

## Games



Play large group games.  
(25 minutes)

### LARGE GROUP GAME: SAY CATCH

Materials: A ball or a Frisbee

Object of game: To be the last player left in the circle

How to play: Have all the students stand in a circle. Decide on a topic to be used during the game (for example, the topic could be animals). Then, toss the ball to any student in the circle. The student must say something in the chosen topic before catching the ball (in the animal example, students could say "Elephant!"). If the student does not say something before catching the ball or does not catch it, they are out.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: FROGS AND ANTS

Materials: Four or five hula hoops

Object of game: To be the last person tagged by a frog

How to play: Before the game begins, spread out four or five hula hoops around the playing area. The hula hoops will be lily pads. Choose two students to be frogs, and all the rest of the students will be ants. The frogs will chase the ants and try to tag them. If an ant is tagged, she must lie down on her back with arms and legs extended into the air. When an ant is in this "injured" position, four other healthy ants may rescue her. Each of the healthy ants will grab an arm or a leg and drag the injured ant to a lily pad. As soon as four healthy ants grab onto the injured ant, all five ants are safe from being tagged by the frogs. Once the five ants arrive at the lily pad, the injured ant is healed, and all five ants may stay safely on the lily pad for no longer than five seconds. The game ends when all the ants have been tagged by frogs. At this point, choose two new frogs and play again.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Ball or frisbee
- 4-5 hula hoops
- Chairs

## LARGE GROUP GAME: FRUIT SALAD

Materials: Chairs

**How to play:** Arrange the group in a circle seated on chairs and facing inward. Go around the circle and assign each student with a fruit (i.e. Apple, strawberry, watermelon...) There must be multiple students with the same fruit so consider limiting the number of fruit to three or four. Then select someone to be "it" in the middle. Remove their chair. The person in the middle will say a fruit and anyone seated in the circle to whom the statement applies must get up and find an open chair. The person in the middle will be trying to find an open seat while people are moving. Whoever is left without a seat will become "it." The person in the middle may also call, "Fruit salad!" at which point everyone needs to get up and find a new chair.

**Alternative:** The person in the middle will say things that apply to more than one person, such as: "Anyone who has a sister," or "Anyone wearing blue," or "Anyone who has visited the ocean." Anyone seated in the circle to whom the statement applies must get up and find an open chair. The person in the middle will be trying to find an open seat while people are moving. Whoever is left without a seat will become "it." The person in the middle may also call, "Fruit salad!" at which point everyone needs to get up and find a new chair.