

I CAN POINT TO GOD

Connect

"Two-some Games"

There are solo games but there are games that are better played together with a friend. Try these social games which require little or no preparation and experience the enjoyment of it.

Rock-Paper-Scissors (Fil.- "Jack 'n Poy")

2 players face each other and at the count of three, they will form one of the three figures using one hand: rock (making a fist); paper (opening the hands with fingers outstretched) and scissors (make a "V" symbol using the index and middle finger). Winner will be decided depending on the symbol you make. Rock tops scissors, scissors top paper and paper tops rock. Repeat and play as many rounds as possible.

Tic-Tac-Toe

Tic-tac-toe (American English), or Xs and Os/"X'y O'sies" (Ireland), is a paper-and-pencil game for two players, X and O, who take turns marking the spaces with their respective symbols, in a 3x3 grid.

The object: The player who succeeds in placing three of their marks in a diagonal, horizontal, or vertical row is the winner.

Thumb War (Wrestling)

A thumb war is a game played by two players where the thumbs are used to simulate fighting. The object: To pin the opponent's thumb, often to a count of three.

Like these "two-some" games, there are just some things you cannot do all by yourself, or, there are some things you really need someone to do with you.

Sometimes, this is also the way with the Bible. For someone to understand it, another person has to "do it" with you or to explain or share it with you.

Read the Word

Acts 8: 26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

In this story, although the Eunuch was eager to read the Word of God, he could not understand it. God made a way for him by instructing Philip to go and guide him. The Eunuch needed a friend to help him understand and he began to understand through Philip's guidance.

The Bible is God's Word for us and when we find it difficult to understand, there are people who can help us. We have parents, teachers and our group leaders who can help us understand and show us how to apply it in our lives.

On the other hand God may also call us to be a "guide" and share the Gospel with another person. Just as he instructed Philip who willingly and personally shared with the Eunuch because God commanded him to, we too can be encouraged to do as Philip did.

How wonderful to know that many will also know about God's great love when we obey God's call to read & study the Bible so we can share His Good News with other people, both to our friends and to strangers.



Parent to Kid

2-6 years old

- What activities do you like doing together with a friend?
- Do you like reading the Bible with your family? Why?

7-12 years old

- When you encounter something that you cannot understand, do you ask for help from others? Who helped you?
- Do you enjoy reading the Bible with your family? Why?
- Do you know anyone who has not yet known about the Gospel and what Jesus did for them? Do you want to share the Good News with them?

Kid to Parents

- Have you shared the Gospel with anyone? What happened?
- How can I share about Jesus and His love to other people?

Jesus always shared the great love and saving plan of the Father, and He commands us to do the same. We read about this in Mark 16:15 where he told his friends, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Everyone of us can do this. It does not have to be in front of many people, nor does it have to be in the pulpit. We can start with our friends, classmates and even our families, if they still do not know Jesus personally. Let's be excited to share the Good News of Jesus to others. Have the attitude of Philip who obeyed and was eager to teach the Eunuch. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel... "because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.." (Romans 1:16)

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When you share the Gospel, we can trust that God will work in the hearts of the people you share with.



Dear God, thank You for your Word and all the promises You have for us. I want to be able to tell other people the Good News that Jesus loves us and that He died for us to save us. Help me to be courageous and bold to share about You and Your love with my friends. Holy Spirit, please give me the words to speak to them as I share about Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.



"The Helper"

Do you read your Bible? Are there things you sometimes do not understand? That's okay.

We all need someone to help us understand the truths in God's Word. We don't want to miss these special promises and commands He gave us in the Bible that will guide us day by day.

When you need help reading the Bible, why not call another person— your parents, a small group leader or a friend you can read with and learn with to know Jesus more. Remember...

"Better together!"

Most importantly, know that Jesus understands we cannot grasp everything so He promised us the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told His disciples before He went up to Heaven:

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. - John 14: 25-26

So whenever you read the Bible, as you learn to understand the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus's love for you & me), remember you too can share it with other people so they will also experience God's wonderful love for them.