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WEEK

Cross the River



HIGH ENERGY

Children will help one another cross a "river."

Bible  Point

Thank God

Joshua 3:1-4:24

The Israelites needed to cross the Jordan River. Joshua told the priests to stand in the river. As their feet touched the water, it parted, and the people walked across on dry land.

You Will Need

□ 1 sturdy blanket per 2 Circles*

*reuse each rotation

Tips

If possible, play on grass outside or on a carpeted floor. Be sure an adult serves as a spotter as kids are carried.

A sleeping bag works well for this game.

1 DO


1 Pair up two Circles. Have kids gather around their blanket. One child will sit on the blanket.

2 At your signal, have groups carry their passengers to a far wall and back. Rotate passengers so every child gets to be carried. As kids change places, ask them to thank their carriers.



2 ASK

Have Circle leaders direct their Circles in discussing these questions:

- How were you thankful for those carrying you?
- What's something for which you can  thank God?

Fast Thanks



Children will identify people and things for which they're thankful.

You Will Need

- watch with a second hand*

*reuse each rotation

1 DO

1 Have children form pairs. Ask pairs to decide which partner will go first.

2 At your signal, the first child will begin saying the names of people and things for which he or she is thankful. The child will name as many people and things as possible before you call time at the end of 30 seconds.


3 Reverse roles and play again.

4 If time allows, have children form new pairs and play again.



2 ASK

Have Circle leaders direct their Circles in discussing these questions:

- Are you more thankful for people or for things? Why?
- How can you  thank God for all he's given you?