

**Be with us today**

(two hands, palms up in front of you, move up and down twice)

As we share together,

(two hands, palms up in front of you, move one forward and one back and alternate twice)

Pray together,

(hands together, palm against palm, as though praying)

Play together,

(hands to each side, palms up, make two small circles outwards)

And get to know you better,

(point up with one hand)

As children together in your family

(one hand out, palm down in front of you, move it sideways and up in three 'steps' as though to indicate children of three different heights)

AMEN

(Two thumbs up, and bring fists slowly together to meet in front of you)

OR

Thank you, God, for bringing us together today.

Help us to grow closer to you in all we do.

Help us to speak and to listen, to learn and to grow together,

Adventuring together with you wherever we may go.

Amen

In-person Game - Islands

You will need newspaper and music

This is a familiar game so many of your group may already know it.

The idea is to move around the room when the music is playing, when the music stops you need to get onto a piece of newspaper (with no part of your body hanging out). Each round sees children eliminated to sit and watch from the side. After each round, as the music plays, remove some of the papers and tear some of the sheets; creating less and smaller islands each time. Children will get creative as the game goes on, often giving piggy backs to each other and fitting many children onto a tiny piece of paper. Keep it light and fun, leaders can pretend to be sharks, capturing any children who are not safely on an island when the music stops.

Alternative game Outdoor game

You will need:

A range of items such as newspaper sheets, benches, crates, rugs/mats, hula hoops.

Mark out a playing area and have all participants stand at one end of the area. Players must get the whole team and all items across to the end point, without touching the floor. They must work together to get across by moving and standing on the items provided. If a player touches the floor, then they must return to the starting point. See if the whole group can make it across within a given time limit.



Being involved in the drama will support the group in being able to do a hot seat activity to finish with.

You will need

- Materials and resources for fort building
- Signs or stickers to name each character, Paul, Centurion, Soldier, Julius, soldiers, Prisoners, Crew

What you do

Begin by recapping and setting the context of why Paul was travelling with other prisoners on the boat and watch/ read today's passage.

Explain that we are going to have a go at retelling the story together.

Provide materials that the group can use to build a boat big enough for all the group to get into. You may have fort building equipment or use sheets, chairs and cushions.

Once the boat is complete, all get on board, using this as an opportunity





Be strong and courageous

Amen

Responding together





Jesus our friend,

as we share together

Right middle finger touches centre of other palm, repeat

Alternate hands

