

## INTRO Games

*Quick & needing very low explanation –no need to get kids to sit first – just get into it! 5 mins max!*

- Octopus / Chain Tips
- Red Light Green Light / Mr Wolf
- Crocodile Crocodile
- Matrix find people who... (requires textas n paper)
- Poison Ball
- Mouse Trap (Circle, music stops get caught you're out)
- Musical Statues/Pancakes
- Animal Sounds, with eyes closed, find partners

## ORGANISED Games

*Games that need some pre-thought & organisation, are creative, and have a bit of wow-factor! 😊 15 mins!*

- GIANT Move If** (sitting in a circle, with one person in the middle, say “move if...eg: you have a sister” and all those with a sister move to a spare seat. Someone misses out, and gets asked a question about their sister etc.)
- Giant Chair Crossing Troubled Waters** (if your group is big enough, you could get two teams and three chairs, and you have to get the team to stand on the chairs and move to the other side of the room, without touching the crocodile infested waters!)
- GIANT Sock Wrestle** (A fun gross game where you have some footy socks brought in from home, or use the childrens, and they have to without shoes on, wrestle to get the other child's sock off while defending theirs – can play in teams)
- GIANT Animal Chaos** - Close eyes & make animal noise and find partner across the other side of the room without looking etc Mix this game with getinto groups of \_\_\_\_, and Knots.
- Dodge Ball 2 Teams** – hit the chair. Alternative. Get the ball over the opposition and they catch it, and they return to their side. Other alternatives.
- Musical Chairs twist** - get on a chair, with removing amount of chairs. Alternative is where you can have one person sitting on another to stay in. Keep those who get out in, by getting them to run around an even wider circle from the chairs, maybe around cones!
- Pizza Tray Game with random objects!** (Knock off the other persons “tray” while defending your own (tray can be a book / hat / ball / box etc). Numbers and Teams required. Call out number)
- Noodle Hockey.** Lots of variations. Ball sizes, numbers, teams 4 with 4 goals in square shape? Scoreboard, cheering, textas etc
- Fruit Salad** (On the ground feet to feet in pairs, given a fruit name and when called out, you have to jump over legs and around and sit back down – play in teams – and be careful!)
- Ultimate Scissors Paper Rock** (find a partner and challenge them to best of three, then move onto a next winner. The loser becomes a cheer squad for winner – see who ultimate champion is. This one gets loud the bigger the group!) Alternative – Evolution style – with dinosaurs. Another alternative is Tabby's Relay race balls get. Two groups run in to middle and contest and winner moves forward. Can use Hoops to slow it down, or just run and meet. Nice.
- Midnight.** (Circle, cones, numbers, race around, grab cone in middle)
- Cat n Mouse** (Link arms in pairs and find other cats, then one takes off as new running away from dog person)
- Orange Shoulder**
- Gotcha!**
- King Caratacus!**
- Capture the Flag outside**
- Fresha / Snatch**
- Soccer outside**
- Pictionary in groups relay. Or Charades Teams**
- Scissors Paper Rock relay races (Tabby)**
- relay running from back of hall.
- Water bomb games outside**

- ✓ Try not to let kids get out and get bored. Find ways of including everyone **all the time**.
- ✓ Think of a **variety** of games - active / strategy / team / challenge / skill / Drama
- ✓ To be creative and add an xtra wow factor, think how you might **add a twist** to the original game to make it even funner!
- ✓ Kids like friendly competition, so remember to use teams and even a **Scoreboard** to help.
- ✓ Think about how you will explain the game clearly. <TICK> Involve the other leaders too. <TICK> No Mafia! Kids games pls

## SMALL GROUP Games

*After Praying, a short and fun game to enjoy time together. Not too hard.*

*Don't teach during this time. No link required - although it can*

- Death Stare / Screaming Toes** (Standing in circle, look at someone's feet, look up and if looking at you, dramatically die!)
- "I'm a tree" Drama game** (see below for instructions)
- Spoons** (Some groups might play a quick card game. Memory is another good one.)
- Move If** (sitting in a circle, with one person in the middle, say "move if...eg: you have a sister" and all those with a sister move to a spare seat. Someone misses out, and gets asked a question about their sister etc)
- Cross the Circle with Blind Fold** (an alternative to 'move if' – 'cross the circle if'. Place someone in the middle with blind fold to tag them etc. Try and get them to go fast, but not allowed to touch anyone else.)
- Personal / Pair / Fours Challenges** (Challenges to do in pairs/fours etc. Close one eye, then touch fingers together in front of you. Stand on one leg, push your opponent over, if fall over or put other leg down you lose. Thumb wrestle. Under and over with a person (like tunnel ball) etc)
- Elephant and the Flea** (choose an action and an animal and in a circle, try to get the Elephant out when chant begins of own animal and action, and then freely choose another person's animal and action. Move up a seat and animal and action when someone does their action or animal wrong)
- Get Hoola Hoop around circle.** (In a circle join hands with 2 hoola hoops in the link, move them around to the other side – see which side wins.)
- Sock Wrestle** (A fun gross game where you have some footy socks brought in from home, or use the childrens, and they have to without shoes on, wrestle to get the other child's sock off while defending theirs – can play in teams)
- Who are you Matix game** (print off things about people in a table of 9 or 16 squares, and you have to see if you can find people in your group who the thing is true, for Example: Someone who has a brother. Who lives in Wanniasa. Who has been to another country. Etc)
- Mini Move If...**
- Bottom Shuffle**
- Rock, Bridge, Cactus Relay** - 4 kids race, get different kids to do different things - 4 goes for example
- Name on back Game** - Find out what name's on your back, no one allowed to tell you. Write on board once you think you know.
- Name and Hobby charades**, cut written down hobbies, pick one, and act them out as charades and kids have to guess
- Names on Dice** Place names of your 6 kids on a dice & play a game of something / ask Questions of Bible / Get to know you Q's etc.
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- ✓ Remember the aim of FISH and therefore Small Groups: Introduce these kids to King Jesus so they might come to a saving and following knowledge of Him! ie Help them in their faith in Jesus, not just to build relationships and have a positive Christian experience. ;) *Many Prayers.*

