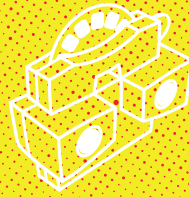


# **FOOTIE**

**TAKE A CLOSER LOOK**

**VBS 2020 | GAMES**





# GAMES | DAY 1

**Bible Story:** Seeing God in Creation • Romans 1:20

**Bottom Line:** FOCUS on what you can see.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NIRV)

## GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

### 1. SPEED SEARCH

- Box or bin
- Lots of colored balls, multicolored balloons, or starbursts
  - *NOTE: Make sure you have some red items, but not too many. We suggest two or three for each team.*
- Place the red items in the box or bin, and then dump the rest of the colored items on top of them.
- Floor tape
- Timer

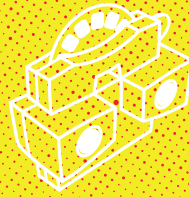
### 2. MESSY SPEED SEARCH

- Plastic bin
- Lots of multicolored water balloons or balloons filled with shaving cream
  - *NOTE: Make sure you have some red balloons, but not too many. We suggest two or three for each team.*
- Place the red balloons in the bin, and then dump the rest of the balloons on top of them.
- Floor tape (for inside) or rope (for outside)
- Timer

### 3. FOCUS ON ME

- No supplies needed





# GAMES | DAY 1

## 1. SPEED SEARCH

**What You Need:** Box or bin filled with colored balls, balloons, or starbursts; floor tape; timer

**What You Do:**

- Tape a line on the floor to determine the starting line.
- Place the box or bin at the other side of the room or a determined distance away.
- Divide the kids into teams and have them line up behind the starting line.
- Tell them the time limit for the game (which you can determine based on the size of your group and/or space; we suggest an amount of time that allows each kid only a few seconds at the bin).
- Explain that there are a limited amount of red items in the bin. Red items are worth 50 points, and all other colors are worth 15 points.
- On your "Go," the first kid on each team runs to the bin and either grabs any object from the bin or takes more time to search for a red one.
- When they bring the object back, the next person in line takes a turn.
- After taking a turn, kids can return to the end of the line.
- At the end of the time period, total up the teams' points: red objects are worth 50 points, while all the others are worth 15 points.
- Variation for smaller groups: Each kid plays for himself or herself, so it's an individual competition.

**What You Say:**

"In today's Bible story, we talked about how we can see God in creation. We can see God's eternal power and divine nature in creation. In this game, you had the option of taking time to search for the red object or just quickly grabbing another one that was not worth as many points. If your focus was completely on the color red, without getting distracted by all the other colors that were easier to grab, you probably could have quickly found the red and received more points. You needed to **[Bottom Line] FOCUS on what you can see.**"

"In our lives, we are going to have a lot of things that draw our attention away from the things God has for us, but in those times, we need to get our focus back on God. We need to FOCUS on what we can see that reminds us of God, who cares for us, who loves us, and who promises to always be there for us. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you focused on what you could see in order to bring your attention back to God.)** When you focus on the things you can see that God has done or created, it helps you believe in the God you can't see."



## 2. MESSY SPEED SEARCH

**What You Need:** Plastic bin filled with multicolored water balloons or balloons filled with shaving cream; tape (for inside) or rope (for outside); timer

### What You Do:

- Tape a line on the floor (if inside), or lay down rope on the ground (if outside) in order to create a starting line.
- Place the bin of balloons at the other side of the play area or a determined distance away.
- Divide the kids into teams and have them line up behind the starting line.
- Tell them the time limit for the game (which you can determine based on the size of your group and/or space; we suggest an amount of time that allows each kid only a few seconds at the bin).
- Explain that there are a limited amount of red balloons in the bin. Red balloons are worth 50 points, and all other colors are worth 15 points.
- On your "Go," the first kid on each team runs to the bin and either grabs any balloon from the bin or takes more time to search for a red one.
- When they bring the balloon back, the next person in line takes a turn.
- After taking a turn, kids can return to the end of the line.
- At the end of the time period, total up the teams' points: red balloons are worth 50 points, while all the others are worth 15 points.
- Variation for smaller groups: Each kid plays for himself or herself, so it's an individual competition.
- *Optional:* For more points, have kids pop balloons over their own heads or, if you are feeling fun, have them pop them over Leaders' heads.

