Day 2 Elementary Games

Protect the Sheep

Introduction for the Station Leader:

Good morning! I hope you had an enjoyable day yesterday. Now here we are on Day 2. Today’s theme is God protects us. This theme is shown throughout many Bible stories, but today we are learning about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace. These three men get thrown into the furnace for not bowing down to the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar created. The men survive because a fourth man, Jesus, appears and protects them from the fire. The men come out unharmed.

This theme is also shown in the West. In the West, there are dangers at every corner: rattlesnakes, wolves, coyotes. Not to mention the weather can be very dangerous with terrible storms and tornadoes. Despite all these hardships, the settlers are protected by each other and by God. Even today God continues to protect us.

The game Protect the Sheep, just by the title, emulates this theme. This game is all about protecting someone. The sheepdogs protect the sheep from the coyotes. It’s a fun game that the children should enjoy!

How to play:

As stated before, there are three characters, the sheepdogs, the sheep, and the coyote. One person is the sheep, one person is the coyote, and the rest are sheepdogs. The sheepdogs stand in a circle facing outwards, locking arm-in-arm. The sheep stands in the middle of this circle. The coyote stands on the outside of the circle and tries to reach through and tag the sheep. The sheepdogs try to keep the coyote from tagging the sheep by moving around, but they must remain locked arm-in-arm. Once the sheep is tagged by the coyote, switch which members of the group are the sheep and coyote.

Supplies:

* Chalk
* Ball

Instructions for when the group arrives:

1. Welcome the group back to another day of VBS
2. Explain the game that they will be playing today
3. Ask them what the theme of the day is (God protects 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 God and Jesus protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace.
   1. Again, some groups may not have gone to Bible Story yet. Please just give a brief explanation of this.
5. Choose which members will be the coyote and the sheep.
6. Play the game!
7. When the sheep has been tagged, change roles
8. 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

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