

Holy Cross Summer Fun 2020

GAME:

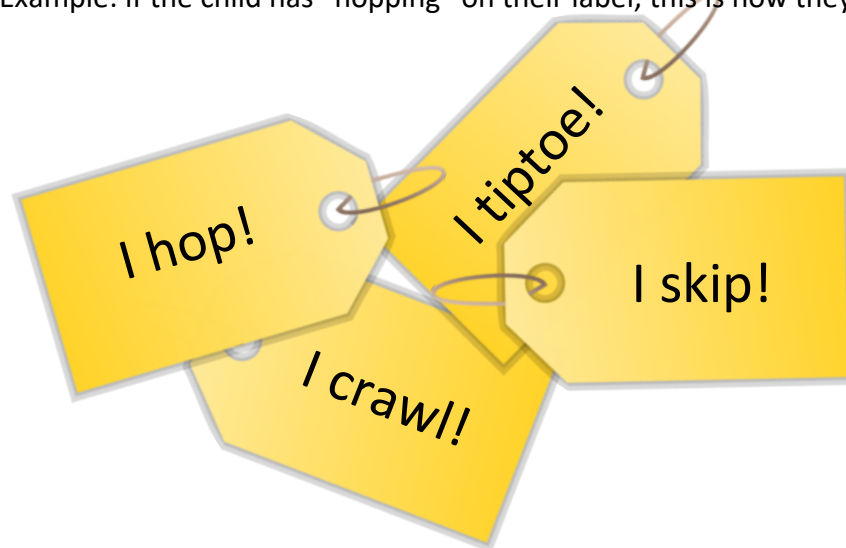
Building Jesus' Church

Materials Needed:

- Children
- Signs or labels with movement actions on them (hopping, limping, crawling, stomping, tip-toeing, etc.)

Procedure:

1. Before playing, have each child put on one of the signs or labels that dictate how they will move. Make sure that each child understands their way of moving.
 - a. Example: if the child has "hopping" on their label, this is how they must move.



2. Talk about what a "disciple" is: someone who spreads the message and actions of Jesus to the community.
3. Choose one child to be the "disciple." This child will be the only one who gets to move at the start of the game. Have the rest of the group spread around the room or yard and freeze in place.
4. The disciple will begin moving, using their movement form as they go. They will go to one of the frozen people and take them by the hand.
5. When this person has their hand taken by the disciple, they will now go with the disciple to the next person. They must move according to their movement form on the label, holding hands with the disciple as they go.
6. When they get to the next person, the new person goes to the end of the line, holding the hand of the second person. This person can now move in the movement according to their label. All three people must stay linked in a chain, going to the next person.

7. This procedure continues until all people are part of the chain. Move around the space once with everyone on the chain and with everyone moving in their own way.
8. After moving all together, feel free to stop, switch labels or signs, and choose a new disciple.
9. After everyone has gotten the chance to be the disciple, talk about this game.
 - a. What was it like being the disciple?
 - b. What was it like to follow the disciple?
 - c. What was it like to try to stay connected even though everyone had their own way of moving? (Perhaps both challenging and fun!)
 - d. How does this game connect to real life? When we act as disciples, is it easy to keep moving the way we were moving at the beginning?
 - e. Even though it can be challenging to move with others when everyone is moving differently, it still spreads love and it's more fun to have others with you!
 - f. When we played this game, we kept adding more people and more ways of moving to our chain. How is this like our church community? Is our community filled with people who are exactly the same? No! Each person brings their own talents to our group, which makes us stronger and more diverse.
 - g. God gave each of us our own special talents. God made each of us unique. When we come together as a church community, we represent Jesus' community, here on earth!

Please share photos of your game with Andrea so that we can put them on the website!

