

## Games



Play large group games.  
(25 minutes)

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Blindfold
- Index cards or slips of paper with key events from the Easter story (one event per card)
- Baskets or bags to hold the cards
- Starting line and finish line

### LARGE GROUP GAME: RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

Materials: None

Object of game: Be the first to reach the leader's side

How to play: One leader will stand at one end of the playing area, and all the students will stand at the other end. The leader will yell out either "green light", "yellow light", or "red light". When yelling out "green light", the leader will close their eyes, and the students can run as fast as they want. The leader can then yell out "yellow light" or "red light" and open their eyes. On "yellow light", students can only walk, and any student that the leader sees still running will go back to the wall and start over. On "red light", students must stop, and if the leader sees anyone moving, they must go to the wall and start over. The student that gets to the leader's side first is the winner.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: BLOB TAG

Materials: None

Object of game: Players tagged by the blob of people must join the blob.

How to play: A designated area is decided upon to play. Eight people are then paired up, resulting in four groups. Everyone else spreads out over the playing field.

The pairs of people try to run and tag other players. The two must remain holding hands while chasing others. If someone gets tagged, they must join the blob of people. The game ends when everyone is tagged.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: TRUST TAG

Materials: Blindfold

Object of game: Avoid being tagged by the blindfolded player..

How to play: Play a game of tag where the person who is "it" must close their eyes and rely on their sense of hearing to tag others. This activity encourages trust as children learn to navigate and interact with each other without sight. This game works best with smaller spaces or a designated playing area. Consider spreading leaders out to help direct and keep the person who is "it" from getting hurt.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: RESURRECTION RELAY

**Materials:** Index cards or slips of paper with key events from the Easter story (one event per card), baskets or bags to hold the cards, a starting line and finish line

**Object of game:** To learn about the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection while having fun with a relay race.

**How to play:** Write key events from the Easter story on index cards. For example:

- Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey
- The Last Supper
- Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Jesus is arrested
- Jesus is crucified
- Jesus is buried
- The Resurrection

Place the cards in baskets or bags at the starting line. Divide the kids into two or more teams. Have each team line up at the starting line. Explain that they will be participating in a relay race to learn about the Easter story. Each team will need to collect all the events in the correct order and bring them to the finish line. The first player from each team will run to the basket, pick up a card, and run back to their team. The player will then tag the next player, who will repeat the process. Continue until all players have had a turn and the team has collected all the cards.

Once all the cards have been collected, have each team arrange the events in the correct order. Review the events with the kids and discuss their significance. Celebrate the winning team and emphasize the importance of the Easter story.