### What You Say:

"In today's Bible story, we talked about how we can see God in creation. We can see God's eternal power and divine nature in creation. In this game, you had the option of taking time to search for a red balloon or just quickly grabbing another one that was not worth as many points. If your focus was completely on the color red, without getting distracted by all the other colors that were easier to grab, you probably could have quickly found the red and received more points. You needed to **[Bottom Line] FOCUS on what you can see.**"

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### 3. FOCUS ON ME

**What You Need:** *No supplies needed*

#### **What You Do:**

- Stand on the stage or in an easily seen area.
- Show the kids a sign (touch your nose, hold up a couple fingers, etc.).
- The game is played like "Simon Says," but the sign will be made instead of saying, "Simon says."
- The kids are to do what you say ONLY when you are also making the sign.
- If you're not making the sign and someone does what you say, he or she is out.
- The last kid standing becomes the leader for the next round.

#### **What You Say:**

"In today's Bible story, we talked about how we can see God in creation. We can see God's eternal power and divine nature in creation. In this game, you had to **[Bottom Line] FOCUS on what you can see**, not on what the leader was saying.

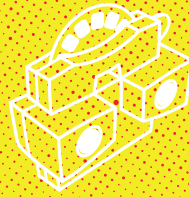
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#### **Travel Time**

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 one of your favorite places to look to remind yourself of how God created the world?
- Where are your favorite places to focus on the things that God has done for you?
- My favorite place to experience God in creation is \_\_\_\_\_. What is your favorite place to experience God in creation?





# GAMES | DAY 2

**Bible Story:** The Wise and Foolish Builders • Matthew 7:24-27

**Bottom Line:** You can HEAR from God.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NirV)

## GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

### 1. TOWER UP

- Cups or blocks; at least 15 for every 10 kids
- Floor tape
- Timer

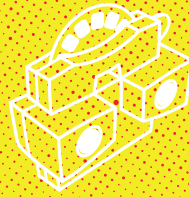
### 2. NEXT CUP UP

- Cups; one for each kid
- Buckets; two for each group
  - Fill half of the buckets with water.
  - On the rest of the buckets, draw a line around the inside of the bucket about halfway up.

### 3. HAMMERS AND HACKSAWS

- Rope, floor tape, or anything that can make a line
  - Use the tape or rope to make a line down the middle of your space. If you are outside (or in a large inside space), make another line about 20 yards from the center line on both sides.





# GAMES | DAY 2

## 1. TOWER UP

**What you need:** Cups or blocks; floor tape; timer

### What You Do:

- Divide kids into groups of 8-10.
- Tape a start line on the floor for the teams to line up behind.
- Place a stack of cups or blocks at the start line for each team.
- Give a determined amount of time for this relay, depending on how many kids or blocks/cups you have.
- On your "Go," the first kid on each team will grab a cup or block and then run down and place their block or cup to start building a tower.
- When the first kid places their cup or block, they must call out, "Next," so the next kid can come down and place their cup or block. Once a kid calls out, "Next," they can return to the end of the line. The next kid will do the same and this will continue until the time is up.
- Each kid must wait until they hear, "Next," before they can go.
- If the tower falls, the team can rebuild it using the same rules to go through the line.
- The team with the tallest tower at the end of the time limit is the winner.

### What You Say:

"Today we are talking about how listening to God makes us wise. In our game today, we had to wait to hear someone tell us to go before we could go and add to the tower that had been started. You had to focus on hearing your teammate, so you could build the tower.

"The same is true when it comes to hearing from God. When we wait to HEAR from God, then we make wise decisions. The amazing thing is that **[Bottom Line] you can HEAR from God.** You can hear from God through reading the Bible, praying, and even talking with other people who follow Jesus. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you heard from God, whether it was through the Bible, prayer, or wisdom from others.)** Just like in our story today, when we listen to God's Word and obey, we can be like the wise builders who built on the rock."



