

Extra Time Activities

- **Alphabet Game**

Divide the class into teams of four or five. Pick a letter from the alphabet. Have kids write down all the Bible people and places they can think of that start with that letter. For instance, *J* might be Jesus, Joseph, Jerusalem, and Jordan River. Give the kids five minutes to come up with as many words as they can. The team who has the most words wins.

- **Describe a Person**

Choose one child to leave the room. Choose another child as the mystery person whom the class will describe. Tell the kids not to look at the person being described and give away the mystery. Have the person who left the room return. Let three kids each give a clue about the mystery person. The child who left and returned must guess. To continue the game, have the child who was chosen to be described leave the room. Try to give everyone an opportunity to be described.

- **Finish the Story**

Read a story in which a decision must be made to end the story. Record it on a digital voice recorder. Have kids listen to the story and record their ending on the recorder.

- **Greeting Cards**

Provide kids with construction paper, markers, scissors, rubber stamps, and ink pads. Keep a current list of people in your church who would enjoy receiving cards (those who are sick, visitors, or home-bound). Post names regularly, along with reasons why these people would enjoy cards. Let each child choose a person and make a card. Be sure to mail the cards.

- **Disciple Jumble**

Arrange chairs in a circle, one chair for each child except one. Have the kids sit down. The child who does not have a seat stands in the middle of the circle. Give each child a name of a disciple. Three or four kids should have the same disciple's name. The child in the middle calls out one name, such as "Matthew." Then all the players who are Matthew change seats while the one in the middle tries to get a seat. A child cannot go back to his original seat. If the one in the middle calls "Disciple Jumble," the whole group changes seats.

- **Theme Collage**

Tape a large sheet of newsprint to the wall. Provide old magazines, scissors, and tape or glue. Have kids find pictures representing a monthly theme to create a collage.

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- **Applause Poster**

Instruct each child to trace his two hands on sheets of colored paper, cut them out, and write his name on each cutout. On each child's pair of hands, have other kids write notes of encouragement or thanks. Tape hands to a poster board and allow kids to see the positive things about themselves. Later, let kids take their pairs of hands home.

- **Greeting Card Puzzle**

Cut off the front of a greeting card. Turn the front over and write a verse or a greeting and sign your name. Cut the card into eight pieces. Put the pieces into an envelope and send them in the mail to a favorite person. These could be thank-you cards to parents.