

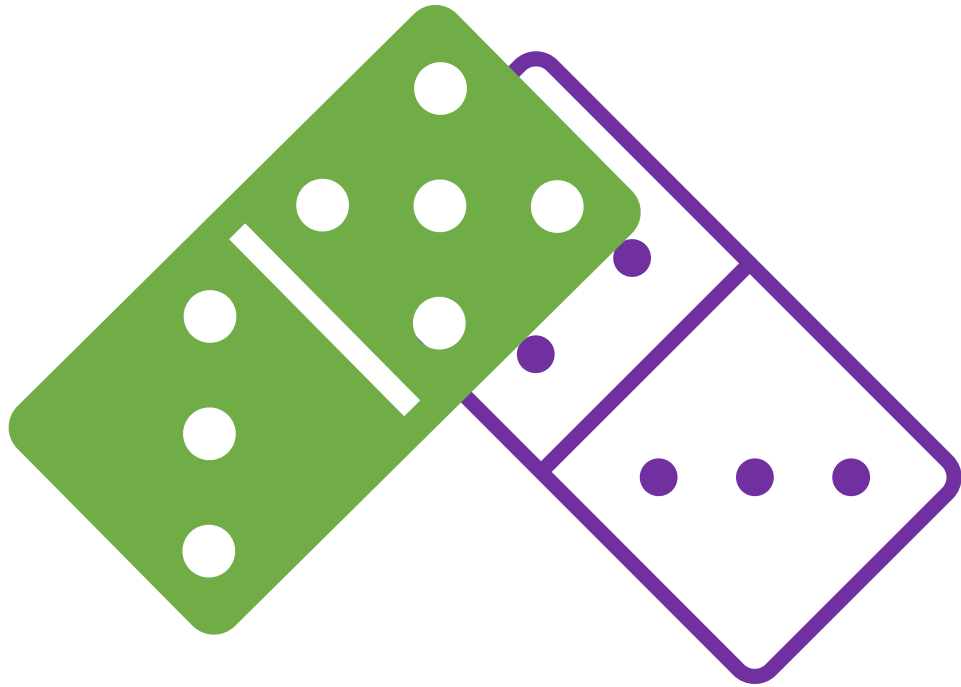
# I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus Dominoes

## How to Play:

- Sing through I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus once before introducing this activity.
- Show the children that you brought in something fun and different today! Show the children two ways they can hold onto the dominoes:
  - o Hold onto the slim edge and tap the dominoes straight together.
  - o Hold the number side on one end and tap the other ends together.
- Demonstrate how you'll use the dominoes to clack them together once per word by singing the first line or two of the song acapella and following the words.
- Did you notice how I only clacked the dominoes once on valiant and servants? Do you think you can try that with just one clack per word?
- Pass out 2 dominoes per child. Let them practice the first line with one clack per word with you before adding the piano accompaniment. Freeze! You did so good! Let's try it with the music!
- Sing through the song trying it once per word. Wow, you all did so good at that! Let's try it another way. Do you think you can follow the beat of the song? Let's tap with a steady beat like this.
- Demonstrate clacking with 4 per measure. Let them try with the first line of the song. Add music and sing through the entire song following the steady beat.
- Which pattern did you like better? One time per word or following the beat? Let's have this half of the room do words and this half do beat. Who can help me lead? Then swap sides.
- Okay, now I have one more really fun pattern to try! Did you notice that some of the words we hold for a long time? Let's tap as fast as we can, like this (demonstrate), whenever we get to one of those long notes! Let the kids try it out. Use either previous pattern and add the fast speed clacks to held notes. Or, do just the long notes!

## Extension Activities:

- As an alternate, you can use sand blocks instead. I was originally designing this lesson plan for using sand blocks, but I left all mine with the new music leader. So, impromptu I picked up two dominoes to practice a sand block pattern and this activity was born!
- Have half of the room pat instead and then see how you create a little band! Or, have 1/3 clap, 1/3 pat, and 1/3 use the dominoes to clack! Listen to all that wonderful noise!
- If you really want a challenge – split the room into 3 groups and have one clack on the word, one clack with the beat, and one clack only the long notes.
- Have the children work as a team clacking their dominoes together with each child holding just one domino. It will up the challenge and coordination!



**1. EVERY WORD**

**2. ON THE BEAT**

**3. LONG NOTES**



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