

Through the Door Relay

Materials

- 2 chairs
- 1 broom/sheet
- 1 bin of plastic or stuffed animals
- Bin/bucket for each team
- Masking tape
- Optional: spray bottle with water

Instructions

Use tape to mark a start line. Lay the broom across the two chairs to create a "door" in the middle of the room. You may want to secure the broom with tape so it won't roll off or use a sheet draped over the tops of the chairs instead. The door should be wide enough for only one student to pass through at a time. Place the bin with animals across the room. Place a bin or bucket at the start line next to each team. (See diagram for setup.)

Divide students into teams. If you have more than two teams, use an even number of teams and make another "door" for each additional two teams.

Explain to students that they'll be racing to collect animals, pass through the "door" of the Ark, and place their animal safely in the bin before the Flood comes.

The first person in each team will run straight to the bin of animals without going through the "door," grab one animal, and race back to their team, passing through the "door" between the two chairs and under the broom. The race to the door is important since only one student may pass through at a time. Once they cross the start line and place their animal in their team's bin/bucket, the next person on their team goes. The first team to have every member collect an animal, pass through the door, and place it in their bin wins. If they drop their animal, they must go back to get it.

Option 1: If you don't have animals, just run the relay going across the room and back through the door to tag the next person in line.

Option 2: Have a teacher/assistant stand on the far side of the room and use a spray bottle to squirt water on the students as they try to collect the animals and escape back through the door.

Suggested Discussion

In our race today, we could only fit one person through the door at a time, which made it hard to go quickly. But Jesus invites all people to be saved. Those who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus' death and Resurrection can enter through the "door" to be saved. But there is no shortcut or other way to have our sins forgiven. Jesus is the ONLY door.

