

Game: **Balloon Circle Chase**

Discussion: **Seeking God, God is our Guide, Pursuing the things of God**

Scripture : **Matthew 6:33, Psalm 48:14, 2 Timothy 2:22**

YOU WILL NEED: *Two balloons for each team or small group.*

NOTE: The following three games are great together or they can also be used individually to introduce the different topics that they address.

Game: Balloon Circle Chase, part 1

On the count of three, have every group sit down in a circle—1-2-3-Go!

Part 1—Give each team a balloon and tell them that when you say go, they are going to pass the balloon around the circle one time as fast as they can. Ready Go! (*Do this several times to see which team is the fastest.*)

Part 2—Now they are going to pass the balloon around the circle two times.

KEY: The balloon just keeps going around the circle—some people lives are like this. They are going and going but they're not getting anywhere because they are living for the wrong things. Everyone is living for something—Most people live for themselves but God wants you to live for Him.

Read Matthew 6:33 from your Bible

Game: Balloon Circle Chase, part 2

Play the game again. This time add a second balloon.

Part 1—Using two balloons, have the teams pass them around the circle ONE time as fast as they can in opposite directions. At some point the balloons will pass each other.

Part 2— Using two balloons, have the teams pass them around the circle TWO times as fast as they can in opposite directions.

KEY: The circle guided the balloons, and if you keep God first, He'll guide you every step of your life.

Read Psalm 48:14 from your Bible

ASK: What else guides you in life? (God's Word, the Bible, is your instruction book on how to live.)

ASK: How can you learn what the Bible says about how to live? (By reading, studying and memorizing it.)

Game: Balloon Circle Chase, part 3

In this last variation, have the balloons start on opposite sides of the circle. Teams will pass them the same direction as fast as they can to see if one of the balloons can catch up to the other one.

ASK: In the game the balloons were chasing, or pursuing, each other. What does the Bible say that God wants you to pursue and chase after? (pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.)

SAY: Remember the verse we read earlier, Matthew 6:33, that God wants you to seek, or follow after Him and His things. Listen to another verse:

Read 2 Timothy 2:22 from your Bible

REPEAT AFTER ME: “Righteousness!”—A righteous person is someone who lives in a right way—doing what is right and following Jesus.

REPEAT AFTER ME: “Faith!”—Faith means to trust. Even if you don’t see or understand everything, you can still trust God.

REPEAT AFTER ME: “Love and peace!”—God wants you to love each other and to live at peace with one another.