

Activity: Bible Stories & Games with Children

Purpose

The purpose of Bible Stories and Games with Children is to continue building relationships with the next generation in each community. This is done by initiating activities to spend quality time sharing and modeling Bible stories and virtues for life application.

Goal

To spend intentional time investing in the children of the nation and community in which your team is serving.



Things To Bring

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your Bible• 410 Bridge Language Guide• Water bottle• Bug spray/sunscreen | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A script, narration, or summary of a Bible story to go with the 410 Bridge monthly virtue & verse | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small props if needed (a hat, vest, Bible, etc).• Sports equipment (jump ropes, balls, pumps) |
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How It Works

- To prepare for this activity, we encourage each team to choose a story from the Bible or your life that you would like to share with the children based on the monthly theme provided by The 410 Bridge.
- In the community you visit, meetings and events are often started in song or prayer. You should plan to lead the children in a song or prayer before your team begins the activity.
- The story portion of the activity should take 15-20 minutes. If you are sharing a Bible story, please consider sharing stories that the children may not have heard before. Popular stories that the children may already know include David and Goliath, Jonah and the Whale, Noah's Ark, and Daniel and the Lions Den.
- Be prepared to act it out – have fun! When you're finished, you can allow some of the children to reenact the story so that they are able to continue modeling and applying what they learned after your team departs.
- You may want to discuss the Biblical virtue, memory verse, or big idea of the story.
- If you're sharing a memory verse, ask your in country 410 Bridge team leader or translator to help you write the memory verse in the native language for the children to read. Be sure to rely on this person to help teach the children so they best understand – the goal is to empower the community leaders to continue teaching after your team departs.
- Like most children, children in the community you visit are very visual – consider sharing a song, hand gesture/clap, or game. They also love making music with their hands, mouths, and various other everyday items that could be found in this type of setting (i.e., a tin can, a soccer ball, a shoe, etc).
- Once the Bible story part of the activity is complete, you can play sports or games with the children. You may want to consider choosing a game that can apply to the virtue taught (i.e., virtue: cooperation / game: 3-legged race)
- Other equipment could include soccer balls, beach balls, jump ropes, hacky sacks, or bubbles.
- **Important:** please remind your team of The 410 Bridge “no unhealthy giving” policy. Any items you bring into the community should also go home with you at the end of each day.

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- Most of the time, your team will be interacting with 40-100 children, ranging from ages 3-18.
- Be mindful that it is common for children in the community to trickle in, so please allow them to join even if they come late.
- Adults may also spend the afternoon with their children and your team. You may take this opportunity to minister to and build relationships with everyone in attendance.

Things To Remember

We believe that it is not about what we do in 410 Bridge communities, but about the relationships we build. As part of your trip, you may bond with a group of people, or even one child. Because God values each and every one of His children and desires to have a personal relationship with us in Christ, the relationships you build are helping personify His love in the community where you serve. We appreciate your willingness to serve and administer His grace so freely.