

Hang on the Loop for the Loop

1 Week Only
The Reason I Follow



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Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** students to rate their week on a scale from 0 to 10 pumpkins (and why they chose their rating).
- Icebreaker: **What's something you love (or that you love doing) that you like talking about or telling people about?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!
We're learning about sharing the hope of Jesus on The Loop Show today. I wonder what Ricky and Jayme will be up to this week! Let's find out now!

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** 6th graders, if you're having fun in Loop, ask your small group leader what it means to be a **Student Leader**!
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Students vote on and play as many beach ball mini challenges as time allows!

You'll Need

Beach ball (1 per group)

Set Up

Please inflate beach balls if not already done.

How to Play

Say: Today, we watched some fun balloon challenges on *The Loop Show*. So, to celebrate Fall Fest, and to just have fun, we're going to have our own mini challenges—and YOU get to pick which challenges we play! Each of them uses one of these pumpkin-colored beach balls! (Or are they giant candy corns?!) Either way, we're about to have some Fall Fest fun with festive beach balls!

1. **Read only the title** of each game listed on the back of this guide to your room.
2. Students **vote** by show of hands which game they want to play.
3. **Play** the game chosen as time allows. See "IDEAS" below for fun variations to try.

IDEAS:

- You could play the chosen game for a short amount of time so students can **vote again** on another game to play.
- You could play the chosen game for a short amount of time, then have **students create** their own game to play!
- **Feel FREE** to add your own twists and variations to any of these games!

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

We have a mission to go and love and share the hope of Jesus with everyone.

Review Today's Big Question

If someone asked you why you follow Jesus, what would you say?

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.
- 1 Peter 3:15 NIV** *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect ...*
- What's especially meaningful to you from this verse?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- As a group, brainstorm as many good reasons you can think of to follow Jesus.
- In today's verse, we're told to tell people about our hope in Jesus with gentleness and respect. Why do you think that is?
- Why do you think Jesus connected loving others with telling others about Him?
- What's one way you could prepare yourself to share your story about Jesus if someone asked you this week?

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

It's Fall Fest weekend, so you may have new faces. Be sure to welcome them like a champion! Introduce them to other students. Let them know you'd love to see them again next week—and that they can bring more friends with them if they'd like!



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PUMPKIN BEACH BALL GAMES!

Game 1 title: **CLAPPING CONTEST**

Game Basics: *See how many times students can clap their hands together before they catch the ball.*

1. Make a circle.
2. Play in rounds. Round one: each person tosses the ball, claps once, and catches. Any misses, and they're out.
3. Next round: toss, clap twice, catch. (Again, any misses and they're out.)
4. Next round: toss, clap three times, catch. (Yup—misses are out.)
5. Continue rounds, adding one clap each time, until only one student remains. See how high your group can go!

Game 2 title: **PUMPKIN JOY**

Game Basics: *Play a version of Hot Potato with your beach ball.*

1. Students form a circle.
2. Leader turns around, away from group.
3. Group passes ball around the circle.
4. Leader randomly turns back to group and shouts, "Pumpkin joy!"
5. Student holding the ball when leader turns around must say one thing they love about fall, then they're out. They stay right where they are, but they can't touch the ball anymore.
6. Continue playing until only one student is left.

Game 3 title: **KEEP IT UP**

Game Basics: *Students use fingertips ONLY to loft the beach ball in the air.*

1. See how many times the group can volley the ball into the air before it touches the ground.
2. No one can touch the ball twice in a row.
3. When it hits the ground, restart and see if you can beat your record.
4. **Challenging variation:** Each person in the group must volley the ball once before anyone can touch it for their second time.