

Table Games for PreK

Bean Bag Toss Game

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Supplies: Bean bag or matching game

What To Do: Encourage kids to take turns tossing 3-4 bags each into the holes. Ask kids to step back and let another kid try to toss the bags in the hole. Cheer for each other in between. Encourage those who have a difficult time throwing it and making it in. Find something else to celebrate.

Keep It Going: This is a great activity to do in small groups of 3-4 kids each.

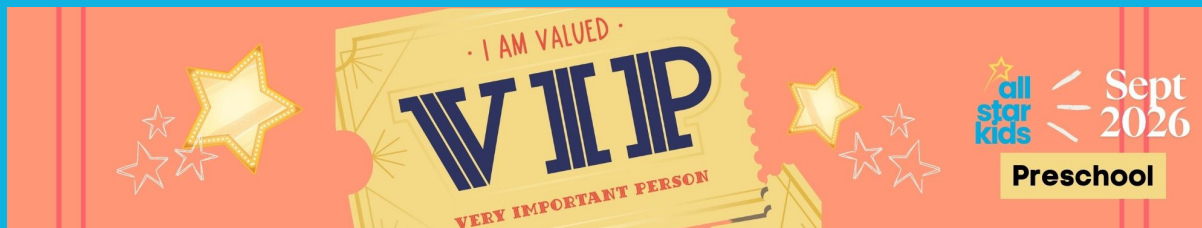
Connect It: You guys did such a great job cheering for each other. Doing it with our friends helps us know each other better and helps us learn from each other by taking turns.

Group Building Sets

Supplies: building set for 5-6 kids per table

What to Do: Before you gather the kids, spread out the building supplies on the tables. Encourage kids to work together to build something big and beautiful, like God's creations.

Connect It: "Humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b. How can building with blocks or sticks show us God and how he sees each of us? What does it show you about details? What does it show you about someone else? What does it show you about mistakes or mess-ups? What does it show you about the possibility for God to know more than we do?



PreK Social- September 6

Celebration Line

Preschoolers will take turns doing simple actions on a taped line while the group cheers for them.

Leader Prep: Place a strip of painter's tape on the floor.

Supplies: Painter's tape (1 per group), Music and music player

Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, place a strip of painter's tape on the floor.
2. Invite preschoolers to form a line behind the taped line.
3. Play music in the background as preschoolers do different "celebration movements."
4. Guide preschoolers to walk up to the tape, one at a time, and do a fun, simple action (wave, make a silly face, dance, clap hands, spin, and so on).
5. Invite other preschoolers watching to cheer for their friends as they do their celebration movements.

What To Do: Today we are going to do an activity called "Celebration Line!" Can you say, "Celebration Line"? (*Celebration Line!*) Great! When it is your turn, you are going to walk up to the line and do something fun—maybe wave, spin, or make your silliest face! Can you show me your silly faces? (*Allow preschoolers to show their silly faces.*) Those are some silly faces! While you do your awesome moves, we will cheer for you. If you are ready, let me hear you say, "Celebration!" (*Celebration!*) Let's give our first friend a big cheer!

Keep It Going: Let preschoolers choose a partner to do an action as a pair, such as clapping together or doing a silly pose.

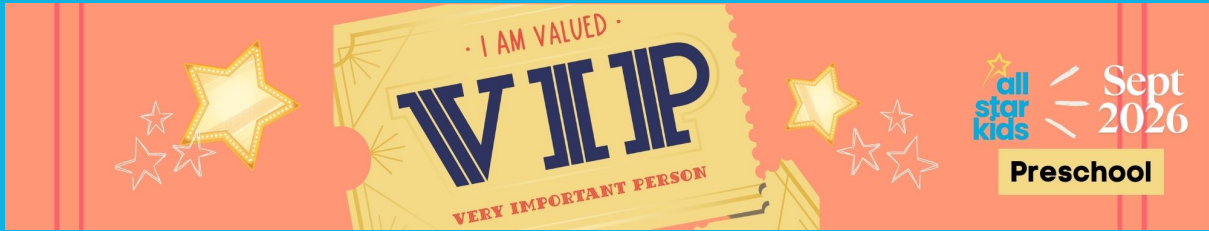
Leader Tip: If a child feels nervous, let him copy a simple action you model first. Consider playing the instrumental version of this month's Theme song. It can be downloaded from Advance Planning in the Optional Session Tools folder to your device.

