

Preschool Games:

- **Day #1 Have a Ball**
- **Day #2 Cake Walk**
- **Day #3 Start the Party Train**
- **Day #4 Keep It Up**

Day 1 | HAVE A BALL

WHAT YOU NEED: Hula hoops, painter's tape, clear packing tape, ball pit balls, and laundry baskets.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before the Activity:
 - Stretch several lengths of packing tape across the width of the hula hoops, crisscrossing in a random pattern. Use the painter's tape to hang the hoops to the wall with the sticky side of the tape facing out from the wall. Fill two baskets with balls. Tape a straight tape line on the floor three to five feet from the hoops.

- During the Activity:
 - Ask children to line up behind the tape line facing the hoops.
 - Allow the children to take turns throwing a ball at the sticky tape hoop.
 - Celebrate as each ball sticks to the hoop.
 - Count how many balls each team has stuck on their hoop.
 - Celebrate with each team!
 - Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY: In our Bible story we learned that Jesus wanted to be Matthew's friend forever. Matthew was so happy, he threw a party! Matthew invited all his friends so they could be friends with Jesus too! Jesus wants to be your friend forever too. That gives us joy and a reason to celebrate. Who can celebrate Jesus? **I can celebrate Jesus!**

Day 2 | CAKE WALK

WHAT YOU NEED: “Cake Walk” Activity Page, cardstock, painter’s tape, music player, kids upbeat music.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before the Activity:
 - Lay the cardstock cakes on the floor in a large circle, alternating colors/patterns, to create a cake walk.
 - Make sure cakes are close enough that preschoolers can step from one cake to the other. Secure to the floor with tape.

- During the Activity:
 - Ask children to come stand on a cake. Play the music and encourage the children to walk slowly around the circle, stepping on each cake.
 - Pause the music and ask children to freeze on a cake.
 - Leader calls out a cake color and asks the friends on that color to raise their hands in celebration and say the Bottom Line. **(I can celebrate Jesus!)**
 - Repeat in the same way, until every color has been called and every child has had a chance to celebrate and say the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY: Wow! That was so fun! Cakes remind me of a party, and today we heard a story about a party. Jesus said the kingdom of Heaven is like a king who was having a big, beautiful wedding party for his son with special food and drinks. The people the king invited to the party did not want to come. So the king told his helpers to invite EVERYONE to his party to celebrate his son. So many people came to the party that the room was full of people celebrating!

Day 3 | START THE PARTY TRAIN

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put small pieces of tape, one per kid around the perimeter of your activity area.
- Have each kid stand next to the piece of tape.
- Walk around the area, stopping at each tape piece to invite each kid to join the train.
- The first child will hold on to your waist and the other kids added will hold the shoulders of the kid in front of them.
- The "train" proceeds to the next tape line and adds the next kid to the train.
- Continue until all the kids have joined the train and you've moved around your area a few times.
- Repeat as desired.
- Consider playing upbeat kids music as you do this activity.

WHAT YOU SAY: We can each start the party and celebrate the good news of Jesus! Let's celebrate Jesus! Who can celebrate Jesus? I can celebrate Jesus!"

Day 4 | KEEP IT UP

WHAT YOU NEED: Pool noodles, balloons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before the Activity:
 - Blow up balloons and secure them in a trash bag.

- During the Activity:
 - Play upbeat music and bring out all the balloons.
 - Help throw them up in the air and encourage kids to try and keep them up by hitting them with the pool noodles.

WHAT YOU SAY:

- I loved seeing you keep the balloons up in the air! We have had so much fun together at camp this week! I can't wait to see you continue to celebrate who Jesus is! Who can celebrate Jesus? We can celebrate Jesus!