

**Play: Simon Says**

Choose one family member to stand in front of your family and give them a series of instructions that they must follow. 'Simon says...[stand on one leg/pat your head/clap your hands, etc.]'. Occasionally throw in a command without 'Simon says...' You must obey the commands that start with 'Simon says...'. If they obey the command without 'Simon says...', they are out of the game. Try to get a fast rhythm going as you do this - it will catch them out more. Also, do every instruction yourself, whether or not it's 'Simon says...'.

**Play: Teamwork makes the dream work**

Walk/dance/move around the room and when the leader calls out a command at random everyone has to obey it. After each command continue to move around the room. Suggested commands:

- "Go to bed" -lie down on their backs on the floor
- "Do your homework" -pretend to write
- "Clean your room" - get on their knees and scrub the floor
- "Brush your hair" -mime brushing your hair
- "Have a day out" - shout "yahoo" and jump in the air
- "Visit aunt Jo" - shout "do we have to"

The last one to do each action is out. The game continues until only one player is left.

**Watch: Jesus & his parents** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho\\_3gylWzbow&t=110s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho_3gylWzbow&t=110s)

**Read: Story of Jesus & his parents**

Who were Jesus' parents on earth? Was Jesus greater than his parents? He was - he was God! So did Jesus have to do what his parents said? What sort of things do our parents or adults at home ask us to do? - would Jesus have had to do these things or could he say no because he was God?

Imagine Jesus at your age.

Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem every year for the Feast of the Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem just as they always did. After Passover, they began their journey home, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. Joseph and Mary didn't know it. They thought he was with some friends or family members who were traveling with them. After they had gone a day's journey, they began to look for Jesus among their relatives and friends, but he wasn't there. When they couldn't find him, they decided to return to Jerusalem to look for him. After searching for three days, they finally found him. Guess where he was? He was in the temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. When Mary and Joseph saw him, they were astonished. His mother asked him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Your father and I were anxiously looking for you." Jesus answered, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" You see, even as a child, Jesus knew that he must follow the path that his Father had laid out for him, and at that moment, the most important place for him to be was in his Father's house.

Why did Jesus stay behind in Jerusalem? Why were Mary & Joseph worried? Do you think they would have been cross with Jesus? Why? What did Jesus do when he was found at the end of the story? Say that Jesus got up and went home with Mary & Joseph immediately. The Bible tells us that, "Jesus went back to Nazareth with his parents and obeyed them" (Luke 2:51). So even though Jesus was God made into a man, he still obeyed his earthly parents. What can we learn from this story? Obeying our parents is probably the biggest thing we can learn from this!

**Pray:**

1. Adoration-Thank God that he is the perfect father and we are each his child and precious to him.
2. Confession-Wash your hands in the water as a sign of God's forgiveness.
3. Thanksgiving-Say thank you to your parents or adults at home
4. Supplication-Light a tea light/LED candle as a sign of the prayer - watch the flames and remember that our prayers are heard by God and he will be with us and help us all in our family lives.