

Pass It On Bible Lesson & Game

Game: Play "Pass it on!" Have the children line up in a straight line and give each a plastic spoon. Place a bucket of plastic Easter eggs at one end of the line and an empty bucket at the end of the line. Tell the children that their job will be to pass the Easter eggs down the line using only their spoons, not their hands. Once all the eggs have made it over to the second bucket, the children must open the eggs and unscramble the message (Each egg should contain a letter to spell out "J-E-S-U-S-S-A-V-E-S").

Once the children have finished, explain that, just as they were at first confused by the scrambled message, so the Ethiopian man was also confused. But, God prepared a way for him to understand by sending Philip to Him.



Each team will need: 10 Ping-Pong balls, a box or bag to hold the Ping-Pong balls, and a spoon for each player.

Set

Write one letter from the phrase "Jesus Saves" on each of the team's Ping-Pong balls (one letter per ball). Team lines stand shoulder to shoulder, approximately two feet apart. Team lines stand parallel to one another. Place the box of balls at one end of each team line.

How

To

Play

Before you begin, tell the players the game they're about to play is called "Pass It On." The object of the game is to pass the balls from the box to the end of the team lines, then assemble the balls to form a two word phrase (show one of the balls with a letter written on it). The clue for solving the phrase is something Christians should want to pass on to others.

At the go, the first person in each team scoops a ball onto his or her spoon and passes it on to the next player in line. The next player receives the ball with his or her spoon and passes it on to the next player in line, who passes it to the next player, and the next, and so on until the ball reaches the end of the line. The last player in line lays the ball down on the floor next to his or her feet. As soon as the first ball is passed on to the second player in line, the first player in line may scoop up a second ball from the box and begin

to pass it down the line to the end player. When all the balls are passed down the line, each team must try to assemble the letters to form the two word secret phrase written on the balls: J-E-S-U-S S-A-V-E-S. The first team to arrange and proclaim the secret phrase, wins!

For younger players

Since it may be difficult for younger players to solve the phrase, you may either include children on the teams that know how to read, or write the letters onto poster board with double-stick tape below each letter. As the Ping-Pong balls are passed down the line, the person at the end of the line matches each of the letters on the ball to the letters on the poster board, then sticks it onto the tape. The first team to complete the match, wins.

Object Lesson

(Optional: Before playing the game have the students name off good and bad news events, and then write them on the board.)

What makes good news good? If all we ever hear is good news, and there weren't such a thing as bad news, would good news be good? Good news is good because there IS such a thing as bad news!

If you knew in advance that something bad was going to happen in your city, what would your reaction be? (Warn your friends, family, neighbors.)

Being saved from sin is what the Bible calls the Good News or the Gospel. What do you think it means that Jesus saves? Saves us from what? Jesus saves us from the punishment of sinning against God (sin is doing wrong things). The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD" (Romans 6:23). The bad news is that sinners, all of us, have a wage due for sinning against God. A wage is something we earn. The Bible says we earn a penalty for sinning. This penalty is death—physical and Spiritual. When we die, we will either be eternally separated from God in a place called Hell, or we'll be united with God in Heaven. The good news is that we don't have to go to Hell. Why? Because Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for sinning. The Bible says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved" Romans 10:13. Jesus knew we couldn't save ourselves from going to Hell. **Jesus Saves** is the Good News that we need to pass on to our friends and family. We need to warn them about the bad news! Romans 10:14 says, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? . . . As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

You are never too young to start passing on the Good News that **Jesus Saves!**

Pray

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Thank you for the gift of eternal life in heaven. Help us to pass on the Good News that **Jesus Saves** to our friends, neighbors, and family members. Amen.

