

## Buddy Bunch Activities

**-Anonymous Question Time-** hand out 3 X 5 cards (or any paper) to each camper. Give the campers a few minutes of quiet time to write down ANY questions about God type stuff that they might have. The next time you come together spend time talking/answer these questions. I suggest on Monday letting them know you will do this (it gives them time to think), then on Tuesday give them a piece of paper and let them write the questions (don't answer them in the same class), then on Wednesday or Thursday spend time talking about the questions.

### Get to know everyone:

**Chat Show-**Great for groups of strangers, and avoids the dreaded pain of introducing yourself.

Get the group to pair off and take turns in being a chat show host and guest. The chat show host has to find out 3 interesting facts about their guest. Switch roles and repeat.

Bring everyone back to the big group and ask them to present briefly the 3 facts about their guest to the group. Maybe go around the group randomly so people are less aware of their turn coming up next and panicking about it.

Watch timing on this as it has a tendency to go on too long if your group likes to chat too much.

**Part time-** Group members pretend to meet in different scenarios, e.g., at the beach, a cocktail party, etc. A fun way to mill around and people meet new people.

**Throwing balls to others in a circle and learning names.** Works every time. Can be extended to "Warp-Speed" by seeing how fast the group can throw balls through a set order to each group member.

Each person chooses an **action-word** to go with their name(e.g., "Swimming Sam"), then show the action to the group who repeat it. Stimulating way to introduce oneself and learn other people's names.

People write down **two truths about themselves and a lie**. Then introduce the three "facts" to the rest of the group who tries to guess which one is a lie.

Puts people on the spot for learning names. **Ideal name game finale.** Split the group in half. Have two volunteers hold a blanket or groundsheet between the

two groups. Group members gather together, to plan and avoid being seen by the other group. The group sends one member to crouch close to the blanket and be involved in the shoot-out. The holders count "1, 2, 3" aloud then drop the blanket. Each contestant tries to say the other person's name first. Whoever is the winner "captures" his/her combatant for the winners team. The blanket goes up again---continue until one team captures all of the other team. Hilarious.

**-Pray-** Pray in pairs/girls together, guys together/ chain prayer/ popcorn prayer

**-Share Scripture-** Share scriptures and why they are your favorite.

**-Review in Detail Quite Time lessons in the camp book**

**-Team Builder Games**

## **Who Am I?**

A silly icebreaker game for a small group.

Have each person secretly write on a post-it note the name of a famous person. Keeping the name hidden, stick the post-it to another's forehead.

Each person takes turns asking the group questions to figure out whom the unknown person is. The catch is only yes or no answers can be asked. e.g.

- Am I alive?
- Am I female?

If the answer is no, your turn is over. If the answer is yes, you can ask another question. Keep going until you get a no or make a guess at whom you are. If you guess right, you win, or if you guess wrong your turn is over.

Keep going until everyone has guessed or if time is tight, maybe stop after a few right answers.

## **Line Up**

Ideal for a quick energy boost and finding out a little more about your group. If you've got a larger group, split them into smaller groups and see who completes each task quickest.

Have your group ready to form a line in order of...

- Height, smallest to tallest
- Birth months, from January to December
- Distance they travel to school, from close to far
- Anything else you think of!

- Do a craft together**
- Take a hike**
- Journal**
- Blow bubbles (bring your own bubbles)**
- Find something at the dollar store to share with your group to make them special**
- Come up with a group name and write a song about it for camp fire**
- Think of, practice and perform a Bible skit for campfire**

**Theses are just a few ideas**

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