Connect It: Wow! We did a great job with our celebration movements. It was so much fun to celebrate with our friends. God made each of you special, and I am so glad we get to learn together today!

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

Set out coloring sheets and crayons on a table. Share crayons and conversations as preschoolers color.



PreK Social- September 6

Welcome Walk

Preschoolers will walk around the room and move toward the closest emoji face card when a leader says, "Welcome!"

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Place the pictures around the room.

Supplies: "Welcome Walk" printable (1 per group)

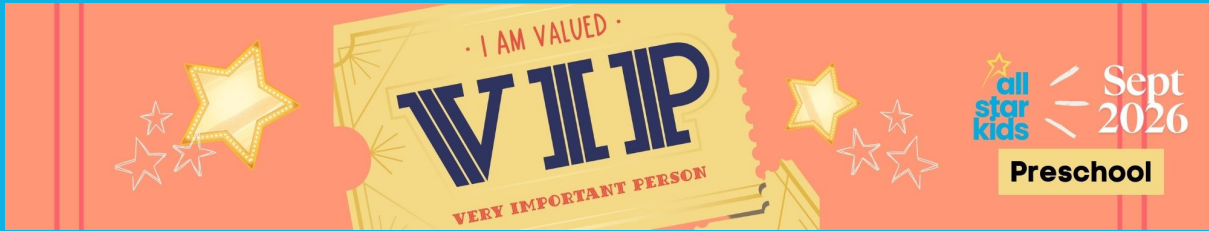
Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Welcome Walk" printables, one set per group. Place the pictures around the room.
2. Invite preschoolers to walk around the room.
3. When a leader says, "Welcome!" guide preschoolers to move to the closest emoji picture and make the face of the emoji.

What To Do: Let's play a game called "Welcome Walk!" What is the game called? (*Welcome Walk!*) You got it! In this game we will move around the room. When I say, "Welcome!" you will walk to the closest emoji picture and make the same face—Then we will count down from three and say, "Welcome!" to each other. Let's practice that. Ready? "3-2-1 Welcome!" Great job! Jesus welcomed all the children in our Bible story today because He valued them; they were special and important to Him. Today we get to practice welcoming each other. Ready to play? (*Allow responses.*) Let's start walking.

Keep It Going: Call out different ways to move when moving to the closest emoji—walk like a robot, hop like a bunny, or waddle like a penguin.

Loud And Clear: In our Bible story, Jesus welcomed every child with love. He wanted them to come to Him. When we welcome each other, we remember that Jesus values us! Repeat after me. Jesus (*Jesus*) values (*values*) me! (*me!*)



PreK Social- September 13

Pass the Celebration

Preschoolers will pass an object around the circle and speak kind words to one another.

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Supplies: Plush toy or soft ball (1 per group)

What To Do: Hi, friends! My name is ____, and I am so excited we are here together! Let's sit in a circle and play a celebration game. As more friends come in, we will scoot back and make room for them to join us. We will pass this ball/toy around the circle. When you are holding the ball, pass it to a friend and say something kind like, "I am glad you are here," or "You are my friend." This is important because we will all get a chance to welcome our friends and remind them that they belong in our group. If you need help, I will help you think of something to say. As we pass the ball around and welcome each other, we are celebrating that each person is here today. Let's pass the celebration!