## 2. NEXT CUP UP

**What You Need:** Cups, prepared buckets

### **What You Do:**

- Form teams of 8-10 kids and line up the kids within each team so they're shoulder to shoulder. Give each kid a cup.
- Place a bucket full of water at one end of each team's line. Place an empty bucket at the other end of the line.
- On your "Go," the first kid will take her cup and fill it by scooping from the bucket of water.
- Then she will pass the water to the next kid by pouring the water into his cup. This will continue down the line.
- When the water reaches the end of the line, the last kid in line will pour it into the empty bucket and yell, "Next!"
- As soon as the kid calls out, "Next" (and not before), the kid at the front of the line will fill her cup again and pass it down the line just as before.
- If someone spills or drops all of the water at any point in the game, they can just yell, "Next," so the first person knows to scoop more.
- The first team to fill their bucket to the line wins.

### **What You Say:**

"Have you "Today we are talking about how listening to God makes us wise. In our game today, we had to wait to hear someone say, 'Next,' before we could scoop more water. You had to focus on hearing your teammate, so you could work toward getting that bucket filled.

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### 3. HAMMERS AND HACKSAWS

**What You Need:** Prepared playing field

**What You Do:**

- Divide the kids into two equal teams and send each team to opposite sides of the center line.
- Assign one side of the room to be "Hammers" and the other side to be "Hacksaws."
- Stand in the center so all players can see and hear you.
- Call out, "Hammers!"
- Kids on the "Hammers" team will race across the center line while trying to reach the wall or line on the other side of the center line. Meanwhile, the "Hacksaws" will try to tag them.
- If anyone on the "Hammers" team is tagged, they switch sides and become "Hacksaws" team members.
- Send all remaining "Hammers" back to their side of the center line. (They cannot be tagged while doing this.)
- Then call out, "Hacksaws!" and repeat the process in the other direction.
- Continue playing in this way until one team has all the players or until your time has run out.

**What You Say:**

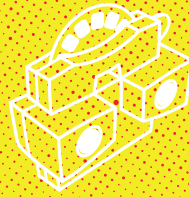
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**Travel Time**

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 do you think it sounds like when you HEAR from God?
- Why do you think the Bible story today talked about building houses on rock and sand?
- Where do you hear from God the most?





# GAMES | DAY 3

**Bible Story:** Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah • Matthew 16:13-20

**Bottom Line:** You can TALK with others about what you believe.

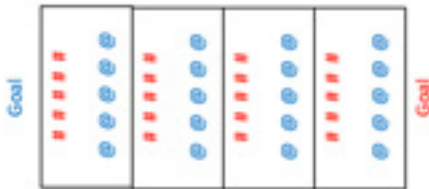
**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NirV)

## GET READY

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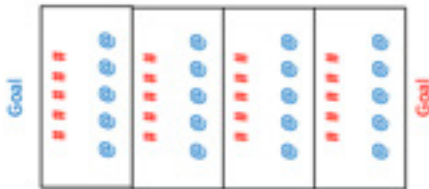
### 1. WALKIE TALKIE FOOSBALL

- Several inflated balloons
- Blindfolds; one for every two kids
- Floor tape
  - Tape off a life-sized foosball field on the floor of your environment. (See video for how to do so.)



### 2. MESSY WALKIE TALKIE FOOSBALL

- Lots of rope
  - Rope off a life-sized foosball field on the floor of your environment. (See video for how to do so.)



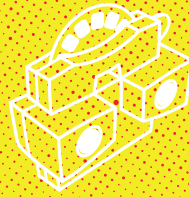
- Several beach balls
- Blindfolds
- Two baby pools to use as goals
- Messy substance (water, chocolate sauce, shaving cream, etc.)
  - Fill the baby pools with the messy substance.



### 3. RUN, GATHER, REPEAT

- Floor tape or rope
  - Use the tape or rope to create a playing field on the floor or ground. You'll need a center line dividing your space in half. Also create a "safe zone" rectangular space at the back of each side (away from the center line).
- 8-10 buckets
- Lots of tennis balls
  - Divide the balls evenly amongst the buckets.





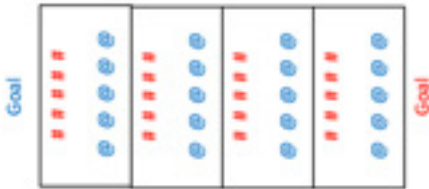
# GAMES | DAY 3

## 1. WALKIE TALKIE FOOSBALL

**What you need:** Balloons, blindfolds, prepared tape foosball field

**What You Do:**

- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Have kids from each team sit just in front of each tape line, facing one goal, like this:



- The object of the game is to hit the balloon up to the next row of teammates and work the balloon to the goal. Kids **MUST** remain seated the whole time.
- Blindfold at least half of the kids on each row. The blindfolded kids are the only ones that can hit the balloon.
- The kids that can see will tell the other kids when to hit the balloon.
- A team scores when they hit the balloon past the last line of defense.
- Play for a set amount of time or to a certain score.
- *Optional:* Use multiple balloons at one time.

