

Memory Verse Games

Balloon Bop ‘n’ Pop

Each balloon has a word from the memory verse on it, but what happens when you pop one? You have to say the verse without that word!

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Bop ‘n’ Pop Cards
- One balloon for every word in the memory verse
- Container
- One piece of yarn or rope to hang balloons from
- Clothespins or other clips to attach the balloons
- One large safety pin

Instructions

Inflate the balloons. Write one or more words from the memory verse on each balloon. Attach the balloons to the yarn or rope

with the clothespins in the proper order. Hang the balloon rope low enough for students to reach the balloons. Print and cut out one set of Bop ‘n’ Pop Cards. Put the cards into the container. Have a safety pin available during the game.

Practice the verse with the students by gently “bopping” (or tapping) each balloon as you recite the verse. Refer to the words on the balloons. Choose a student to draw a Bop ‘n’ Pop Card from the container.

If the card says “Bop!” the student will recite the verse while gently bopping each balloon. If the card says “Pop!” the student will choose a balloon to pop with the pin. After popping a balloon, have the students recite the memory verse including the missing word. Continue play until all students have had a turn or until all balloons are popped.

Echo! Echo!

Do what I do—say what I say! Groups will echo each other as they recite the memory verse together.

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page

Instructions

Divide the class into two groups. You will say a word or phrase of the memory verse while doing some sort of action—sit down, stand up, spin in a circle, touch your toes, etc. The groups will take turns “echoing” what you say and do as you recite the verse. Repeat several times. You can whisper, shout, squeak, etc. Switch around and let older students take turns leading.

Egg Hunt

Hunt for all the parts of the memory verse hidden in the eggs! This game can be played all year round. The plastic eggs just happen to be great little containers that can be hidden easily.

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Strips of paper
- Plastic Easter eggs

Instructions

Write the memory verse on strips of paper with one or two words on each strip. Put one strip inside of each plastic Easter egg. Hide all the eggs around the room.

Have the students search for the eggs and bring them back to their table. They will open the eggs and work together to put the verse in the proper order.

For a larger class, prepare more than one set of eggs (sorted by colors for different teams). Students can work in teams to collect and construct the verse.

Follow the Leader

Follow the leader around the room. Say the verse and do the motion before moving on.

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Follow the Leader Cards
- Tape

Instructions

Print and cut out the Follow the Leader Cards. Tape each one to a chair or table and randomly place them around the room. You will lead the students around the room and stop at each card. Read the card and lead the children to do what the card says while reciting the memory verse. Then move around to the next one. You may want to repeat this activity or have students take turns leading.

Freeze!

Stomp like a dinosaur or spin in circles, but when it's time to freeze, get ready to say the memory verse.

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page

Instructions

Students will move around the room in a specified action you give, such as crawling, skipping, turning in circles, galloping, walking in giant steps, etc. Then when you say, "Freeze!" the students will stop and freeze in position. Recite the memory verse, then begin again with a different action. You may need to show them how to freeze and hold a position.

Funny Voices

Recite the memory verse together using different voices. Be squeaky like a mouse, or whisper as quietly as you can. How many can you do?

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Funny Voice Strips
- Container

Instructions

Print and cut out one set of the Funny Voice Strips and put them into a container. Choose a student to draw out a strip and lead the whole class in reciting the memory verse using that kind of voice. Have fun with it and repeat several times choosing a new voice each time!

Popcorn

Students "pop" up as they say their part of the memory verse. Start out slowly and see how fast you can go!

Materials

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page

Instructions

Have students squat down in a circle. Begin by saying the first word in the memory verse. As you go around the circle, have

each student take turns "popping" up to say the next word then squatting back down. Repeat.

You may want to divide the class into two groups. Have the first group pop up and say the first word then squat back down. Then the second group pops up saying the next word and squats back down and so on until the verse is completed. Repeat—going faster and faster!