

Kidz World's Church at Home

Hungry, Hungry Hippos

FUN TIME: “Hungry, Hungry Hippos” (All Ages)

During this week's 'Fun Time', play a game of 'Hungry, Hungry, Hippos' if you have the actual board game at home. If not, play a human version of the game by doing the following:

1. Gather as many balls, balloons, marbles or even balled up pieces of paper that you can and place them in the middle of the space where you will play the game.
2. Have your children stand on opposite ends of the space and give them a cup or laundry basket or bucket to scoop & drag their balloons/balls to their 'corner'.
3. On 'go' they go to the balls and try to get as many under their cups as possible and drag them back to their corner. They can go back & forth as many times as they need to.
4. Once all the balls are gone, the one with the most wins the game!

BIBLE TIME: After everyone catches their breath, talk about how 'hungry' they were to get those balls. They used a lot of energy trying to race to get the most & win the game. Today, we're going to talk about being hungry for God. This is one thing we need in order to win in life.

Use the Bible verses and questions below to discuss this with your children. *For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you read the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.*

1. Quickly review how Jesus fed the 5,000 in John 6:1-14, then Read John 6:22-26. (For littles ones, read it from a children's story Bible.)
2. Why did the people come looking for Jesus? (To get more food)
3. Read verses 33-35. Jesus told them that they really needed something else. What was it?
4. Why would Jesus call Himself 'The Bread of Life'?

REAL TIME: Even though the people who were looking for Jesus were really looking for food, they knew Jesus was able to help them, give them what they needed. Just like they were hungry for food, we need to be spiritually hungry for more of God. When we played 'Hungry, Hungry Hippos' we did whatever we had to in order to win the game. Being spiritually hungry for God is something we need in order to win at life. What are three ways we can show spiritual hunger for God? (Wanting to spend more time with God, studying our Bible, etc.) How can we start doing that today? Why do you think being hungry for God will cause us to win in life? Let's decide to be, and stay, hungry for God today. Let's pray.

PRAYER TIME: “Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your Word and Your Son, Jesus. Father, help me to stay hungry for You. Help me as I read the Bible and talk with You. Help me to be more like Jesus and show others Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen!”

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he who comes to me will never hunger...”
John 6:35 (NKJV)

