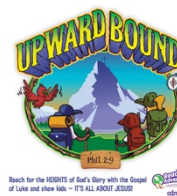


# UPWARD BOUND



## Get to Know you Games for VBS

- The Name Game:** Sit in a circle as a group. Begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> person and have them say their name. When it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> child's turn have them say the 1<sup>st</sup> person's name plus their name. When the 3<sup>rd</sup> child's turn, they should say the 1<sup>st</sup> child's name, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, and then their name. Go all the way around the circle until the last child has to say everyone in the group's name. Do this every day and have a different child be last each time! You could change it up were you go faster each day, use different voices, etc to make it fun for the children.
- Something I love:** Play the name game but add a little twist! After each child says their name, they need to say something they love that is just 1 word. Follow the same rules where each child has to say the names/what they love of every child in front of them. Example: My name is Bethany and I love Ice-cream; my name is John and I love Football. OR to make it even more challenging they need to say something that starts with the same letter of their name. My name is Bethany and I love Balloons. My name is John and I love juice! This is a great way to learn names and favorite things of the children in the group!
- The Candy Game:** Bring a bag of skittles or M and M's to VBS. Assign a different question to each color of the candy. Have the children choose 1-2 pieces of candy (different colors if they chose more than 1) and then answer the question that matches the color. EX: Red skittle is "What is your favorite game?". Yellow skittle is, "What is your favorite summer activity?" You could do this activity every day and have different questions for each day.
- Beachball Toss:** Grab a beachball and write different get to know you questions on the ball. Have the children spread out in the room. Toss the ball to a child. When they grab it, whatever question their hand is closest to have them answer that question. Once they answer, have them toss it to another child in the group. Do this with the group until you run out of time, or everyone has a turn to answer the question. Question examples: "What is your favorite food?". "What is your favorite after school activity", "What is something you have loved about VBS?", etc.
- Would You Rather:** Come up with a list of would you rather questions. Each day have the children sit together and the leader begin asking the questions. When you ask a question have the children who choose 1 go to one side of the room and the kids who say the other go to the other side of the room. Once they are separate ask a few of them to say why they chose what they did. Question examples: "Ice-cream or popsicles", "Going on a hike or going to the beach", "playing outside or inside", "Hamburgers or Hotdogs."

