

Jesus Once Was a Little Child

Ancient Games

Play these fun games from ancient days
as a great way to sing through your song
with lots of repetition!

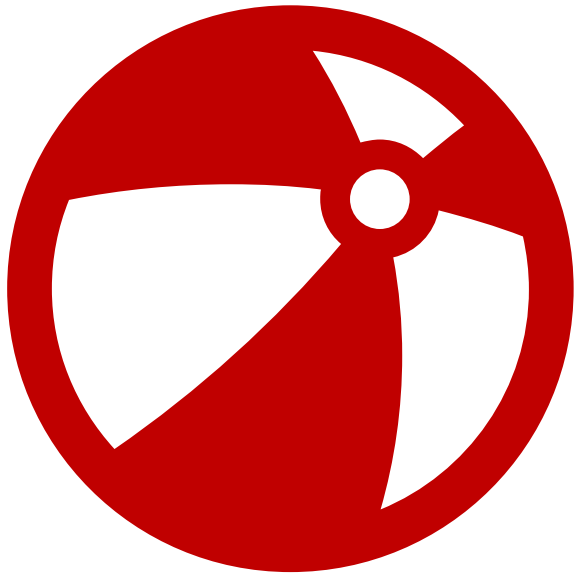
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Catch
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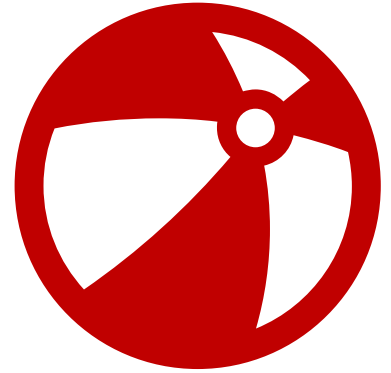


Foot
Races

Catch the Ball

Materials Needed:

- Hackey Sack or other small ball



How to Play:

Spread out in the Primary room or form a circle. Toss the ball to someone while singing. Can we make it through the song without the ball touching the ground? Choose a small bean filled ball, like a hackey sack, if possible, to be more authentic to the type of ball they would have used during Jesus' time.

- You can adapt this game to pause the music at random intervals and have the child holding the ball sing or say what work comes next! Then continue the music.
- Up the challenge by adding a 2nd or even 3 balls and see if your group can keep up with keeping all the balls off the ground.
- Pass the ball to the right around the circle on each new word. You can have each child holding the ball sing the next word if you are reviewing the song.

Foot Races

Materials Needed:

- Painters tape or masking tape



How to Play:

Let two children try a simple footrace. Tape a simple start and finish line using painters tape or masking tape onto the floor. Let them race just like children back in Christ's day would have enjoyed racing. Let the winner help you lead the song or pick a fun way to sing!

- You could up the foot race challenge and include more children by creating a relay style race or letting your runners pick a buddy. When they get to the finish line they will tag their friend and then they will run back from the finish to the start line.
- You could take the races outside and invite everyone to try their hand to run across the field as you sing through the song. Keep in mind temperatures outdoors and your building setup to ensure you have the space for this setup.



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