

Games

Game 1: "Blessings Basket"

Objective: To help preschoolers recognize the blessings mentioned in Ephesians 1 and associate them with simple actions.

Number of Players: 2-5

Materials Needed:

- Small basket or box
- Picture cards depicting blessings (e.g., heart for love, dove for peace, cross for salvation)
- Music (optional)

Setup:

1. Place the basket in the center of the play area.
2. Scatter the picture cards around the room or play area.

Instructions:

1. Explain to the children that Ephesians 1 tells us about the blessings God gives us.
2. When the music starts, have children find and pick up one picture card at a time, then return it to the basket.
3. As they place the card in the basket, ask them to name the blessing on the card (with help if needed).
4. Encourage accompanying actions (e.g., hugging themselves for love, pretending to fly for peace).

Reinforcement:

This game introduces basic concepts of God's blessings in an active way. Associating physical actions with blessings helps reinforce memory and understanding.

Game 2: "Paul's Postcard Relay"

Objective: To learn about sending messages of God's love as Paul did in Ephesians 1.

Number of Players: 4-10

Materials Needed:

- Index cards
- Crayons/markers
- Stamps or stickers
- Basket or container

Setup:

1. Prepare index cards as "postcards," one per child.
2. Place crayons/markers and stamps/stickers on a table.

Instructions:

1. Explain to the children that Paul wrote letters about God's love and blessings.
2. Divide children into two groups. One group decorates a postcard with drawings representing

blessings mentioned in Ephesians 1.

3. After decorating, children "mail" their postcard by running to the other group and handing it off.

4. The receiving group cheers and celebrates each new "letter," reinforcing that these are messages of love and blessings.

Reinforcement:

This game encourages creativity and teamwork while highlighting the importance of sharing messages of blessing and love, similar to Paul's mission.

Game 3: "Promise Parade"

Objective: To understand God's promises by reviewing the nature of His word as highlighted in Ephesians 1.

Number of Players: 5-10

Materials Needed:

- Streamers or ribbons
- Signs or cards with words like "Love," "Grace," "Peace," "Chosen," "Forgiven" (simple and brightly decorated)

Setup:

1. Clear an open space for children to walk in a line or circle.
2. Prepare signs/cards with key words from Ephesians 1, attaching them to streamers.

Instructions:

1. Give each child a streamer or ribbon.
2. Explain that they are parading to show off God's promises.
3. Lead the children in a parade around the play area, holding their streamers high.
4. As they walk, help them recite simple phrases associated with each word, such as "God loves us" or "We are chosen."

Reinforcement:

This activity uses movement and repetition to reinforce the concepts of God's promises and blessings in a fun, engaging manner.