

# Backyard Games

## Day 1



Bible Point: God Loves Us!

Bible Verse: "God loves this world and everyone in it so much that God sent his son so that everyone would learn how much they are loved." John 3:16 SSB, 417

**Story:** The Light of the World, Spark Story Bible pg. 418 (only)

**GAME 1 - Either/Or**

**Materials Needed:**

- Material to make a dividing line (outside - rope, inside - tape or line on the floor)

**Set Up:**

- Divide your space in half however you see fit.

**What to do:** Gather the group and ask either/or questions (summer or winter, vanilla ice cream or chocolate, dog or cat, spaghetti with meatballs or spaghetti with meat sauce, sleep in or rise early, messy or tidy, M&Ms or Skittles, etc) and ask them to choose a side for each pairing. After doing several pairings, say "even in our differences and preferences, God loves us all!"

**Review the Bible Point**

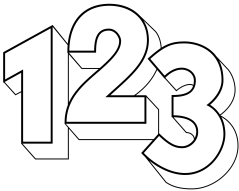
**Leader says:** What do we say?

**Participants say:** God loves you!

**GAME 2 - 1-2-3 Look up**

**Materials Needed:** none

**What to do:**



**LOOK UP**

1-2-3 Look is a circle game that can include the entire group. This is a low energy game that can be played inside or outside.

**Directions:**

1. Everyone sits in a circle.
2. All players will close their eyes and lower their heads

3. The leader calls out 1-2-3-Look! As the leader calls “look,” the campers look up at one specific person.
4. Campers cannot change who they are looking at during each round.
5. If that person is looking back at him/her, they each scream and move out of the circle.
6. If not, all put their heads back down and repeat the game.

**Review the Bible Point**

**Leader says:** What do we say?

**Participants say:** God loves you!

**Pray it out!**

Dear God, thank you for our world, and help us to be good neighbors.

Amen.