



CONNECTED CAR QUESTIONS

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

Ask:

- When have you seen something good come out of something bad?
- How can knowing Jesus change your perspective on, or how you feel about something in your life?



GAMES

God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8, NIV

WHAT YOU NEED:

Plastic cups (5 that are a different color than the rest)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Spread the cups around the floor. Place half of them right side up and the other half upside down.
- Assign one kid to be Team Mountains (cups upside down) and the other kid Team Valleys (cups right side up)
- On your "Go," the kids will race all together around the area for a specified amount of time flipping cups to be either mountains or valleys. Team Mountains will flip valley cups into mountains. Team Valleys will flip mountain cups to be valleys.
- All cups are worth one point except for the special cups (the five cups that are a different color) Special cups are worth five points.
- Kids must flip a different cup each time. This will keep kids from hovering around only the special cups
- At the end of the specified time period, count the number of mountain cones and valley cones, making note of the special cones. The team with the most points wins the round.

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

This game was a great way to focus on what was most important. The special cones were worth more points, so you had to make sure you stayed focused on them without losing track of the other cones.

"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. When we love others, we show our love for God. **(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 or foam core cut into cross shape;
- Contact paper
- Scissors
- Strong tape
- Colored yarn cut into pieces of many lengths

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to cut out their Con-Tact paper crosses and then remove the backing.
- Tell kids to place their Con-Tact paper crosses onto their cardboard/wooden crosses with the sticky side UP, wrap the edges around, and tape it to the back.
- Encourage kids to arrange pieces of yarn onto the sticky paper. They can arrange it any way they like, and they should be able to remove it and rearrange it as needed. Allow them to make any type of picture or design, as long as they fill the sticky paper with yarn.

For a video tutorial click here:

<https://youtu.be/Ag6GSMkWi9A>





STEAM

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A bag of skittles
- Hot water (not scalding)

WHAT YOU DO:

Arrange the skittles on the outside of the paper plate. Pour hot water over the skittles, but don't let the skittles move. Wait and allow for the colors to run.



AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

The colors running in the skittles are similar to what happens when we pray for ourselves and others. We are joining God and asking him to be a part of our lives and the lives of those we care for. The water runs over the skittles and releases the colors. We can offer prayers for those that we love and release them to God. When we do this we show we love God and trust him and that is a beautiful place to have a relationship with God. Just like the colors make a beautiful picture when the colors of the skittle are released. We pray because we believe that our prayers, through God's power, will make a difference to the world.