

WEEK 3

MINUTE-IT-TO-WIN-IT GAMES



Need to Know: *God Has a Plan for Me*

Bible Story: *Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-5, Luke 2:7c, Micah 5:2a)*

J is for Jesus!

Say: The candy cane that we will be using in this game looks like a shepherd's staff when you hold it upright. But when you turn it over, it looks like the letter J. J is for Jesus! Who is Jesus? More than 2000 years ago, there lived a young woman named Mary. She was preparing to be married to a man named Joseph. One day, an angel appeared to Mary and said, "Listen! You will soon have a son, and you will name him Jesus. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God."

In this game, players must hold a "fishing pole" in their mouths and use it to pick up 4 small candy canes off the edge of a table. All 4 candy canes must remain hooked to the "fishing pole". You must do this in 60 seconds. (Note: You can modify the game to pick up 1 candy cane at a time and place it on another table.)

Supplies and Set-up:

Make a "fishing pole" using a chopstick, a 12-inch piece of string, and a candy cane.

Place another 4 candy canes on the edge of a tabletop.

For Younger Players:

Pick up only 1 candy cane.

Home Again

Say: The Bible tells us that around the time for Jesus to be born, the Roman rulers ordered everyone to return to their hometown to be counted. Joseph and Mary had to travel to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem.

In this game, there are 6 different colored candies, representing people from 6 different hometowns. The 6 bowls represent their respective hometowns. Players must "return" each candy to its respective "hometown" (i.e. matching colored bowl). You can only pick up 1 candy at a time. The goal is to return all 36 candies to their respective matching-colored bowls in 60 seconds.

Supplies and Set-up:

36 candies (6 each of 6 different colors).

6 different colored bowls that match the colors of the candies. (Example: if your candies are red, blue, green, yellow, orange and purple, then you will need bowls of the same colors. Alternatively, use identical bowls but label them accordingly.)

Distribute the 36 candies equally into the 6 bowls, 1 candy of each color per bowl.

Place the 6 bowls on 6 stools arranged in a circle around the player, 8 feet away from the player.

For Younger Players:

Play with fewer candies and bowls.

Place all the bowls on the same table.

All Wrapped Up

Say: When Joseph and Mary arrived at Bethlehem, the town was very crowded. They had to stay where animals were kept. While they were there, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him with pieces of cloth and placed him in a manger.

In this 2-player game, the first player must carefully wrap the second player in a roll of toilet paper in 60 seconds. The first player must walk around the second player with the roll of toilet paper, while the second player keeps still.

Supplies and Set-up:

Toilet paper.