**What You Say:**

"Great job, guys and girls! You looked like you had a great time playing this game. In the game, you had to talk with your teammates so they knew when to hit the balloon, when to be still, and even when to celebrate. Just like you were able to talk through the game in order to help your team, **[Bottom Line] you can TALK with others about what you believe.** That may be hard to do at times, but God has given us His Holy Spirit to give us courage as well as the words to say. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you spoke about what you believe with others.)** When we talk about what we believe, our friends can hear all about how God loves them, too."

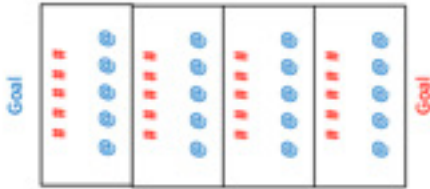


## 2. MESSY WALKIE TALKIE FOOSBALL

**What You Need:** Prepared rope foosball field, beach balls, blindfolds, baby pools filled with a messy substance (chocolate sauce, water, shaving cream, etc.)

### What You Do:

- Set the filled baby pools at each goal line.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Have kids from each team sit just in front of each tape line, facing one goal, like this:



- The object of the game is to hit the beach ball up to the next row of teammates and work the ball to the goal. Kids MUST remain seated the whole time.
- Blindfold at least half of the kids on each row. The blindfolded kids are the only ones that can hit the ball.
- The kids that can see will tell the other kids when to hit the beach ball.
- A team scores when they hit the ball past the last line of defense.
- Play for a set amount of time or to a certain score.
- Variation: Use multiple beach balls at one time.

### What You Say:

"Great job, guys and girls! You looked like you had a great time playing this game. In the game, you had to talk with your teammates so they knew when to hit the beach ball, when to be still, and even when to celebrate. Just like you were able to talk through the game in order to help your team, **[Bottom Line] you can TALK with others about what you believe.** That may be hard to do at times, but God has given us His Holy Spirit to give us courage as well as the words to say. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you spoke about what you believe with others.)** When we talk about what we believe, our friends can hear all about how God loves them, too."



### 3. RUN, GATHER, REPEAT

**What You Need:** Prepared playing field, 8-10 buckets full of tennis balls

#### **What You Do:**

- Divide the kids into two teams, and direct each team to their own side of the field.
- Scatter an even number of buckets around each side of the field.
- Kids will cross the line to the other side to collect tennis balls and bring them back to a bucket on their own side. They can only grab one ball at a time.
- If a player is tagged while on the other team's side, they are frozen.
- Players can be unfrozen when someone from their team (who is not holding a tennis ball) tags them. The freed member gets a free walk to their side of the field.
- Kids can enter the safe zone on the other team's side of the field and stay for a maximum of 10 seconds before they must leave again.
- The game ends whenever time is called.
- The team with the most tennis balls wins.

#### **What You Say:**

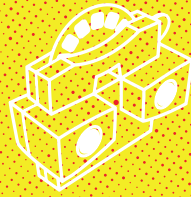
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#### **Travel Time**

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!

- Who is someone you can talk to about what you believe?
- Who do you talk to about what you believe?
- If you have questions, who can you talk to about what you believe?





# GAMES | DAY 4

**Bible Story:** The Lord's Prayer • Matthew 6:5-13

**Bottom Line:** You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NirV)

## GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

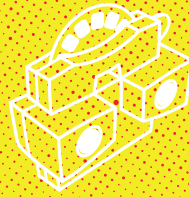
### 1. STOP, DROP, AND PRAY

- *Optional:* Funny glasses

### 2. OBSTACLE FREEZE TAG

- Floor tape or four cones
  - Use the provided items to create a start line and finish line.





