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**I**n all we do.

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**O**pen to others

**T**ogether as one community

**S**haring the love of Jesus on our way.

Amen

**Fun Together**

**Game**

**Mummy fun**

What you need: Toilet Rolls

Get the children into pairs and give each a roll of toilet paper. The aim of the game is get one off the pair to be a mummy and the other to make them so. Set all the pairs off at the same time and the first pair to completely cover their partner. (for older/bigger children they may need two rolls)

**Game**

What you need: Nothing

The game is another version of stuck in the mud.

Get the children to run around with one person being on and tag the other children once they are tagged they must lie down on the floor. To get the person back in the others need to kneel down next to them and say god be with you once they have they can be back in but they need to do this before they get tagged themselves.

**Game**

What you need:

**Today’s theme is**

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**Game 1: Leader of the Band**

What you need: A circle of chairs

Get the children to sit around in a circle either on chairs or on the floor. Send one of the children out of the room. Whilst the child is out of the room select a “BAND LEADER”: the aim of this person is to select an imaginary instrument to play (e.g. Trombone, Guitar, Trumpet etc). Once the child has started playing their imaginary instrument, the rest of the “THE BAND” (the other children) pretend to play the same instrument. Then invite the child who was outside back into the room.

The aim of the game is for the “BAND LEADER” to change the instrument that the band plays without the watcher spotting them.

**Game 2: Line up**

What you need: Nothing

Get the children to stand in a line. The aim of the game is for the group to line up in a specific order without anyone speaking. There can be a number of different topics that you could use, for example:

Age order

Favourite colour order (rainbow colour order – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

Shoe size order

Height order

Order of birth month

Etc

**Game 3: David says**

What you need: Nothing

This is the same as Simon says but just that it is David that is calling the shots in this game.

The leader calls out a series of instructions (e.g. hands on head, wiggle your foot etc) and models the action. If the leader prefaces the instruction with “David says…”, the children follow the instruction. If the leader omits to say “David says…”, the children should ignore the action and anybody doing it is then out.

If you want to make it a little more difficult you could use the names of Jesse’s other sons they were Eliab, Abinadab, Shamea, Nethanel, Raddai and Ozem, But David is the only one that they should follow.

**The Big Story**

**What you will need:**

Reader 1: So today we are going to speak about one of Jesus’ most amazing miracles.

Reader 2: What better than the making water into wine

Reader 1: yep

Reader 2: What better than the making a blind man see?

Reader 1: Yes

Reader 2: Well it can’t be much better than making a paralysed man walk…!

Reader 1: yes

Reader 2: next thing you will be telling me is that he brought someone back form the dead

Reader 1: …(stop and raise your eyebrows)

Reader 2: Noooooo! Tell me about it.

Reader 1: So here’s what happened. Jesus had three friends Mary, Martha who were sisters and their brother Lazarus. (Get three children top be Martha, Mary and Lazarus)

Reader 2: Haven’t we heard of Mary and Martha before?

Reader 1: Yes Jesus had visited them before. Now one day Lazarus got really sick (go into the bag and get a thermometer out of the bag and a face cloth to place on Lazarus’ head)

Reader 2: Well that is not a problem just get a doctor and some medicine…

Reader 1: NOPE, they didn’t have that then…

Reader 2: Well then I guess they just went and got Jesus to sort him out that was a short story.

Reader 1: Well yes and no. Jesus was quite a long way away but they sent some one to go and get him really quickly (get some to be the messenger and run out of the room)

Reader 2: I’m sure Jesus could use the old donkey express and get back in time.

Reader 1: Well when the messenger arrived

Reader 2: Nathaniel then. Now with his muscles and stunning good looks, he had to be it? *(Get children to hold up scores)*

Reader 1: Nope

Reader 2: Raddia? What a stunner! The ultimate physique… *(Look at reader 1)*

Reader 1: *(shakes head at reader 2)*

Reader 2: Well that only leaves Ozem. I guess God was looking for strong and young…

Reader 1: Nope, not him either.