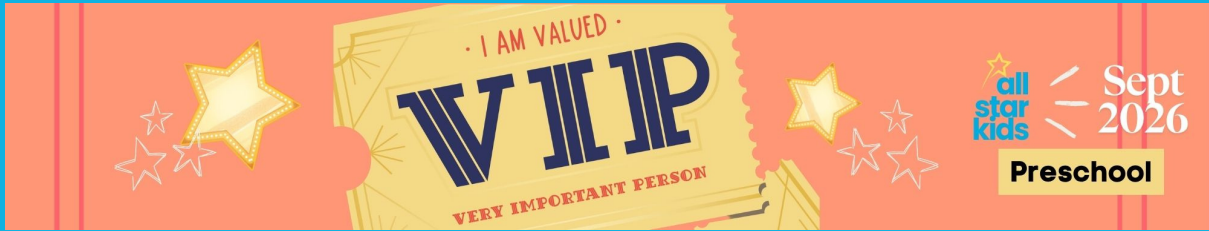
Keep It Going: Invite preschoolers to switch spots in the circle and play again.

Connect It: When we use kind words, we help our friends feel like they are part of our team. Celebrating each other helps everyone feel like they belong. Thank you for helping make this a welcoming place for your friends. You all did such a good job helping each other belong. This is something you can do anywhere you go. When you are at the library, at the playground, or even at home with friends, you can use kind words, welcome them, and show them that they belong.

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

Set out coloring sheets and crayons on a table. Share crayons and conversations as preschoolers color.



PreK Social- September 13

Party Hat Relay

Preschoolers will race to put on party hats and celebrate with friends.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Place party hats on one side of the room.

Supplies: Party hats (2-4 per group)

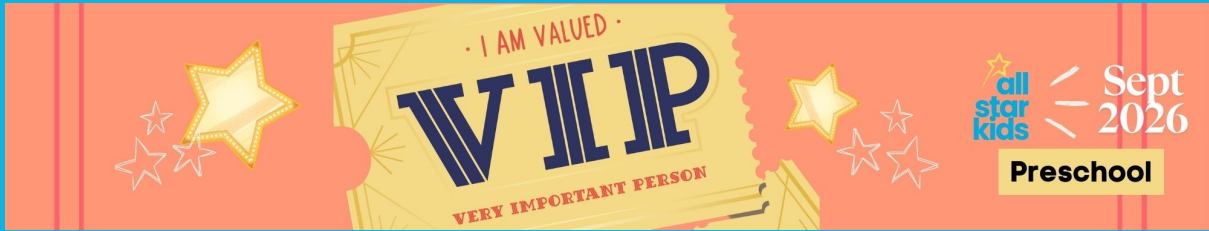
Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, place party hats on one side of the room.
2. Form two groups of preschoolers. Encourage them to line up across from the party hats.
3. Instruct one child at a time from each team to run to the other side of the room, put on a party hat, cheer, then take it off and return to the line.
4. Continue until each child has a turn.
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What To Do: We are going to play a party game. This game is called "Party Hat Relay!" Can you say that with me? "Party Hat Relay!" Great! We will form two teams and line up on one side of the room. When it is your turn, you will run to your team's party hat, put it on, and give a big cheer like "Hooray!" or "Yay! I'm so excited!" Then you will take the hat off and run back so the next friend can go. Let's cheer loudly for all of our friends.

Keep It Going: As you play different rounds, change how you want preschoolers to cheer when they put on party hats. Invite them to clap their hands five times, jump up and down three times, or shout a specific phrase.

Loud And Clear: Our Super Clue is a party hat. Let's count down from three and all say, "Party hat." Ready? "3-2-1 Party hat!" Way to go! A party hat is fun to wear when you are celebrating someone special. God made us, and we are valuable and special to Him. God celebrates us when we start a friendship with Him. Let's all say, **"God celebrates me!"** together. Ready? **"God celebrates me!"** Great job!



PreK Social- September 20

Jump Together

Preschoolers will take turns jumping as far as they can and cheer each other as they take their turns.

Leader Prep: Make a starting line on the floor using painter's tape. Make additional parallel lines after the starting line approximately 6 inches apart.

