

Game: **The Ice Cube Pass**

Discussion: **Hiding sin**

YOU WILL NEED: *An ice cube for each time you play.*

The Ice Cube Pass

Have children gather in a close circle with hands behind their backs and facing the center of the circle. Choose one person to be “it” and have him stand in the center. Have him close his eyes while you place an ice cube in the hands of another child in the circle. He passes it to someone else and the ice cube continues to be passed around. The object of the game is not to be caught holding the ice. The person who is “it” opens his eyes has three tries to guess who is holding the ice cube.

The players can try to fool “it.” They can do this by pretending to pass the ice off to another person’s hand while still holding it behind their back. That person, in turn, can continue to pass the imaginary ice cube. However, sometimes the real ice cube is being passed. Since the ice cube is cold and wet to hold, facial expressions can give away who is holding the ice.

Alternate with new players in the center. After several minutes of playing, gather the children in a circle around the ice cube. Ask the following questions:

Discussion

Ask the students—**What did it feel like when you were holding the ice cube and you did not want to get caught with it?** (Nervous. Sneaky. Excited. Cold.)

Ask the students—**Do you think it would hurt to hold an ice cube in your hand for a long time? Why?** (Yes, because it might begin to freeze my skin. No, maybe it would melt.)

Ask the students—**Sin is doing things that are against God’s rules. It is disobeying God. Examples might be disobeying our parents or teachers. How is sin like the ice cube?** (Sometimes we try to hide it. Holding it hurts us. It makes us feel cold.)

Ask the students—**Have you ever tried to hide a sin and felt badly inside? Did you feel cold? Does anyone want to share a story about that?** (It is sometimes helpful if you tell a personal story from your life.)