Reader 2: Well, that is all the strong suitable brothers. There is only scrawny little David left - you know, the runt of the family. There is no way God could want him. He is only little, looks after the sheep…

Reader 1: When David was brought in, God told Samuel, “This is the one!” There and then, in front of all David’s brothers, Samuel took out a pot of oil and poured some on David’s head, which is the way they used to anoint a king. At that point David was filled with God’s spirit.

Reader 2: Seriously, have you seen these brothers? God had the choice of all these masterpieces of muscle but instead he chose the little shepherd boy. He wouldn’t even have scored a one from our judges.

Reader 1: Well David was the one God wanted to do his work.

Reader 2: I wonder what it is like to be chosen like that?

**Creative Adventure**

You will need:

Create bath bombs

Wondering questions to use during creative time:

I wonder

I wonder

I wonder

**The Adventure Map**

Explain the Adventure Map and how a lot of the books were written shortly after Jesus’s time. They tell us about what Jesus said and did and how his friends lived their lives, sharing with others how to be good followers of Jesus.

OR

Explain the Adventure Map and how a lot of the books were written hundreds and thousands of years before Jesus came to Earth. However, a lot of the stories in the Bible before the birth of Jesus, talk of his coming and set out how God wants us to live our lives.

Take the young people to the Adventure Map that you have created on the wall. Get the children to find where on the Map today’s story came from. Choose one or some of the things created by the children to be photographed and attach this to the wall to create a visual reminder of where the story came from and your adventure together. The aim is that in a year you will have lots of reminders of the stories and where in the Bible they come from. Use a piece of string or ribbon to connect the photo of the craft work to the book of the Bible.

**Walking the Way**

**This is a time to invite the parents and carers back in to share what the children have been up to during the session. They will also be here to hear about the Walking the Way challenge and the tasks (should they choose to accept them) that the children (and parents) are about to undertake.**

For the Younger: FOFA the bear

This is FOFA. FOFA likes nothing more than to go on an adventure; FOFA is a little more adventurous than me. FOFA believes that faith is a journey and that’s why FOFA would love to take you on a journey with him and walk the way of God in our everyday lives. Each session FOFA would like to go home with one of you and add to FOFA’s scrapbook of things you do together. FOFA doesn’t mind if you draw a picture of what you have done, take a photograph or just write a story about it. FOFA also doesn’t mind if you just come and tell the rest of us what you got up to together. But because FOFA’s memory isn’t very good as FOFA’s brains are made of stuffing, it would be better to save the memories in the book if you can. At the end of our time together we can always remember the great adventures we have been on together with FOFA and hopefully you will walk a little closer with God.

For the Older: FOFA cam

This camera is your window on the world. You have one shot at this, so choose carefully. You will be given a very precious piece of equipment – a FOFA cam. You have one photo to take with the camera, that records one thing – a way you have met the challenge. If there are other people in the photo, please ask their permission first and explain this photo will be put on display here. Bring back the camera and your photo next time to share your moment - and remember you only have ONE shot at this!

Every time we will choose someone to take FOFA bear and someone to take FOFA cam to help them with the challenge – but we can all have a go at the challenge!

Our Walking the Way Challenge this time is:

**Adventurers Go!**

So, today’s story was about

**Prayers (choose one/both)**

Spoken Prayer

**Amen**

Active Prayer

Lord help us to make things clean with Bath bombs

Get some little bath bombs and write a prayer on the bath bomb and then throw them into the water

**Amen**

**End Prayer Every Session: Altogether**

**We are Friends on Faith Adventures, travelling together with God.**

**Adventurers go! Amen**

**What you need for this session**

**Games:**

 **Story:**

 **Craft:**

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| **Location** | **Possible hazard** | **Action required** | **Action taken** | **Signature** |
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