



LOW-ENERGY GAME

Price It Right

[10 min]

Supplies

- random objects such as a stapler, coffee mug, sheet of stickers, book, snack pack of crackers, bottle of water, and other easily accessible objects (1 set of 15 random objects for every 5 kids)
- sticky notes
- pen

Easy Prep

- For each set of supplies you gather, create a “cheat sheet” for yourself with a list of the supplies and how much each item costs. You can give your best guess for costs or do some quick online searches to get the average current cost for each item.
- Line up each set of supplies on the floor at one end of your play area. Space the sets of items a few feet apart so it’s clear where each set ends and another begins.
- For each set of supplies, create a set of price tags by writing on each sticky note a price that corresponds to an item in the set. Shuffle the price tags into a random order.

Tip

- Have fun with your role as the game show host today to help kids imagine they’re taking on a game show challenge.

Play a Game Show–Style Pricing Game

Say: **In the Bible, we read about how King Saul’s life mattered to David even when it seemed like Saul probably didn’t deserve David’s compassion. David chose to value Saul’s life because God valued Saul.**

Let’s dig more into what *value* means with a great game where you’ll try to guess the value of a bunch of things.

Hold a pen like a microphone. Change your voice to sound like a hammy game show host; get into character so kids will notice the change. **Welcome to Price It Right—a game show to show what you know!**

- Form teams of five, and have each team take its place near a set of supplies on the floor.
- Teammates will look through their price tags and decide which price they think belongs to each item.
- You’ll call out (in your game-showiest voice), “Price it right!” and one person from each team (the Guesser) can place a price tag where the team thinks it belongs in its series of supplies.
- Check each team’s guess, and for correct tags, congratulate the Guessers with a “You priced it right!” For incorrect guesses say, “Price check on [name the item],” and have the Guesser return the price tag to the pile.
- Continue like this with teammates taking turns placing the price tags until a team has correctly guessed where all its price tags go.
- Wrap up by thanking everyone for playing Price It Right.

Talk About It

Ask: • **How did your team decide which price you thought went with each item?**

Say: **You *evaluated* each item—you came up with what you thought each thing was worth based on what you could see. And some items had more value than others.**

Ask: • **What are ways we evaluate people? This might include things we can see about a person's appearance or qualities we can see, like *friendliness*.**

Say: **We might value people differently, but God values people all the same. Point to the sets of supplies. **If these were all different people instead of things, we might still have different values for each person, but God would value each person as *priceless*—so valuable that there can't be a price. When we see people through God's eyes, it changes the way we treat each other.****



TALK-ABOUT VIDEO The Chance for Revenge

[10 min]

Supplies

- “The Chance for Revenge” teaching video

Discuss and Watch “The Chance for Revenge”

Say: **In today’s Bible story, David had the chance to get back at Saul. Saul was chasing David and trying to kill him—and a lot of people who were in David’s shoes would’ve wanted revenge.**

Ask: • **Tell about a time you wanted a chance to take revenge on someone.** Share your own story first, demonstrating how to avoid mentioning any names.

Say: **Let’s watch some pets and see what happened when they faced a situation similar to the one David and Saul were in.**

Watch “The Chance for Revenge”

Ask: • **What do you think about the way Lexy treated Spike?**

• **What do you think of Marty the fish’s advice to Spike?**

• **What can you learn from the way Spike—and David—treated their enemies?**

• **How is this story like David and Saul’s?**

Say: **Marty suggested that Spike could hurt Lexy with his quills. That’s kind of like David’s army suggesting David kill Saul. But instead, Spike found a way to make peace by showing Lexy he *wouldn’t* hurt her, even if he could. Spike showed that he valued a friendship with Lexy more than revenge, and David showed that he valued Saul’s life more than he wanted revenge. God values people, so we value people...even if we have a chance for revenge.**



DEEPER BIBLE How Can I Value Someone Who Bugs Me?

[15 min]

Supplies

- Bibles
- individually wrapped pieces of candy (1 per child)

Bug Somebody

Say: **You know what's annoying? The copycat game. You know, when someone just repeats everything you say. I'm sure you've done this before to tease or bug someone! Let's play that game now. The only extra rule is that you have to stop when I say the game is over.**

Have kids form pairs. In pairs, one person will be Partner A and the other will be Partner B.

Direct Partner A to speak while Partner B copies everything that's said.

