

# Vacation Bible School (VBS) Games



## Bible Baseball Tournament

We always enjoyed games that combined Bible learning and fun competition.

All you have to do is make simple question cards from the VBS lessons, plus get some used cards from a Bible board game. Divide the class into two teams and each player gets a turn to bat. Each child gets 4 questions per bat. The bases were set up in the room and the children moved around based on their hits.

Answering the first (and hardest) question is a home run, second question is a triple, third question a double, and the fourth and easiest question a single. It fit well and is a fun recap on the last day of VBS.

## Roll Up

This game is a play on the old “Over and Under” balloon game. Divide your teams into two groups. Select ten children at random to represent your two teams or pull ten from the boys and ten from the girls. Girls against boys pair offs are always a popular competition. Line up the children so that they stand in front of one another in the same direction. Hand the first person in the line a roll of toilet paper. Tell the leaders that when you give the signal they should loosen paper from the roll and carefully pass it to the person behind them. Each team member shoulder alternate passing it over their heads and under their bodies. When the roll gets to the end of the line, the person on the end wraps it

around his waist and passes it back. This should continue a pre-set number of times or let them use the whole roll. Use a whistle or start festive music to signal the start of your game. With the cost being two rolls of toilet paper, this is definitely a low budget VBS game idea. 😊

### **Goliath's Hungry**

No supplies are needed for this game. Choose a child to be Goliath. Divide the children into two teams. The teams need to be spaced about 10 to 20 feet apart with Goliath standing in the middle. When Goliath shouts, "I'm hungry!" all the children run to the opposite side. Anyone Goliath touches joins the giant in the middle. Together, they hold a hand and grab for more children as they run through again. Every time Goliath should shout "I'm hungry!" until all the children are caught. This is also an excellent game for outside or auditorium play.

### **Beach Ball Bounce**

All you need for this game is two beach balls. Each ball should be different colors or look different some way. Blow up the beach balls and show them to the children. Show which ball represents the girls team and which the boys team. Tell the children that the object is to see who can keep their ball from touching the ground longest while standing in one spot. The children cannot move other than their hands. The children can only touch the ball belonging to their team. There is no real way to declare a winner or even oversee this game but the kids find it hysterical. Play this game outdoors if your sanctuary has chandeliers or expensive equipment in it.

## **Trust Me**

You will need a blindfold and several empty, large cardboard boxes for this game. You will also need a way to indicate a finish line or flag area. Choose two children to represent each team. One child is blindfolded while the other yells out directions. The goal is to get the blindfolded child to the end of the maze first. It is best to play this game one team at a time and announce the winner according to the time. Spray paint the boxes bright colors and set them up as obstacles along the path to the end of the maze. The blindfolded child has to trust the seeing child to tell him where to go. When the blindfolded child reaches the end, a volunteer should remove his blindfold so he can grab the prize and run back to the starting line. To make this game more challenging, have two children calling out directions, one giving bad advice, one giving good. Tell the child which one she/he should listen to before she puts on her/his mask. Have helpers along the maze to keep the child from tripping over boxes or getting lost.