Supplies: Painter's tape (1 per group)

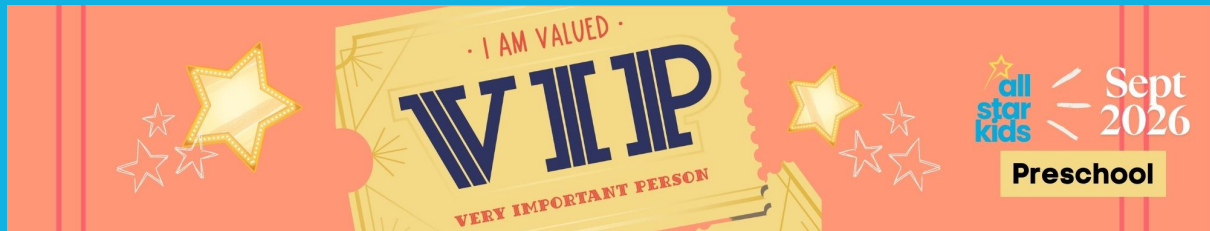
Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, make a starting line on the floor using painter's tape. Make additional parallel lines after the starting line approximately 6 inches apart.
2. Invite preschoolers to line up at the starting line.
3. Explain that on their turn, preschoolers will jump as far as they can. After they jump, everyone will count how many lines they jumped over and celebrate together.

What To Do: Hi, friends! I am so glad you are here today! My name is ____, and we are going to play a game together. Our game is called "Jump Together." Can you say that with me? "Jump Together!" Great! Let's take a look at the floor. What do you see on the floor? (*Lines of tape!*) You are right. The first line of tape you see is our starting line. After that, there are more lines. Do you see the other lines? If you do, let me hear you say, "Yes!" (*Yes!*) Good! When it is your turn, you will jump and see how many lines you can jump over. As you take your turn, we will cheer for and celebrate you! After you take your turn, we will count all the lines that you went past and say, "Great job!" Let's try that cheer. Ready? "Great job!" Yeah! Don't worry if you can't jump that far. That is OK! Our game is all about fun, so if you want to take a big step and see how many lines you can step over on your turn, you can do that instead. We are going to have so much fun jumping, stepping, and celebrating each other.

Leader Tip: If a child is unable to jump or step, they can use their hands to see how many lines they can reach over, then the group can celebrate them.

Connect It: Way to go, everyone! Jumping and seeing how many lines we could get over was fun, but celebrating our friends was even more fun! Let's all tell each other, "Great job!" one more time. Ready? "Great job!" Wow! Way to go, team! When we celebrate each other, we show everyone that they belong and are a part of our team.



PreK Social- September 20

Choose Your Path

Preschoolers will move toy vehicles along paths.

Leader Prep: Make three paths on the floor using painter's tape: straight, zigzag, and looped.

Supplies: Painter's tape (1 per group), Toy vehicles (several)

Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, make three paths on the floor using painter's tape: straight, zigzag, and looped.
2. Guide preschoolers to set up a "parking lot" with vehicles.
3. Invite each preschooler to choose a vehicle and move it along one of the paths.

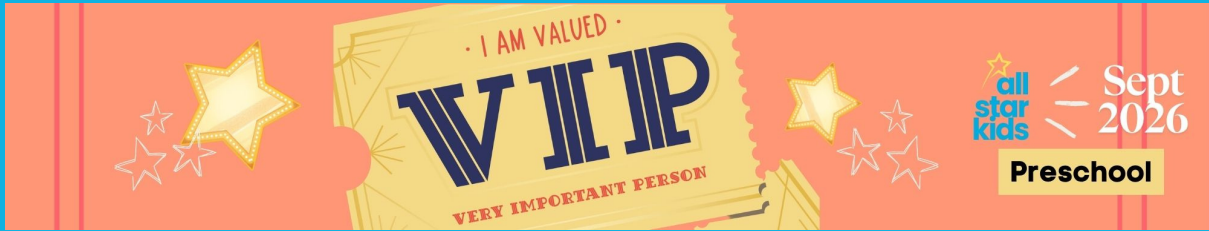
What To Do: We are going to play a game together called "Choose Your Path." Choose your what? (*Path!*) Excellent! In this game, you will choose two things. How many things will you choose? (*Two!*) Yes! First, you will choose which vehicle you want to drive. Next, you will choose the path where you want to "drive" your vehicle. Are you ready? Let's get started.

