



Beanbag-Toss Lesson Review Game (all grades)

At the conclusion of a series of lessons on a given subject (forgiveness, miracles, prayer, the armor of God, etc.), it is helpful to review key points. Playing Beanbag Toss as a lesson review game is a fun way to do that.

Locate a beanbag toss game (These tic-tac-toe-style games can be found at many toy stores, garage sales, and thrift stores.) Also have several blue and red beanbags and eighteen small pictures and/or words derived from the lesson series. For example, after a series on forgiveness that included lessons on Joseph, the prodigal son, Stephen, and Jesus' death on the cross, we used pictures of a well, camels, bags of grain, pigs, party hats, money, stones, dice, a crown of thorns and a cross, and so on. Create a series of review questions to go along with each picture, or use the Bible Review Cards from the Growing in Christ Sunday School Middle Grades, Upper Grades, or Junior High Teacher Tools.

Select nine of the pictures and/or words, draw a blue circle around these pictures, and tape them to the X-side of the spinning tiles. Draw a red circle around the other nine pictures, and tape them to the O-side of the tiles.

Divide the class into a blue team and a red team. Team members take turns tossing the team's colored beanbag. When the blue team swivels a blue-circled picture and correctly answers a question about it, they take another turn. If they swivel a red picture or incorrectly answer a question, play passes to the red team. The first team to get three pictures in their color in a row wins.

Alternative: Create a simpler review tool by cutting ten 6 x 6-inch squares of cardboard and drawing large Xs on five of them and Os on the other five. Cut nine 6-inch-diameter holes in a tic-tac-toe pattern into a piece of sturdy cardboard. Lightly tape a Bible picture behind and showing through each hole. When a student tosses a beanbag through a hole, ask him or her a question related to that picture. If answered correctly, award an X or O according to that student's team color by lightly taping the X or O square over that hole. Play until one team gets three in a row.

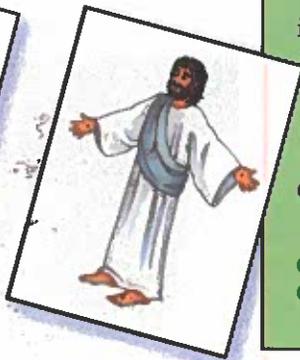
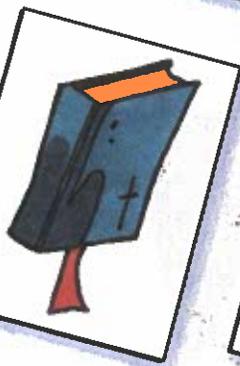
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DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU,
FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD
OF THE COVENANT.

(Matthew 26:27-28 ESV)



Sticker Matching Games (early childhood, lower grades)

Use stickers that match your lesson theme to create quick and fun matching games for young children that will help reinforce the lesson.

Let the children help you make this matching game. Cut index cards in half; then have the children put a matching sticker(s) on each card.

For example, put one each of a Bible sticker on two different cards, put three each of a cross sticker on two different cards, and so on. Then flip all the cards over, and let the children find the cards that match. You may want to make several different matching games so the children can all be involved in smaller groups playing at the same time.

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