

SUMMER CAMP NEWSLETTER

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I SEE JESUS
IN MY WORDS & ACTIONS

SCRIPTURE, REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTIVITY: WATER GAMES

CRAFT: BEAN ART MOSAIC

PRAYER: DAILY EXAMEN

Luke 19:1-10

Reflection – Jesus proposes something revolutionary to the disciples: that God will come and inhabit them, that their own hearts will become temples of the Holy Spirit. If we surrender ourselves to God, he will come and live in us and we in him. We will be as close as a heartbeat. God offers us a relationship of love, the love that truly desires the good of the other. And his love bears fruit as it teaches us to see with God’s eyes, to follow not the ways of the world but the Way of Love.

Discussion Questions

1. What words or actions express love? How do you know that you are loved?
2. How do we show our love to one another at home?
3. How are we better about showing one another our love - to one another, to those outside our family, and to God?

Excerpt for Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2019 - 2020 (Liturgy Training Publications)



Activity: Water Games

SPONGE RUN (also called Fill the Bucket)

Supplies: Two plastic buckets, large sponges

Prep:

1. Place bucket full of water (or a kiddie pool) on one side of the yard and place an empty bucket on the other.
2. Give a sponge to each player and have them stand by the full bucket of water (or kiddie pool).

Play:

1. Players must dunk the sponge in the water trying to soak up as much water as possible.
2. They then have to put the sponge on their head and hold it while they run to the empty bucket, hoping to keep as much water as possible in the sponge.
3. Wring out the sponge into the empty bucket and run back, continuing until someone reaches the mark on the empty bucket.

Win: First person to fill up their bucket to the marked line wins.

WATER BALLOON RELAY

Supplies: Water balloons, two buckets, two beach or lawn chairs

Prep:

1. Fill up a bunch of water balloons and split them between two buckets at your starting line.
2. Then put two beach chairs at the opposite end of the lawn.

Play:

1. Break into two teams and have the first person in each grab one balloon.
2. Run to the chair and sit down on the balloon until it pops.
3. Then dash back to the starting line and tag the next person to go.
4. If a player drops the balloon before sitting on it, he must go back and get a new one.

Win: The first team to pop all of their balloons wins.

CUP OF CHANCE

Supplies: Dixie cups and a table, blindfold

Prep:

1. Put a line of cups on a table.
2. Fill about half of the cups full with water and leave the other ones empty.

Play:

1. Take turns and have each player choose a cup one at a time without looking (blindfolded or cover their eyes).
2. Once they've chosen the cup, they have to dump it on their head.
3. If there is water in the cup, they are out. If there is not water, they continue to the next round.

Win: The last dry player wins.

CRAFT:

Bean Art Mosaic

<https://prettylifegirls.com/2020/04/kids-craft-idea-bean-art-mosaics.html>

Prayer: Daily Examen

A good way to develop a habit of finding God in all things is to pray the EXAMEN. In this prayer, you look back over your day to recognize how God is actively involved in your life.

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- Find a quiet place.
Remember that you are in the holy presence of God.
- Give thanks.
Name one moment from your day for which you are grateful.
- Review the day.
In your imagination, retrace the steps of your day—what you did, whom you encountered, thoughts and feelings you experienced.
- Talk with God.
Tell God the things you feel good about and things you regret.
- Look toward the day to come.
Ask God to help you be your best self as you look forward to tomorrow.