



CONNECTED CAR QUESTIONS

KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN CAR AND USE AS YOU TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE:

Ask:

- Finish this sentence: “When I think of love, the first thing that comes to mind is . . .”
- How can you tell when someone genuinely loves you?
- How might the world be different if everyone loved God first and showed unselfish love to others?
- When is it easiest for you to love others? When is it hard?
- How can you show love to people when it’s difficult?
- What’s one way you can focus on others this week?



GAMES

Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. Hebrews 12:2a (NirV)

WHAT YOU NEED:

Empty bin, bin full of throwables (balls, beanbags, paper wads, etc.), Option: fill another bin with water and have kids grab the object and shoot the wet object, tape lines or other markers to show where to throw.

WHAT YOU DO:

Make sure the empty bin is set at one end of your space, where it's about five feet from the first tape line. Determine a point system based on how far a line is from the empty bin.

Kids grab an object and shoot the object to the empty bin. If they score, they receive that many points, if they miss, other players can begin shooting while they run and retrieve their object (hopefully they don't get wet from the other shots being taken!)

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

In this game, you had to focus on what was most important, even with all the distractions. In real life, there are many things that can distract us from what is most important. Jesus made it simple by telling us the most important things to focus on: loving God and loving others.

[Bottom Line] You can LIVE for God by loving others. When we love others, we show our love for God. **[Make It Personal]** (Talk about when someone showed you the love of Jesus and how it made you feel.) When we show people the love of Jesus by how we treat them, we can point them to Jesus. One of the best ways to LIVE for God is by loving others.”



CRAFTS

WHAT YOU NEED:

cardboard frame pieces (or cardboard cut into framed pieces); yarn; scissors; strong tape; hot glue gun; photos of your small group

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a cardboard piece with a hole cut in the middle (the front of the frame).
- Tell kids to pick a color of yarn and tape the end to the back of the frame. Then they should wrap the yarn around the frame until it is completely covered with yarn. They can change colors at any point; they just need to tape the ends down on the back of the frame.
- Then, hot glue the frame front to a frame back. Do NOT put glue all the way to the inside edge or on ONE of the short ends of the frame, so a photo can slide into the frame.
- Take or find a picture that your kid wants to slide into their frame to remind them of VBS or of people that they love and want to remember to pray for.



STEAM

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Ice blocks** (Store bought or homemade)
- **Spray bottles**
- **Warm water**
- **Colored Salt** Tip: Rock salt is also fun to use!
- **Food coloring**
- **Salt shakers** Save empty spice jars for this!
- **Large Tub** (Tip: Hardware stores and Home Depot sell concert mixing tubs that are very inexpensive)



WHAT YOU DO:

- Check out this website for complete instructions on this STEAM experiment:
<https://babbleddabledo.com/melting-ice-experiment-how-to-make-ice-sculptures/>

What You Say:

Read together Matthew 5:13.

Jesus said we are the salt of the earth. To 'be **salt**' means to deliberately seek to influence the people in one's life by showing them the unconditional love of Christ by loving others and in the way we treat other people. Just as the salt in this experiment could melt ice, even when people's hearts may appear to be cold or frozen, by loving others as Jesus taught us, we can influence them and melt their hearts to love others as well.