

Parachute Run

Items needed: Parachute or a bed sheet

Lay parachute on the floor and ask children to sit around the edges. Assign numbers so there are at least two children for each number (ex: if you have nine children in class, you could number them 1,2,3, three times, or 1,2,3,4 twice with an extra #1).

Everyone grasp the edge of the parachute and stand. Practice pulling up on the parachute and making it rise high. Tell them when the parachute is at the peak you will call out a number and those with that number need to run under and change places. Let everyone have a turn. Call out more than one number to make it more difficult. Talk about how sometimes we think what God asks us to do is impossible, but he'll always equip us for the task.



Following directions quickly

Items needed: A "Bop It" from the toy dept. in most big stores

This is a great opening activity for any lesson dealing with obedience to God or reaction to God's commands.

The children form a circle. The person with the toy must listen to the voice prompt from the Bop It and must "bop it", "twist it", "pull it", "shout it", or "pass it" as the voice prompts. If they do not perform the action quickly, the voice will tell them that they are out and they must sit down. The Bop It is passed to the next person. The object is to perform the actions correctly and promptly until it is time to "pass it" to the next person in the circle. Please be sensitive to children with special needs and give opportunities to rejoin the game.

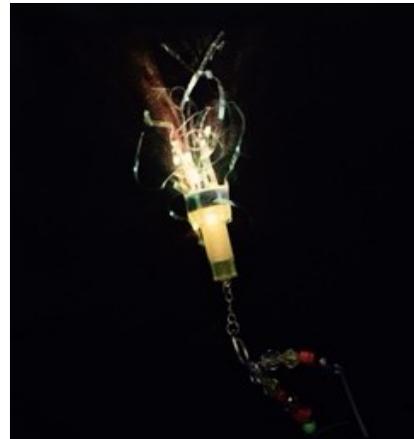


Make a torch

Items needed: A small flashlight for each child (from Dollar Store birthday supplies or ordered online), tape, shiny mylar gift shreds, scissors, (optional: beads and string to further decorate)

Tape mylar shreds around the top of the flashlight. Trim as needed. Decorate the keychain end with string and beads if you wish.

Discuss how God told people fight with unlikely weapons such as torches, pots, trumpets, or yelling. It seems really strange, but in the end it's God's power and God's glory that fights the battle for us, not our weapons!



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