Day 4 Elementary Games

Balloons

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.

 What kid doesn’t love to play with balloons? They are so much fun to blow up. Then you can pass them around and try and keep them off the floor. The most fun is trying to pop the balloons. That’s what today’s game is, popping balloons. The balloons will be filled with sins and then they will be popped.

How to Play:

 Take a balloon and blow it up. With a partner, throw the balloon back and forth. You will have to keep your balloon and theirs from touching the ground. Keep playing multiple times. When this is done, sit on the balloon to pop it. You can also improvise with this game by playing with the whole group instead of partners.

Supplies:

* Balloons
* Handheld Balloon Inflater
* 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. Hand out balloons
6. Explain that the balloons will hold all the sin
7. Have them blow up the balloons
8. Have them split into partners
9. Let them throw the balloons back and forth, keeping them off the ground
10. When this is done, have them go to the sidewalk
11. Have them sit on the balloons
12. Explain that the popping of balloons symbolizes God’s forgiveness.
13. Have them pick up the balloon pieces and throw them away
14. 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

Cleanup:

* At the end of each group please:
	+ Make sure all balloon pieces are thrown away
* At the end of the day:
	+ Pick up all the balloon pieces and throw them away