

Game: **Plug It Up**

Discussion: **None of us are perfect**

Scripture : **Philippians 2:8**

YOU WILL NEED: *Four large cups and four small cups that have a small hole in the bottom. Fill two of the large cups with water and put the two empty large cups at the other end of the circle (or line).*

Plug It Up*

Explain that the object of the game is to take all the water from the two full cups, pour it into the small cups (with holes in the bottoms), pass them around the circle, pour whatever water is left into the big empty cups and then pass the small cups back. The small cups will leak water so tell the students that they can use their fingers to plug up the holes. The game is over after three minutes or when both the big cups are full. If you have a large class, use two circles (or lines) or switch the start and finish points halfway through the game so that all the kids gets to pass a cup that still has water in it.

(NOTE: You may need to refill your water cups during this game and be careful because if any water gets on tile, it will become slick. You may also want to have some paper towels ready for your students to help with the clean-up.)

Discussion

ASK --Was there any way for you to fill up the cups in this game? Why or why not? (Yes, we got a lot of water into the cups by plugging up the holes; No, the holes made it too hard.)

ASK --How did you feel when you realized you couldn't fill up the cups quickly this way? (Frustrated; sad; we gave up and just had fun.)

SAY: You were trying to do something that was impossible. In life, it's impossible for us to be perfect or without sin (which is anything that's wrong).

ASK --If none of us can be perfect, how can we live in heaven with a perfect, holy God? (By dying on the cross Jesus made a way to take our sins away if we give our lives to Him.)

ASK --Why does Jesus want us to be free from sin? (Because He loves us; so we can be with Him forever.)

SAY: God wants us to do our best to obey His Word, but it's impossible for us to be perfect. That's why God sent Jesus to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. Because Jesus lived a perfect life, died a death he didn't deserve, and overcame death, we can make the choice to give our lives to Him and can know for sure that we will live with God forever in heaven.

ASK —How obedient do you think you are? Obedient almost all the time, most of the time, half of the time, some of the time, or almost never. (Let a few students answer.)

ASK —How obedient do you think Jesus was? (He was perfect.)

**Read from your Bible:
Philippians 2:8**

SAY: The Bible says that Jesus was obedient even to death on the cross. He followed God's plan for Him even though it cost His life. That's obedient!

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