

Game: **Partner Call**

Discussion: **Listening to God, Seeking God**

Scripture : **Matthew 6:33**

YOU WILL NEED: *No items are needed.*

Partner Call

Have the kids give their partners a nickname. Be sure that these are kind nicknames and the partner has to agree to it as well. Some examples might be Batman and Robbin, Ice Cream and Milkshake, Burger and Fries, Bob and Larry, Tom and Jerry, Fruity and Pebbles, etc.

Once the partners have nicknames, send one partner to one wall and the other partner to the opposite wall.

SAY: Everybody point to your partner. They should be on the wall across the room from you.

SAY: On the count of three I want you to close your eyes. This is a test of honesty. Nobody will be watching to see if you cheat but God sees everything. Winning a game is never worth doing something wrong. So, on the count of three everyone close your eyes. 1-2-3...Close your eyes.

SAY: Now with no one looking around and no one opening your eyes, when I say "Go" you have to find your partner by calling his or her nickname. Your partner will be calling your nickname. Listen for their voice and try to find them. But there is NO RUNNING, NO PUSHING, and don't go too quick—I want to make sure that nobody trips or falls. Be careful. Just listen for your partner. It's not a race; the winners are those who find their partners. Then when you think you've found your partner, open your eyes and if you're right, raise your hands.

Ready...Keep you eyes closed...Be honest...and "Go!"

Discussion

ASK: Was it hard to find your partner?

ASK: Did anybody find the wrong person?

ASK: Did you bump into anybody else while you were looking?

ASK: Would it have been harder to find your partner if only one of you had been calling out a name? (NOTE: *If you have time, this is a great variation. One side searches silently; the other partner calls out the name.*)

SAY: In life, everyone is seeking something too...some people just want more money, or to be famous or popular but the Bible tells us what we should seek (go after) in life.

**Read from your Bible:
Matthew 6:33**

SAY: The Bible also says that if you seek God, you'll find Him. In life, seek to always follow Jesus—everyday in every way.

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SHOUT OUT COMPETITION

SAY: We're going to have a competition to see which side can be the loudest. When I point to this side, yell out, "Who Can I Seek!" When I point to the other side, yell out, "Seek Jesus!" Go back and forth between the two teams three times to see which side is louder.

KEY: You can seek Jesus because He loves you with a perfect love.

NOTE: Another great application for this game is to ask about listening for your partner's voice and then to talk about how we listen to God. Or, to ask about how they called their partner and how God calls people to do things—Great Bible stories for this would be how God called Abraham to leave his home in search for a land that God would show him or how God called Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1.

Extra Time

If you have extra time, try other variations to the game—i.e., hopping on one foot, with locked elbows with a partner, etc. It's also always great to have a group prayer and to thank God for what you've talked about today—i.e., "Dear Jesus, thank You that we can seek you because you love us with a perfect love."