

FAMILY GAME TIME

GRAPE HERDER

ITEMS NEEDED:

A bucket
A bunch of grapes

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one player for this game. Have the player stand in front of a bucket, and hand them a bunch of grapes. The player has 60 seconds to get all of the grapes, one at a time, from the bunch into the bucket. If any of them miss, they can pick them up and put them back in the bucket, but they must get all the grapes into the bucket before time runs out to win a prize.

VARIATION:

Have two players race to see who can get all their grapes in a bucket the fastest. Make sure both players have the same number of grapes to start with.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God wants us to love everyone as he loves his lost sheep.

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER:

Which is better: green grapes or red grapes?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Galatians 5:22-23

Give all the kids a Bible. Then after you read the verse, give them the reference and see who can find it first in their Bible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 15:1-7

What is the first fruit of the spirit?

Why did Jesus tell this parable?

Why does the shepherd search for the one sheep when he already has 99?

What does the shepherd do when he finds he has one sheep missing?

Why is the shepherd so happy to find his lost sheep?

Whom does God want us to love?

How can we have more love for other people?

What can we do to grow our faith and have more of the fruit of love?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to grow in you so we can love others more.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

FAMILY REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

Jesus tells a story about a _____.
SHEPHERD

The shepherd counts _____ sheep and knows he is missing one.
NINETY-NINE

The shepherd _____ the other sheep to search for the lost sheep.
LEAVES

When the shepherd finds the lost sheep, he is so happy that he calls his
_____ to come celebrate.
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

If we are growing in Jesus we will _____ everyone just as Jesus loves us.
LOVE

CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids cut out some grapes with construction paper. Glue the grapes onto another sheet of paper in a bunch, except for one. They can attach that one on the page separately, or keep it separate from the paper so they can share about the missing sheep (or grape). If the kids want, they can name the lost grape Jerry.