Using Games in Bible Drill

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We know that children learn best when they are using different senses and a variety of learning styles. This is easily accomplished using games in Bible Drill. When children are engaged through play, memory work becomes great fun for all! We work to teach children the books of the Bible using cups, clothes pins, garden gems, flash cards, ping pong balls, craft sticks, etc. Cup stacking is a favorite. New Testament or Old Testament books are printed on sturdy plastic cups. Using the Table of Contents in their Bible, kids line up the books in the correct order from left to right and bottom to top to build a tower. Once they begin to master the books, they can race to see how fast they can stack the cups in order, either to beat their own time or to race with a friend(s). When they are finished, naturally, they love to knock their tower down. It is all part of the fun!

For memory verses, one game we like uses 1-inch slices of a pool noodles to write words of the verse on. Then we place a toilet bowl plunger (clean) at the beginning of each line. The kids race to the other side of the room to pick up the first word from a pile of noodle slices. Then they race back to where they began and slide the slice on the handle of the plunger. The next child runs down to look for the second word in the verse and so on. Games like these serve to reinforce what children are learning.

I love using games in Bible Drill and the kids do too! You can find more game ideas in the Lifeway Bible Drill curriculum or contact us at bibledrill@texasbaptists.org. We can connect you with leaders across the state who would be happy to share their ideas for games to help enhance your Bible Drill program.

