

Holy Cross Summer Fun 2020  
**GAME:**  
*Pope Francis Says*

**Materials Needed:**

- Children
- Some brainstormed creative faith actions
- Extra: a pope miter (or hat) made from cardboard or paper



**Procedure:**

*This game is "Simon Says" with a faith-themed twist.*

1. Explain to the children that the purpose of this game is to listen carefully to what "Pope Francis" says.
  - a. If the child chosen to be Pope Francis says the words, "Pope Francis says..." before the command of an action, then the children should follow the directions.
  - b. If the child chosen to be Pope Francis does not say the words, "Pope Francis says..." and instead simply gives a command for an action, then the children should not follow the directions.
  - c. Example:
    - i. "Pope Francis says touch your nose." (Kids should touch their nose.)
    - ii. "Hop up and down." (Kids should NOT hop.)
2. Choose one child to be Pope Francis. (If you have a dress up miter, please put this on the head of the "pope.")
3. The "pope" goes through a series of directions to the rest of the group, seeing if the group can listen carefully following the directions above.
4. After a few rounds, allow a new child to be the pope. Try to make sure that each child has the opportunity to be the pope.
5. After everyone has gotten the chance to be the pope, talk about this game.
  - a. What was it like being the pope?
  - b. What was it like to follow the pope?
  - c. Who is our pope in real life?
  - d. How does this game connect to real life? Are we supposed to listen to our pope?



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

## **Pope Francis:**



**Pope Francis LOVES getting to visit with children!**

**If you'd like to write to our pope, he would love to hear from you!  
Write to:**

**His Holiness Pope Francis  
00120 Vatican City**