

# GAMES | DAY 3

**Bible Story:** Look at what Jesus did for us. | Salvation • The Gospels

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Memory Verse:** "Let us keep looking to Jesus." Hebrews 12:2, NIV

## GAMES ROTATION

This rotation is meant to be flexible for your church environment. You have several options:

- These games are designed in a way that could be used inside or outside.
- For outdoors, you will need a large, open space with secure boundaries.
- For indoors, we suggest an open space that is free of chairs or tables.
- Prepare for as many games as your resources and space allow.

### 1. BY THREES

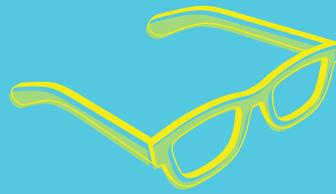
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**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Gather children in an open area on the floor.

*During the Activity:* Call out different actions and do them three times.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bible story and how Jesus went away and came back on the third day.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "We've been learning about our good friend Jesus and how we can look in the Bible to see some of the amazing things Jesus did. Today we heard the MOST AMAZING thing our friend Jesus ever did for you and for me! Jesus told His friends He was going to go away, but they shouldn't worry because He was going to come back. One (hold up one finger), two (hold up two fingers), three days (hold up three fingers) went by, and on the third day (hold up three fingers), Jesus came back!"

*During the Activity:* "In our story today we learned that Jesus went away and came back on the third day. Count with me: one, two, three! Can you jump three times? (Pause.) Count with me: one, two, three! Let's see, can you clap three times? (Pause.) Count with me: one, two, three! What about turning around three times? (Pause.) Count with me: one, two, three! Let's hop three times. (Pause.) Count with me: one, two, three! Can we high five three friends? Let's try! One friend, two friends, three friends! Here's a hard one. Can we sit down and stand up three times? (Pause.) Count with me: one, two, three! Wow, friends, that was fun!"

*After the Activity:* "In our story, Jesus said He was going to go away, but He was going to come back so He could be our friend forever. Three days went by, and Jesus came back! Look at what Jesus did for us! Jesus came back just like He said He would. He came back so He could be our friend forever. Jesus came back for me and for you.

**Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever."**

## 2. BUBBLE POP

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**What You Need:** Bubbles and bubble wand

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Gather children in an open area in the room.

*During the Activity:* Blow bubbles. Pop three bubbles and then say the Bottom Line. Repeat as desired.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bible story.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Who loves Jesus? (Pause.) Me! Who loves to count? (Pause.) Me, too! Who loves bubbles? (Pause.) Me, three! I have a fun game for us to play with bubbles!"

*During the Activity:* "Okay, to play the game we have to pop three bubbles and say Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Ready? (Blow the bubbles.) One, two, three, Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Great! Let's do it again! (Blow the bubbles.) One, two, three, Jesus wants to be my friend forever. (Repeat as desired.) That was so much fun! Thank you for playing 'Pop the Bubble' with me today."

*After the Activity:* "Jesus told His friends He was going to go away, but they shouldn't worry, because He was going to come back so He could be our friend forever. Three days went by and Jesus came back just like He said He would. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

### 3. ROLLING AWAY

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**What You Need:** Large, rectangular cardboard moving box; packing tape; scissors or a utility knife; and ball pit balls

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Cut one of the long top flaps off the box and assemble it if it's not already. Tape where needed to keep it secure. Set the box on the floor on its side so the side with the missing flap is on the ground.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to roll the balls into the box. Talk about how they went away. Then tip the box to let the balls all roll out and come back.

*After the Activity:* Talk about how Jesus went away but came back.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "In our story today, we learned that Jesus went away and came back just like He said He would. Let's play a game where we make the balls go away and come back!"

*During the Activity:* "To play the game, all you have to do is roll the ball into the box. Ready? Let's roll! (Pause.) Nice job! (Let children roll until all the balls are in the box.) Now remember in our story, Jesus went away. How long did He go away? Count with me: one, two, three! Three days, that's right! On the third day, Jesus came back just like He said He would! (Tilt the box out so the balls roll toward the kids.) Look! The balls came back, too! Let's play again." (Repeat as desired.)

*After the Activity:* "Jesus went away and came back so He could be our friend forever. Jesus came back for me and for you. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"