Loud And Clear: That was so fun! Does anyone remember what today's Super Clue is? Wheels! Yes! Wheels remind us of something special—that we have a special purpose. Just like wheels have a purpose to make things go and move, we have a special purpose too. God values us, and He made us on purpose.

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

Set out coloring sheets and crayons on a table. Share crayons and conversations as preschoolers color.



PreK Social- September 27

Pass the Box

Preschoolers will pass a box to friends and share kind words.

Big Goal: Share with friends.

Supplies: Lightweight box or soft cube (1 per group), Music and music player (1 per group)

Game Instructions:

1. Lead preschoolers to sit in a circle.
2. Begin passing the box around the circle as music plays.
3. Stop the music.
4. Guide the child holding the box to give it to another child and say something kind.

What To Do: Hi, friends! My name is ____, and I am so happy we are here today! Let's sit in a circle. We are going to play a game called "Pass the Box!" Let's say that together. "Pass the Box!" Great! In this game, we will pass this box (*display box*) around the circle as music plays. When the music stops, the friend holding the box will give it to someone else and say something kind such as, "I am glad you are here!" Then we will start playing the music and begin the game again. This is a fun way to practice sharing and being kind.

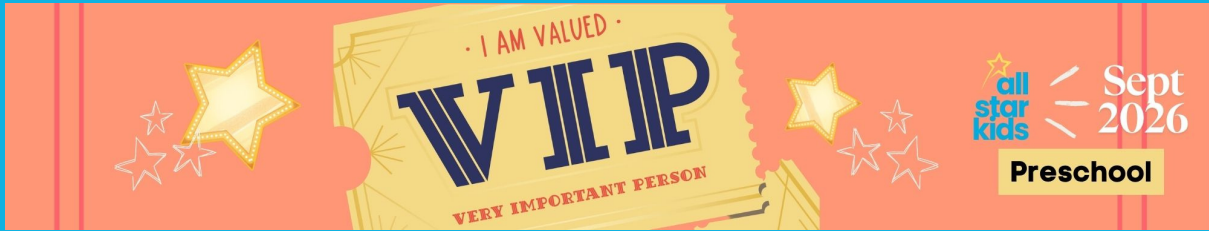
Leader Tips: Model kind words first so preschoolers feel confident sharing. Consider playing this month's Theme song. You can download it to your device from the Advance Planning section of Ministry Grid in the Optional Session Tools folder.

Connect It: When we share and use kind words, we help our friends feel welcome. Being kind helps everyone feel like they belong.

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

Set out coloring sheets and crayons on a table. Share crayons and conversations as preschoolers color.



PreK Social- September 27

Stop and Go

Preschoolers will use movement to show that new life in Jesus is exciting.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Supplies: No supplies needed

Game Instructions:

1. Guide preschoolers to stand.
2. Invite preschoolers to respond to directions a leader gives. When the leader says, "Stop," everyone will freeze. When the leader says, "Go," everyone will jump for joy and say, "New life in Jesus—hooray!"

What To Do: Friends, let's play a game together. Today's game is called "Stop and Go!" Can you say that with me? "Stop and Go!" Way to go! We are going to stand together and play a stop-and-go game. When I say, "Stop," everyone will freeze and not move. When I say, "Go," everyone will jump for joy. Then I will count down from three, and we will all say, "New life in Jesus—hooray!" as we move. Let's practice that now. Ready? 3-2-1! "New life in Jesus—hooray!" Awesome! Let's play!

Keep It Going: Invite preschoolers to lead the game by saying "stop" or "go."

Loud And Clear: Great job playing our game! In our Bible story we learned that God sent Jesus to give us new life, and that is so exciting! *New life* means that when we have a friendship with God, we live a different way. Instead of living the way we want to, we live a different way by believing and following Jesus. This game reminds us that life with Jesus is full of fun and joy. Jesus gives us new life, and that changes everything. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven when we ask. Knowing and following God is so exciting!