed from game and play continues until there is only one person left. Afterwards, talk about Ephesians 6:17 and how we all wear a hat or helmet of salvation when we accept Christ into our lives. As the helmet protects the head, our hope in salvation protects our minds from Satan's lies. We have to think about and be confident in the hope he gives us.
- 16. Ride a bike, scooter, or rollerblades** - Ride around the neighborhood and pray for your neighbors!
- 17. Family Movie Night** - Pop some popcorn, sit down as a family, and choose your favorite Bible movie or pick a Kids show on RightNow Media and talk about it after!
- 18. Zacchaeus Snack & Story** - Make a tree snack using green grapes and pretzel sticks. Read Luke 19:1-10 and talk about the story together.
- 19. Go for a Walk** - Go for a walk around your neighborhood and find things in your surroundings and talk about how you can thank God for them. Also pray for families in every house you walk by.
- 20. Shoe Enough Game** - Form pairs. Have partners remove their shoes. Have partners trade shoes, then stand against a wall. On "go," have children each put on their partner's shoes and run to the end of the room and back. When kids return, they can trade shoes with their partner to get their own shoes back. Once partners each have their own shoes on, they're finished. After everyone has finished, have kids sit in a circle. Say: A well-known saying says "Don't judge another person until you've walked a mile in his or her shoes." Ask: What do you think this means? How easy or difficult was it to walk in someone else's shoes? Read aloud Matthew 7:1-5. Ask: What does it mean to judge someone? Why do you think God doesn't want us to judge others? How have you seen kids judge each other at school? What should we do instead of judging others?
- 21. Pudding Slurp** - A new pair of stockings or straw or paper towel per contestant, a small bowl of pudding, some newspaper to play on and some damp towels for cleaning up. Contestants pull the stocking/paper towel over their face or use straw and must race to eat all their pudding. Read: 1 Peter 2:2-3 Ask: What are some things that babies do, that adults normally do not do? In what ways can we grow as Christians?
- 22. Post-It Note Memory Mosaic** - Write down all the memory verses you know on post-it notes and make a mosaic on the wall to see you progress!
- Play Hide and Seek - Play a game of hide and seek inside or outside. Afterwards read Hebrews 4:13-15. Talk about how it is impossible to hide from God because He is always with us.
- 23. Don't Explode with Anger** - The bible tells us in Ephesians 4:26 that when we get angry we need to be very careful not to sin. Sinning is when we do something that goes against God's rules for our life like pushing, fighting, and saying unkind things. Have you ever been really mad at someone? (Take out can of soda.) When we get angry it is like shaking this can of soda up. (Shake the can hard then act like you are going to open it.) What would happen if I opened this can? It would explode everywhere! (Set the can down and make sure you give it at least a minute or two before picking it up again. It would be best if you test this before presenting it.) So if you were all angry like this can and you sin by getting in a fight or calling someone bad names it would be like opening this can and it spraying everywhere! Sometimes what we need to do it walk away and pray and ask God to help us to calm down and not respond in sin. (Take the can and open it. It should open normally now. Make this dramatic so the kids think it will spray everywhere.) See all this can needed was a few moments of quite and it calmed down and it could be opened without exploding. When we are angry we open need a few moment so that we can react without sinning.
- 24. Flashlight Scavenger Hunt** - Choose one of our past memory verses and write it out in phrases on slips of paper. Hide them around the house and turn off the lights! Give kids a flashlight or a phone with the flashlight on and instruct them to look around the house for the verse. Once they collect all slips of paper, work together to put the memory verse together again.
- 25. Laundry Basket Basketball** - Use socks or crumpled up balls of paper to make baskets in to a laundry basket against another family member. See who is able to make more baskets and whoever wins has to share their favorite memory verse.

Memory Verses We've Been Learning the Past Year

March 2020 - "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." -Psalm 37:4

February 2020 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever: -Hebrews 13:8

January 2020 - "I will never leave you nor forsake you" -Hebrews 13:5

December 2019 - "Behold! The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" -John 1:29

November 2019 - 39 Books of the Old Testament

October 2019 - "God hasn't given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and sound mind" -2 Timothy 1:7

September 2019 - "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" -Joshua 24:15b

August 2019 - "Let everything that has breath praise the lord!" -Psalm 150:6

July 2019 - "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" -Genesis 6:8

June 2019 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth." -Genesis 1:1

May 2019 - "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" -Galatians 5:22

April 2019 - "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live even if they die." -John 11:25

March 2019 - "Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." -Mark 12:30

February 2019 - "Large crowds came to Him. They brought blind people and those who could not walk. They also brought those who could not speak and many others. They laid them at His feet; and he healed them." Matthew 15:30

January 2019 - "In the beginning the Word was already there. The Word was with God and the Word was God" -John 1:1