# GAMES | DAY 4

## 1. STOP, DROP, AND PRAY

**What You Need:** Funny glasses (*optional*)

**What You Do:**

- Select 1 out of every 10 kids to be a Tagger.
- The Tagger can put on the optional funny glasses to stand out as a Tagger.
- On your "Go," the kids run around trying to avoid being tagged.
- If they are tagged, they must freeze by taking a knee (going down on one knee).
- Another kid can come and unfreeze them ANYTIME. They can ONLY tag them on the knee that is off the ground.
- Feel free to give kids a time limit, and routinely switch out the Taggers.

**What You Say:**

"Great job! I am so glad we were able to burn some energy in that game and have some fun along the way. Today we talked about the Lord's Prayer, which gives us a road map of how to pray. In this game, you were able to be tagged ANYTIME, and you needed someone else to come and help. And when it comes to talking with God, we can pray and ask for help at ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, about ANYTHING. We don't have to wait to be in a specific place or with specific people. We can always talk to God.

**[Bottom Line]** "You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything. You can always stop and pray, no matter where you are. You can be in school, at home, or even in the car. **[Make It Personal]** (Tell kids about your favorite time and place to pray.) I am so thankful that we can have direct access to God through Jesus. He loves us and knows everything anyway, so we can trust Him and go to Him anytime, anywhere, and talk to Him about anything."



## 2. OBSTACLE FREEZE TAG

**What You Need:** Prepared tape lines or cones

### What You Do:

- Have all kids line up shoulder to shoulder behind the start line.
- Select one kid to be a Tagger.
- On your "Go," the kids must attempt to get from one side to the other without being tagged.
- If they are tagged, they must freeze in place either standing or on their knees. They become a Tagger on the next round but must stay in position. The original Tagger can continue to move about the area.
- Have kids continue to try and get from one side to the other until one kid remains.
- *Optional:* Have two or three groups of kids that take turns going across. Give each team a name (ex. Sausage, Pepperoni, Bacon). When you call out one of the group names, that group runs across.

### What You Say:

"Great job today! I am so glad that we were able to burn some energy and have some fun along the way. Today we talked about the Lord's Prayer, which gives us a road map of how to pray. Just like in our game, it's tough to get where you want to go when there are obstacles in the way, right? That's what is so cool about Jesus. Because He has removed all the obstacles, you don't have to wait for the right place, the right person, or the right time."

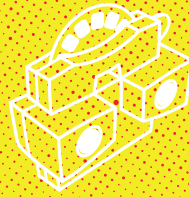
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### Travel Time

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!

- Where do you often like to pray?
- Why do you think Jesus gave us a model of how to pray?





# GAMES | DAY 5

**Bible Story:** The Greatest Commandment • Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13

**Bottom Line:** You can LIVE for God by loving others.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NirV)

## GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

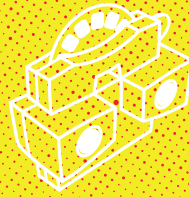
### 1. THE GREATEST SHOT

- Two bins
  - Set one of the bins at one end of your space.
- A bunch of throwables (balls, beanbags, paper wads, etc.)
  - Place all of the throwables in the other bin.
- Floor tape
  - Tape four lines at increasing distances from the empty bin.

### 2. MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

- 20+ dome cones or plastic cups
  - Make sure five or six of the cones/cups are a different color than the others, OR mark five or six cones with tape of a different color than the cone.





# GAMES | DAY 5

## 1. THE GREATEST SHOT

**What you need:** Empty bin, bin full of throwables (balls, beanbags, paper wads, etc.), prepared tape lines

### What You Do:

- Make sure the empty bin is set at one end of your space, where it's about five feet from the first tape line.
- Determine a point system based on how far a line is from the empty bin. Communicate the point system to the kids.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Explain how the game will be played. You can choose from the following options or come up with your own.
  - Teams take turns sending members to shoot one shot from the line of their choice.
  - One team shoots as many times as they can for a certain time period. Then the other team takes a turn.
- Just before you begin, tell kids that they can try to silently distract the members of the other team without actually getting between the shooter and the bin.
- The team with the most points wins.

### What You Say:

"Great job! You guys are really good at this game and should start playing some basketball. In this game, you had to focus on what was most important, even with all the distractions. In real life, there are many things that can distract us from what is most important. Jesus made it simple by telling us the most important things to focus on: loving God and loving others. **[Bottom Line] You can LIVE for God by loving others.** When we love others, we show our love for God. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about when someone showed you the love of Jesus and how it made you feel.)** When we show people the love of Jesus by how we treat them, we can point them to Jesus. One of the best ways to LIVE for God is by loving others."



