

Games

Game 1: Prayer Puppet Show

Objective: Introduce preschool students to the concept of prayer through a fun puppet show.

Players: 3-10 students

Materials Needed:

- Socks or simple puppets (one for each player)
- A simple backdrop (a cardboard box painted or draped with a cloth)
- Bible storybook with stories about prayer (optional)

Setup:

- Arrange students in a semicircle around the puppet show 'stage.'
- Give each student a puppet.
- Educator can use a simple story or children can make up their own.

Instructions:

1. Explain to the children that today, their puppets are going to learn about prayer.
2. Start by using your puppet to act out a short, simple story about prayer. For instance, a puppet could be worried and another could tell them how prayer helps.
3. Allow the children to take turns with their puppets by acting out different scenarios or repeating the prayer.
4. Encourage creativity and provide simple prompts like "What will your puppet say to God if they are thankful?"
5. Discuss briefly at the end what each puppet learned about prayer.

Reinforcement:

The puppet show allows children to express their understanding of what prayer is in a playful setting, making abstract concepts more concrete through storytelling and imagination.

Game 2: Prayer Circle Songs

Objective: Teach the importance of prayer and its role in daily life through song and movement.

Players: 5-15 students

Materials Needed:

- Recorded prayer songs for kids or simple guitar/keyboard
- Open space

Setup:

- Arrange children in a circle.
- Ensure the music setup is ready for playing or singing.

Instructions:

1. Gather children into a circle and explain that they will sing a special prayer song.

2. Play a simple, repetitive prayer song or teach them a short song with simple lyrics.
3. Encourage children to hold hands and sing along. Add simple hand movements or claps to keep it engaging.
4. After each round, discuss what the song says about prayer.
5. Introduce a very simple prayer at the end of each song and have the kids repeat after you.

Reinforcement:

Singing prayer songs helps children remember and understand the role of prayer in a rhythmical and fun way, emphasizing relationship with God through joyful expressions.

Game 3: Prayer Pictionary

Objective: Help preschoolers visualize and understand different aspects of prayer through drawing.

Players: 4-8 students

Materials Needed:

- Large drawing board or easel
- Markers or crayons
- Cards with simple prayer-related prompts (e.g., "praying hands," "a thankful heart," "praying at church")

Setup:

- Set up the easel where all students can see.
- Arrange drawing cards in a pile or a basket.

Instructions:

1. Gather children in a comfortable seating area where they can see the easel.
2. Explain that you will take turns drawing pictures of things related to prayer.
3. Choose a card and either you draw on the board or let a student draw.
4. Allow other children to guess what is being drawn.
5. After each round, discuss how the drawing relates to prayer. For example, "We can pray alone and pray together."
6. Alternate turns so each child has a chance to draw.

Reinforcement:

By visualizing elements of prayer through drawing, children associate prayer with everyday concepts and build their understanding in an interactive and visual manner.