

Games



Fruit Salad

You will need:

a large space, a leader to shout out, music



What you do:

Music is played. Everyone has to run around until the music stops. When the music stops, the leader shouts out a fruit. The children have to respond in a freeze frame as follows:

GRAPES – groups of children huddled together

BANANA – lie down

APPLE – as short as you can

PEARS – two children together

You can add more to this list if you wish.

The last one to respond is out of the game. The last two people standing are the winners.

Prayers

Love ourselves



You will need:

either a large mirror or small hand held ones

What you do:

Ensure everyone can see themselves in a mirror. Guide the children through a prayer.

Look at your eyes: see the beautiful colours they are. Thank you, God, for our eyes.

Look at your ears: what wonderful shapes they are. Thank you, God, for our ears.

Look at your mouths, your teeth, your tongue: what wonderful sounds they make. Thank you, God, for our wonderful mouths.

And so on... You might also want to leave a period of silence so the children can look at themselves for a while and think of how they are made in God's image.

Say 'Amen' together at the end.

Wondering questions



I wonder...

- which fruit you might be and how that might help others see God's love
- how we treat friends and strangers like brothers and sisters
- what makes God's family special

Day Five

Bible Reading

I AM loved unconditionally; I AM complete in Christ



Romans 8:38-39

Yes, I am sure that nothing can separate us from the love God has for us. Not death, not life, not angels, not ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, or anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 2:10

And in him you have a full and true life. He is ruler over all rulers and powers.

Bible video

Jesus loves everyone
by Crossroads kids
<https://bit.ly/JesusLoveS>

Arrival activity

Wisdom Journey Scroll

Each child creates a long scroll that fills up with wise words from over the week.

Decorate the scroll (tea-stained paper or kraft paper looks ancient!)

Add the 'wise word' or Bible verses from each day

Draw symbols or pictures. Roll the scroll up with ribbon or string and seal with a sticker or 'wisdom stamp'

Modern day parables

No Matter What by Debi Gliori

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

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Oh, The Places You'll Go! by Dr. Seuss

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Code Breaker



You will need:

electronic device linked to the internet, Bible, four boxes that can be locked (this could be any box with a chain around it or a lockable box), two x four-digit numerical locks, one x five-disk WordLock, model PL-004 (or similar with the correct letters to spell BREAD).
'Keeper' – an adult identified by a badge (or not, depending on how tricky you want it to be) who will confirm if the answer to Clue sheet 4 is correct.

Clue sheet 1

On the card: 'I AM loved unconditionally' (Romans 8:38-39)
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God, and his love sustains us.
Clue: To find the next wise words, use chapter and verse.
First lock box answer: 0838

Clue sheet 2

On the card: John 6:35 – It was declared by Jesus, 'I am the...'
Clue: His wise words feed your soul
Let the children help you reach your next goal
'I am the _____ of life'
Second lock box answer: BREAD

Clue sheet 3

On the card: 'I am the light,' Jesus said
Clue: Seek John 8 to be led
Find chapter and verse to unlock what's ahead
Third lock box answer: 0812

Clue sheet 4

On the card: On our journey we've established Jesus is our bread of life and his light leads the way
Clue: Now you seek the path that sets you free, John fourteen holds the key:
'the way, the... and the life'
Share the good news with the keeper to move ahead
Fourth lock box answer: TRUTH

Final Sheet

On the card: I am complete in Christ, and in Jesus you are made whole
Search the Bible for our final message
Colossians 2:10 will explain it all

Clues to be printed:

Clue 1:

To find the next wise words, use chapter and verse.

Clue 2:

His wise words feed your soul
Let them help you reach your next goal

Clue 3:

"I am the light," Jesus said
Seek John 8 to be led
Find chapter and verse to unlock what's ahead.

Clue 4:

Now you seek the path that sets you free, John fourteen holds the key:
"the way, the... and the life"
Share the good news with the keeper to move ahead.

Card 1:

I AM loved unconditionally (Romans 8:38-39)

Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God, and His love sustains us.

Card 2:

I AM loved John 6:35, it was declared by Jesus "I am the..."

Note: there is no card for Clue 3, electronic devices will be used to identify the Bible verse

Card 4:

On our journey we've established Jesus is our bread of life and his light leads the way

Card 5:

I am complete in Christ, and in Jesus you are made whole
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Craft



Pendulum painted hearts

You will need:

a paper cup, string, paint, paper

What you do:

Punch two holes either side of the rim of the cup and thread some string through them, then tie the ends of the string together to create a handle for the cup.

Make a small hole in the bottom of the cup to allow the paint to drip through.

Position some paper cut into heart shapes on the floor.

Put some paint into your pendulum and swing it to create a pattern on your hearts.

Recipe

Strawberry heart kebabs



You will need:

(strawberries), bananas, grapes or any other fruit you wish to add; wooden skewers

What you do:

Cut the strawberries in half. Cut a small V-shape in the stem-end of the strawberry.

This will create a heart shape.

Put a strawberry on the skewer and then alternate the other fruits and the strawberries to create your kebab.

Wondering questions



I wonder...

- is there anything that could stop God loving you?
- what it means to be complete
- how you feel that you are enough, just as you are

Stem

Magic milk

You will need:

a cup of whole milk, food colouring, washing up liquid, a plate.

What you do:

Pour a glass of milk onto a wide shallow plate. Add drops of food colouring around the plate, you can make it in a pattern. Place a little washing up liquid (you'll only need a drop) in the middle of the plate. Watch what happens.

Without food colouring, we wouldn't be able to see this movement. By adding in some colour, we can see how the molecules in the milk move around, causing tiny little currents for the food colouring to follow.