## 2. MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

**What You Need:** Dome cones or plastic cups

### What You Do:

- Spread the cones around the floor. Place half of them right side up and the other half upside down.
- Split the kids into two teams.
- Assign one group as Team Mountains (cones upside down) and the other team will be Team Valleys (cones right side up)
- On your "Go," the kids will race all together around the area for a specified amount of time flipping cones to be either mountains or valleys. Team Mountains will flip valley cones into mountains. Team Valleys will flip mountain cones to be valleys.
- All cones are worth one point except for the special cones (the five or six cones of a specific color or with tape on them). Special cones are worth five points.
- Kids must flip a different cone each time. This will keep kids from hovering around only the special cones.
- At the end of the specified time period, count the number of mountain cones and valley cones, making note of the special cones. The team with the most points wins the round.

### What You Say:

"What a great job! You guys are really good at this game. This game was a great way to focus on what was most important. The special cones were worth more points, so you had to make sure you stayed focused on them without losing track of the other cones.

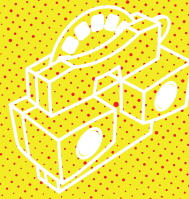
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### Travel Time

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 makes it so hard to love others?
- What are some things that distract you from loving others?
- Who do you know that's a good example of someone who loves others?





# BONUS GAMES

## GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for Rec Rotation for VBS:

### 1. KEY GAURD

- 10-15 cones
- Three or more keys hooked together
- Blindfolds; one for each group
- Chair

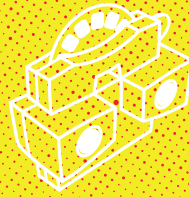
### 2. WATER VOLLEYBALL

- Opaque sheet or curtain
- Two volleyball poles, coat trees, or other tall, freestanding items
  - Attach the sheet or curtain to these two items so the bottom touches the ground.
- Several soaked sponges or water balloons
- Floor tape
  - Mark a playing area on the floor on either side of the sheet/curtain (like a volleyball court).

### 3. HOLY TARP

- Circular tarps (or plastic sheet) with a six-inch hole cut in the middle; 1 for every 8-10 kids
- Tennis balls; 2-3 for every 8-10 kids





# BONUS GAMES

## 1. KEY GAURD

**What you need:** Cones, three or more keys hooked together, blindfolds, chair

**What You Do:**

- Place the cones on the ground in the shape of a circle (about 15 feet in circumference), with the chair in the middle.
- Place the set of keys under the chair.
- Pick one child to be the "Guard." Sit him in the chair, and blindfold him. His job is to protect the keys.
- All other kids stand outside (and around) the circle.
- Silently choose one child to quietly move into the circle to take the keys without the Guard hearing her. If the Guard thinks someone is taking the keys, he must yell, "STOP," before the keys are taken outside the circle.
- If the Guard catches someone, he remains the Guard. If he yells, "STOP," but no one is in the circle, he must switch places with someone outside the circle.
- Play as long as time will allow.
- *Optional:* Have kids on the outside of the circle make noises to try to throw off the Guard.

**What You Say:**

"I think I should pay some of you guys to watch my stuff in real life. You were amazing at focusing on what was going on. The Guard really had to focus hard on hearing the keys get taken. Just like in the game, we will have all sorts of distractions or things in our lives that can throw us off course, but when we focus on Jesus and trust His promises, we can stay focused on the plan He has for our lives and help others do the same."

## 2. WATER VOLLEYBALL

**What you need:** Prepared court (hanging sheet/curtain and floor tape), soaked sponges or water balloons

**What You Do:**

- Divide kids into two even teams and have them sit or stand on their side of the sheet.
- Teams throw the water balloon or sponge back and forth over the sheet.
- When the sponge/balloon lands on the floor in the playing area on the other side of the divider (instead of being caught), the "throwing" team receives a point.
- You can play with one or more sponges/balloons depending on your playing area, number of kids, and amount of time.

**What You Say:**

"Great job. In this game, you had to focus to make sure you were ready when something was being thrown. The same is true for our lives. You have to focus on God in order to be ready for the things that life is going to throw your way. You may not always be ready for what is going to happen in your day, but God is never surprised by anything. When we focus on God and His Word, He will prepare us even when we don't know what is coming."