



Hop into Games

Day 3

Bible Point: Jesus forgives me! Thank you, Jesus!

Bible Verse: "As far as the east is from the west, God has forgiven us." Psalm 103:12

Materials Needed:

Cup to Cup Water Relay: plastic cups, bucket of water

Water Obstacle Course: materials will vary, lots of water

Wash Away (sins): sidewalk chalk, bucket of water

What to do:

Introduce it!

- **Say:** Welcome everyone to Hop into Games! Today's Bible story, Mary Anoints Jesus at the beginning of Holy Week. Mary is criticised by Judas for using expensive perfume on Jesus. Jesus reminds us that God shares his overflowing love freely with all of us.
- **Ask:**
 - Why is Judas so upset with Mary?
 - Do you have something special that you are saving to use for something important? What?

Get to it!

Option 1: Cup to Cup Water Relay *supplies: plastic cups (one per group), bucket of water (one per group)*

1. Put one full bucket of water in the grass and have one player sit right behind the bucket.
2. Have the rest of the team sit in a straight line right behind the first player.
3. Have the last person in the line turn and face the other way so the last two players are back to back instead of one after another.
4. Put another either smaller bucket or a bucket with a marked halfway line in front of the last player.

Play:

1. Give the first player an empty cup. They must dip the cup in the full bucket of water and pass it backwards over their head to the next kid.
2. The second person must then pass it over head to the third person and so on until the final person on the team dumps the water in the cup into the empty bucket.
3. Then pass the empty cup of water back up to the front.
4. The first team to fill their bucket wins.

Option 2: Water Obstacle Course

SET UP:

1. Select the location for the obstacle course.
2. Use materials, you have available, that will hold water, squirt water, splash, etc.
Examples: buckets, sponges, spray bottles, water balloons, sprinkler, slip 'n slide, water toys
3. Use available equipment for obstacles: pool noodles, hoola-hoops, cones, jump ropes, etc.

Option 3: Wash Away (Sins)

SET UP: Gather on the sidewalk

1. Provide sidewalk chalk to participants.
2. Draw or write about a situation that needs forgiveness or something that they feel they need forgiveness for.
3. After some time, dump the bucket of water (or hose if available) on the chalk drawings/words.
4. Talk about forgiveness. Forgiveness washes away the wrong. God wipes away all our sins completely.

Debrief it!

● Huddle Questions

- **Leader says:** Today's games involved a little bit of water. The Bible has a lot of stories that involve water. This week we have covered the Wedding at Cana and the Woman at the Well. Today, we talked about the use of water and perfume used on Jesus.
 - What connections can you make about water and our faith?
 - If you did the sidewalk chalk activity, what is the connection to forgiveness and water?
 - You might not remember this, but many of you, when you were young, had an experience in church with water. Water was poured on your head and you were blessed with oil and the sign of the cross. This is baptism. How is this similar to what Mary was doing with Jesus?

● Practice Bible point

- **Leader says:** Jesus forgives me!
- **Kids say:** Thank you, Jesus!

Pray it out!

● Prayer: Leader says: Fold hands and repeat after me:

- Dear God, thank you for your son Jesus. He is full of grace and will forgive us.
Amen

