



Backyard Games - Day 4

Bible Point: God loves you!

Bible Verse: God said, "I love all people. I want you to learn to love all people. Whether they are poor or rich, I want you to love them. Whether they are hungry or full, love them...then you can live in peace." SSB, 174

Story: God's Peaceful World, Spark Story Bible, pg. 172.

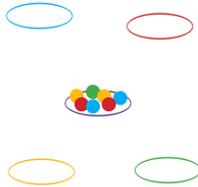
GAME 1 - Protect the Nest

Materials Needed:

- 20-40 balls of all sizes
- Basket/ bucket/ box that can hold all the balls
- 2-4 hula hoops depending on the size of your groups (see set up for explanation)

Set Up:

- Depending on the size of the group, divide the group into two, three, or four smaller groups of 3-4.



What to do:

- 1) Once in teams, one player from each team will race to the center to bring one ball at a time back to their nest. This continues until all balls from the center basket/bucket/box are taken.
- 2) Once the central balls are taken, players now attempt to take a ball from another team's hula hoop (nest) and drop it into their own hula hoop (nest).
- 3) You set the amount of time that robbing the nest will continue (1-2minutes). When you call time, the team with the most balls in their hula hoop at the end of the game wins.
- 4) Repeat the game another 1-3 times (or as time permits).
- 5) Final round debrief:
 - a) "How can we play this game so that we are all winners?" call on participants to generate creative answers.
 - b) Bottom line: we all could work together to protect the central nest- we all win.

Review the Bible Point

Leader says: What do we say?

Participants say: God loves you!

GAME 2 - Do You Love Your Neighbor?

Materials Needed:

- Chairs, carpet squares, or other places holders

Set Up:

- Place the chairs/squares to form a circle. There should be one less chair/square than the number of people participating.

What to do: Place everyone in the circle save for one person standing in the middle. The people in the circle say “Do you love your neighbor?” The person in the middle says “Yes, especially those who _____” and fill in the blank with a quality, interest, or activity (usually starts with sports or colors or clothes but encourage them to think more deeply without calling out other people individually). Those who fit that description must get up and switch seats, but they cannot sit in the seat they just got up from nor the ones on either side of that spot. There then should be one person left in the middle and you then repeat the question.

While this can be a get to know you game, it also reminds us how connected and similar we are to one another, to our neighbors.

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.