Day 4 Preschool Games

Forgiveness

Introduction for the Station Leader:

Hello again! Welcome back! We are already on Day 4 of VBS. Today’s theme is God forgives us. This is shown through today’s Bible stories. The children will be covering two stories today. The Bible stories are the Passion and the Resurrection. Jesus dies on the cross to forgive our sins, and on the third day, He rises from the dead. These stories demonstrate that God forgives us.

When people rode out West, they usually rode out in a group. Also, when the people finally settled, they lived in small towns. In both these situations, the people only had who was around them to rely on. Also, many times there would be disagreements which is what happens with any group of people. The settlers had to learn to forgive each other so they could work together to survive. Forgiveness helped them start a new life.

Just by the name of today’s game it shows the theme of God forgives us. The game is called forgiveness and is a variation on the old classic, Red Light, Green Light. This is a very easy and fun game for the children to play.

How to Play:

As stated before, this is just a variation on Red Light, Green Light. One person is “It” and stands as far away from the rest of the group as they can. The rest of the group lines up as far away from “It” as they can. “It” says “Forgiveness”, and the group can move forward. This part is a little different from Red Light, Green Light. The ones moving forward must say “We forgive you” as they are walking forward. This gives “It” a hint of how far away they are. When “It” shouts “Stop”, “It” turns around, and everyone stops. “It” then turns back around and says “Forgiveness”. Play repeats and the game continues until someone tags “It”. That person is the winner and become the next “It”.

Supplies:

* Chalk
* Ball

Instructions for when the group arrives:

1. Welcome the group back to VBS
2. Explain the game that they will be playing today
3. Ask them what the theme is for the day (God forgives us)
   1. They might not know or remember the theme yet so if they don’t get it, please remind them
4. Then tell them briefly how Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins and then was resurrected.
   1. Again, some groups may not have gone to Bible Story yet. Please just give a brief explanation of this.
5. Choose the first “It”
6. Play the game!
7. Note:
   1. If you have time left over or they do not want to play anymore, here are some other options:
      1. Duck, duck, goose
      2. Draw with Chalk
      3. Circle Ball
      4. Playing with a ball
      5. Anything else