

Games



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Blindfolds, 1 per pair of children
- 1 soft ball (like a soccer ball, volleyball, or playground ball)
- 2 goals

LARGE GROUP GAME: TRUST WALK

Materials: Blindfolds (one for each pair of children); a safe, obstacle-free area to walk (like a large room, gym, or outdoor space)

Object of game: Lead the blindfolded follower safely

How to play: Divide the children into pairs. Explain that one person in each pair will be the “guide” and the other will be the “follower”. The follower in each pair puts on a blindfold. Make sure the blindfold is secure and that the follower cannot see. The guide’s job is to lead the blindfolded partner around the area, using only their voice or gentle touches to guide them. The follower must listen carefully and trust their partner to lead them safely. After a few minutes, have the children switch roles so that each child gets a chance to be both the guide and the follower. After the activity, gather the children together to discuss their experience. Ask questions like:

- How did it feel to be the follower? Was it easy or hard to trust your partner?
- How did it feel to be the guide? Did you feel responsible for your partner’s safety?
- What made it easier or harder to trust your partner?

Discuss how trust works in real-life situations. For example, trusting parents, teachers, friends, or even trusting God. Explain that trust is an important part of relationships and that it helps us feel safe and supported.

LARGE GROUP GAME: EVERYONE’S IT

Materials: None needed

Object of game: Be the last one standing

How to play: This game is very much like regular tag except that, true to the name, everyone is it. On the “go” signal, all players run around trying to tag everyone else and avoiding being tagged themselves. Once tagged, a player must sit down immediately. The last one standing is the winner.

LARGE GROUP GAME: WRAP THE BUMBLE BEE

Materials: 1 soft ball (like a soccer ball, volleyball, or playground ball), 2 goals

Object of game: Throw the ball into the goal; score the most goals

How to play: Divide the students into two teams. This game works best on a soccer field, but any large field with equal goals at either end will work. Students can run and throw the ball to each other, but while a student has the ball, he or she cannot move. To score, students must throw the ball into the goal. It is similar to soccer, but players use their hands instead. Consider setting an area around the goals where only the goalie can run. This will keep students from getting too close to throw the ball into the goal.