After about a minute, have kids find new partners. If kids were a Partner A in the first pair, they should be looking for a new Partner B and vice versa.

With their new partners, let Partner B speak while Partner A copies everything.

Tell kids to stop copying each other when the game is over.

Ask: • **How does it feel when someone does this in real life?**

• **What other things do people do that annoy you?**

Say: **Saul was more than a little annoying to David: He was trying to kill him! You hopefully don't have someone as bad as Saul in your life, but we all have people we'd like to get away from. Those people are hard to value. How can we value people who bug us? Let's dig in to that.**

Dig Deeper

Say: **The first thing to consider when we're having a hard time valuing someone is the way God values people. It might seem odd to think of people annoying God, but the Bible says we were God's enemies! Let's see how he showed value when we were his enemies.**

Read Romans 5:10.

Ask: • **How does this show the way God values people?**

Say: **Go back to your second partner from the copycat game. Take turns telling your partner one reason God values him or her.**

Ask: • **How did it feel to hear why you're valuable to God?**

Say: **When we recognize that God values people, so we value people, God often lets us see how valuable we are to him.**

Let's look at another part of the Bible where Jesus talked about several ways to value someone who bugs us. Listen for what you can learn about how to value other people.

Read Matthew 5:38-48, and have kids follow along in their Bibles. (You may need to help kids find the passage.)

Ask: • **What can you learn from these verses about ways to show that you value other people?**

Say: **Jesus said we can value people who bug us by giving generously to them, loving them, and praying for them! Let's try that now. Pick one of those things, and see if you can put it into action with your copycat partner.**

Allow time for kids to be creative about how to give, show love, or pray for their partners.

Say: **When someone is bugging us, sometimes we want revenge.**

Ask: • **Tell about a time you wanted to get revenge. Share your own example first, without naming names.**

Say: When David had the chance to take revenge, he spared Saul's life. David showed that he valued Saul. Let's see what the Bible says about revenge.

Read Romans 12:19-20.

Ask: • How could you follow these verses when you want to get revenge?

Say: In the copycat game, people sometimes try to flip it so that they end up copying the person who is copying them. That's kind of like getting revenge. But these verses say we can take care of the needs of people who bug us instead! We can help them!

Since these verses say to feed our enemies, you're going to feed the person who bugged you earlier. I'm going to give you each a piece of candy, and you'll give it to whichever partner copied you. As you do, say, "God values you, and so do I."

Distribute candy, and have kids give it to their Copiers.

Say: Remember, the next time someone is bugging you, take action! Pray for that person, give generously, offer help, show love, and see that person through God's eyes. God values people, so we value people by treating them the way he does.



LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

Value Prayers

[5 min]

Share and Pray

- Have kids form groups of four.
- In their groups, have kids tell about ways people have shown they value them.
- Next, have kids show value for each other by praying for one another. Each child in a group will get a turn to be the “Pray-ee.” The other three kids (the “Pray-ers”) will pray for the Pray-ee, thanking God for how he created that person.
- Kids can also pray a blessing over the Pray-ee. For example, kids could pray, “May God show you his love this week,” or “May God give you peace this week.”
- Make an announcement periodically to switch Pray-ees so that each child gets a turn.

Wrap Up

Pray: **God, thank you for valuing every person in this room. Thank you that you value people. Help us value people the way you do. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.



ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT

Capture the Cup

[10 min]

Supplies

- “David Values Saul's Life” Activity Page
- pompoms (16 per child, in 2 different colors)
- disposable cups (2 per child)
- crayons
- tissue paper

Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: **God values people**, so David valued Saul's life. He didn't hurt Saul, but he took some of his things to show he *could* have hurt him and chose to be kind instead.

One of the things David took was Saul's cup. Let's see if you can capture the cup in this game.

Distribute the activity pages, cups, and pompoms. Kids will form pairs and play a simplified version of Checkers using the directions on the handout.

Ask: • **How would you say you treated your partner in this game?**

Explain your answer.

• **What can you learn about how to value people from David?**

Say: **We played a friendly game where we tried to take each other's cups. But in the Bible, Saul wasn't being friendly at all. He was trying to kill David! David chose kindness instead. Even when other people are mean, God values people. So we can value them, too.**

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **God values people. That's why David valued Saul! Let's color David taking just a tiny piece of Saul's robe.**

Allow time for kids to color the picture. Then kids can glue a small piece of tissue paper to the fabric David is holding.