

Games



Play large-group games.
(25 minutes)

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Ball or frisbee (flying disc)
- Chairs

LARGE-GROUP GAME: SAY CATCH

Materials: A ball or a Frisbee

Object of game: To be the last player left in the circle

How to play: Have all the students stand in a circle. Decide on a topic to be used during the game (for example, the topic could be animals). Then, toss the ball to any student in the circle. The student must name something in the chosen topic before catching the ball (in the animal example, the student could say, "Elephant!"). If the student does not say something before catching the ball or does not catch it, they are out.

LARGE-GROUP GAME: THE BLOB

Materials: None

Object of game: To avoid being tagged by "The Blob"

How to play: Choose one student to be "The Blob." All the other students will run away from "The Blob." When "The Blob" tags someone, that person must join hands with "The Blob," and together they continue trying to tag the rest of the students. Eventually, all the students will become part of "The Blob." The last one to be tagged is the winner.

*As "The Blob" grows, it will be harder and harder for students at the end to hold on. Smaller students can be knocked over or get hurt. Leaders should pay close attention to keep the students safe.

LARGE-GROUP GAME: FRUIT SALAD

Materials: Chairs

How to play: Have the students sit on chairs arranged in a circle. Go around the circle and assign each student with a fruit (i.e., apple, strawberry, watermelon, etc.) There must be multiple students with the same fruit, so consider limiting the number of fruits to three or four. Select someone to be “it” in the middle. Remove their chair. The person in the middle will say a fruit and anyone seated in the circle to whom the statement applies must get up and find an open chair. The person in the middle will be trying to find an open seat while people are moving. Whoever is left without a seat will become “it.” The person in the middle may also call, “Fruit salad!” at which point everyone needs to get up and find a new chair.

Alternative: The person in the middle will say things that apply to more than one person, such as, “Anyone who has a sister,” or “Anyone wearing blue,” or “Anyone who has visited the ocean.” Anyone seated in the circle to whom the statement applies must get up and find an open chair. The person in the middle will be trying to find an open seat while people are moving. Whoever is left without a seat will become “it.” The person in the middle may also call, “Fruit salad!” at which point everyone needs to get up and find a new chair.