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Childhood Ministry

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Object Concentration



The Big
Idea

Play a concentration game using objects instead of flat items or pictures. Create an object concentration game to use in December.

Older kids can practice matching verses on one object and reference of a different object. Books of the Bible (before and after).



Supplies for Object Concentration:

- 12 paper cups
- marker to print numbers 1 through 12 on cups or to print numbers on gummed labels to attach to cups. (You could also use stick-on numbers.)
- 6 sets of objects such as bells, small packages, package bows, unbreakable ornaments, plastic seasonal flowers or greenery, and manger scene figures



Things to
Gather

1. Place sets of objects on a tray or in a box lid.
2. Turn the cups upside down to cover the objects.
3. Arrange the cups in order, 1 through 12. (For younger preschoolers, use 6 or 8 cups.)
4. Older kids could have 20 cups to create a challenge.

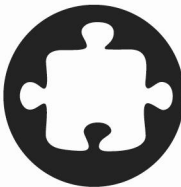
Directions for Game:

- Invite a child to call two numbers and lift the two cups to uncover the objects.
- If the objects match, the child leaves the cups turned up. If they do not match, he puts the cups back on the objects.
- Continue playing the game until all of the objects have been matched.
- Rearrange the objects under the cups to repeat the game.

Teaching Tips:

- Talk about things boys and girls see at Christmas time. Remind the boys and girls that they are growing and learning that God sent His Son.
- Ask questions such as: "What name did God choose for His Son? Where was Jesus born? Who is Jesus' mother?"

Save the cups to use at another time with different objects. When a child removes two cups, he will recognize that the objects are different than the previous time the game was played. Enjoy watching preschoolers play the game. Thank God for choosing you to teach Bible truths to boys and girls.



Put it
Together

