

# Bible Game Time or Mom, Can we stay just a few more minutes?

Nothing gets the kids more excited about STAYING & wanting to come back next week like Bible Game Time.

When they leave, you want them to “want more time to stay.” We frequently hear: Do we have to go now? Mom, Can we stay just a few more minutes? Bible Game Time follows right after the Salvation Presentation until every child is GONE from the room. Here are a few easy ones:

## LIZARDS and BOOT TOSS:

YOUNG Children ages 4-6 classrooms. You need an old pair of cowboy boots and dime store package of lizards. Children line up to toss a lizard into the boot. If they succeed they get a small piece of candy or prize. This game is good for pre-programs [that is, when you have the kids from check-in until start time] as well, that is, while you are waiting for church to start and the kids are already in your room. **[Borrowed from friend, Sally Blair]**



## UP or DOWN:

For 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Buy pieces of flannel in 3 colors from the crafts department and cut into smaller squares. Use stick on numbers/letters [ buy good quality or they will come off; mine have last over 10 years with heavy usage & were purchased at Staples]. My flannel board is home made from a piece of BIG Foam Board and heavy flannel stretched over it and secured with Duct Tape on the back. [ yep.]. With ONE Color cut 12 squares; then label the backs as follows: 5 will say GIRLS and 5 will say BOYS and 2 will say YES. Take another color and do the same. For the third color cut 12 squares and label as follows: 10; 20; 30; 40; 50; 60; 70; 80; 90; 100; and TWO more that each say Your choice or I used a big ? mark in place of words. You now have 36

pieces. On the flannel board in random order place the pieces as you see in the picture, only using all of the pieces. The girls were setting up the game here. The numbered set is in the middle row. I also use a white board to KEEP SCORE. Someone always wants to help and keep score 😊. Now you are ready to play. I keep the pieces in a plastic container or a big plastic baggy for easy storage & travel.

**Game rules & objective:** TWO teams are playing. Since we often have an odd number of boys/girls I have labeled my pieces with a G or a B only so I can have team names by dividing the room into two sections such as G for Goat Ropers and B for Bull Riders.

Have questions preprinted on a sheet of paper that you can use. DO NOT USE QUESTIONS THAT WILL embarrass your first timers or children that do not come often. Questions can be about today's message or doctrine in general. *A word of caution: Sometimes your game helpers will give wrong answers so if you have someone that is new to the faith helping, do them a favor and write down the answers.*

Let's Play: A team begins by answering a question then sends the person that answered to the game board where they FIRST choose one of the middle pieces. This determines how many POINTS they are playing for. Then they must choose either the piece UP or the piece DOWN from that particular square. This is where the fun begins because you don't know if you are playing for your team or the other until that square is picked after you have points in hand.

When you pick a middle square that does not have numbers on it but rather has a ? mark or choice written on it the player get to choose points to play for like 10, 20,.....all the way to 100. Thing is, you do not know which team you are risking the points for yours or the competition until you pick the UP or DOWN piece after you have decided on points.

If the player picks an UP or DOWN that says YES on it; then the team at the board gets the point.

End of game when all pieces are picked and winning team gets to choose from goody box or candy bag. **[This game has been around for many years in different forms so credit goes to just "word of mouth".]**

### SKITTLES or CIRCLES GAME:



Using the same homemade flannel board as in the previous game, I have cut out 3 to 4 inch size circles [your preference] in five different colors cutting 12 of each color. One size stays blank; on the hidden side place numerals [I use the vinyl big ones & they last forever] 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 8, 9 & 10. On the last two circles put GO on one of them and a BIG X on the other. This will give you 5 colors with 12 circles each to place on the board face down.

Have someone keep score. We use a white erase board so the teams can keep up. Divide class into two teams. Have a pre-written set of questions.

A team member answers a question. The participant goes to the board to earn points for the team by picking circles. Each circle's numbers keep adding up as the participant keeps picking up circles. But if an X is picked up then ALL the points in that particular round are LOST to the team. If the person picks the word "GO" then the next pick counts double. The participant must decide when to STOP picking up numbers in order to KEEP the points earned. The teams get into yelling and pointing and "helping" really quickly trying to get their representative to STOP or GO.

Summation of points: Pick a circle[x]= Get the points and keep the points UNLESS you pick up a "X" and lose all from that turn. Pick "Go" and double points next pick. Pick "X" and lose all points from this round. You can continue to choose points/circles as long as you DARE! Winning team gets a small prize. **[This is in an old book; used it for about 20 years; works great!]**

### TIC-TAC-TOE LIVE:

This is played much like the old Hollywood Squares game that was on television for many years.

It is easy to make; easy to carry/store; easy to play.

You need 3 chairs. Three participants are capable of standing behind 3 chairs to form the TOP ROW. Three participants are capable of sitting the chairs to make the MIDDLE ROW. Three participants are capable of kneeling or sitting on the floor in front of the three chairs to form the BOTTOM ROW. Thus you have a LIVING Tic-Tac-Toe Board.

You need a set of questions. You need two teams.

Make cardboard playing pieces from pre-cut colored poster board. These are easily found in Staples or Dollar General type stores. Mark 5 cards with big "X" and 5 cards with a big "O". These will be in the student's hands that end up being on the LIVE board. On poster/cardboard that will be face-down for a student to take from a pile write the following:



- Left Column
- Center Column
- Center Row
- Right Column
- Back Row
- Front Row
- Your Choice [ Write this on 3 ]

These will determine the position the student takes on the LIVE game board.

How to play: Ask a question to a team [next time alternate to the other team]. When a student answers correctly from Team One; then the student takes the "O" or "X" that represents his team. Then he must pick up a game card which will give him the options he has for finding a position on the LIVE board.

Often we play 2 out of 3 wins to determine a winning team. [This is in an old book; used it for about 20 years; works great!]

## WHAT'S BEHIND THE DOOR?



### This is absolutely the BEST GAME ever!!!!

Use either poster board or foam board. I use foam board because it will stand up stiff and is reusable a lot longer than the poster board. Divide the board into squares. I use about 24, that is 6 across and 4 down. In the square write a question or something to do and then cover it with scrap paper that cannot be seen through. I use everything from construction paper to brown paper from grocery sacks. On the paper write random numbers. It's more fun if they are not in order.

This is NOT a team game. I have used it for 25+ years and every generation has LOVED it.

I ask for the first hand up on the count of 3. Then that person gets to pick a number. We remove the

cover which has been held on with scotch-tape so it is easily removable. Then the student sees what is behind the cover and must answer the question or do the task. Then the student may pick out of my Goody Box.

We teach doctrine with this board! We have an enormous amount of fun! And the kids do NOT want to go home.

Here are some examples of what to put behind the doors:

- How many ways to Heaven?
- Tell me ONE thing you heard from the lesson today?
- What is the name of our puppet?
- Free Space.
- Jesus is coming back:
  - A... On a Sunday Morning
  - B... On an Easter Sunday
  - C...On a Christmas Day
  - D...We don't know what day for sure, but anytime now.
- What is the name of this church?
- The term "Trinity" is not in the Bible. But the Bible explains that God has three parts.
  - God the Father
  - God the Son
  - God the \_\_\_\_\_
- Find someone wearing cowboy boots.