

## GAME 1: FRUIT OR VEGGIE?

**SUPPLIES:** masking tape (optional)

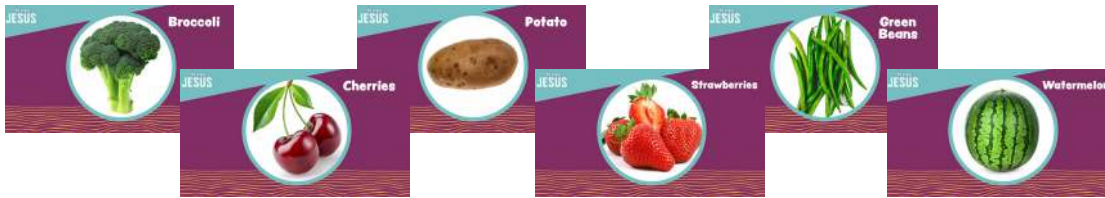
**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Fruit or Veggie? Slides

This game works great with the Fruit of the Spirit lesson!

**Leader Tip:** Read the name of the food so that younger kids or non-readers know exactly what the food is. Not all kids will recognize all of the foods in the pictures.

**Make It Inclusive:** Involve kids with special needs by having them lead the game! Have them shout out the name of the fruit or vegetable while other kids run to either side of the room.

In this activity, the kids will run between the two sides of the room to classify the food shown on the slides as a fruit or a vegetable. You can add a taped line on the floor to divide the room in half. Have kids stand on the taped line to start the game.



Display the first Fruit or Veggie? Title Slide on the screen and invite kids to stand in the middle of the room. **You may think you know which foods are fruits and which are vegetables. Some may seem easy. Others may be tricky or may surprise you. I'm going to show you pictures of different foods. If you think the food shown is a fruit, run to this side of the room (point to the right side) and if you think it's a vegetable, run to this side of the room (point to the left side of the room). Got it? The first one is an easy one.** Show the slide of the apple. Once kids have run to their chosen side of the room, display the next slide with the answer. Continue playing until you have shown all of the slides. Go through the slides quickly so it's a fast-paced game. **We've learned about a lot of different fruits! Today we're going to learn about another type of fruit: the fruit of the Spirit, which God creates in us!**

## GAME 2: UNTIE THE KNOT

In this game, kids will tangle themselves into a giant knot while holding hands and then work together to “untangle” themselves.

This game works great with the Unity lesson!

**We’re going to make a big knot!** Invite kids to stand in a circle. Have kids extend their left hands toward the middle and grab the hand of a person across from them. Then, have kids extend their right hands to the middle and grab the hand of another person across from them. Each kid should be holding hands with two different kids.

**Each of you should be holding the hand of two different people, neither of whom should be standing right beside you. The goal is to untangle yourselves and untie the knot without letting go of anyone’s hand. You can step over or under arms, twist yourselves backwards, and move around the circle, but try not to let go! Don’t break the circle!** Give kids time to untangle the knot they create without anyone letting go of a hand. If they do let go, have them reconnect quickly.

**Leader Tip:** If the group is large, split into groups of 8–10 of a similar age and size. You could even have the teams compete to see who can untangle fastest!

**Make It Inclusive:** Sometimes someone on the outside has a clearer perspective of what needs to be done! Involve kids who are neurodivergent by having them talk the kids through any tough tangles they run into.

If kids get tired or stuck, a leader can provide direction to help the group untangle. If they get to a place where they can’t do anything unless two kids let go of their hands, have a leader guide them in doing so quickly and then help to reconnect them. When arms are no longer crossed and the circle is complete, they’ve successfully worked together to untie the knot!

**You had to work together to accomplish the goal of untying the knot! It was hard to stay unified, wasn’t it? Working together isn’t always faster, but it is always better to work in unity. God’s big story tells us to make every effort to stay united with each other—that’s exactly what you all did in this game!**

## GAME 3: BANANA TAG

This is a twist on a basic freeze tag game. When kids are tagged, they have to stand with their bodies in the shape of a banana and can only be unfrozen when another kid peels them.

This game works great with the Joy and Contentment lesson!

Choose one or two kids to be “It,” or the tagger(s). **If the tagger touches you, you must freeze and stand like a banana.** Demonstrate a stance with your arms together in a sideways arch over your head, curving your body into a “C” shape as you’re able. **You will be frozen like this until someone else comes and peels you.** Have another leader demonstrate pulling your arms down by your side, one at a time. **Then, you will be free to run and move again!**

Give kids a few seconds head start before letting the tagger(s) go. When the tagger seems tired, feel free to switch to a new tagger and let the group know. When the kids are tired from running or time is up, call them together. **You all looked pretty silly pretending to be bananas! Bananas are a great fruit that I enjoy eating. Do any of you like to eat bananas?** Pause to give kids a chance to raise their hands. **Bananas are reminding me of some fruit we don’t eat—the fruit of the Spirit. One of those is joy. In God’s big story, Paul said we should always be full of joy. We’re learning today that the Holy Spirit gives us joy. Plus, watching you all pretend to be bananas and peel each other sure brought me some joy today!**

**Leader Tip:** If your group is large, designate two kids to be “It.” If you have two spaces, put kids into two groups.

# GAME 4: WHICH SUPERPOWER DO I HAVE?

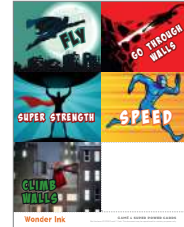
**SUPPLIES:** cardstock, tape, scissors (prep only)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Superpower Cards  
(1 card per kid)

This game works great with the Faith lesson!

Ahead of time, print the Superpower Cards onto cardstock so there's one card for each kid. Cut apart the cards. You'll want to be sure you have an even mix of the superpowers across the group.

In this game, the kids will group up with matching cards without being able to see their own card. The other kids will demonstrate the superpower on the cards by acting out the power.



Use tape to place a card on the back of the kid, making sure that each kid will have at least one other person with the same card throughout the group. **This is a silent game, which means there's no talking. Each of you have a card on your back. The first thing you'll need to do is find a partner. As partners, take turns acting out the superpowers on the cards for each other so you know what you have. After that you'll go around the room and try to get into groups with other people who have the same superpower you have. Continue acting out what's on your card until you're with all the people who have your same superpower.**

Mix the kids up around the room and give them a signal to begin. If the kids figure out the superpowers quickly or you have a small group, you may want to play several rounds.

**Superheroes have some amazing superpowers, like you all had in this game! But something we always remember is that God is the only true superhero, and He is the only one who can truly do amazing things! He even does amazing things in us and through us. What we are asked to do is have faith and be God's faithful followers. In our story today, we will hear about several of God's faithful followers who remembered that God is the one that does amazing things.**

**Leader Tip:** If you have young readers or non-readers, it may help for you to read off the list of potential superpowers: fly, go through walls, super strength, speed, and climb walls.

# GAME 5: MIX THE FRUIT SALAD

**SUPPLIES:** chairs or floor spots (1 per kid; if available), whiteboard, dry-erase marker

This game works great as a review of the lessons in the Be Like Jesus series!

In this game, every kid will be assigned a fruit and sit in a circle, with one person in the middle. The person in the middle will call out a fruit, and the kids with that fruit assigned to them will get up and switch spots with someone else in the circle.

**Leader Tip:** If you don't have access to chairs, have kids take their shoes off and place their shoes in front of where they are sitting on the ground, signifying their spot in the circle.

**Make It Inclusive:** If some kids struggle to focus or understand and follow instructions, pair them with a peer helper or offer them a seat near a leader who can encourage and help them as needed throughout the game.

Ahead of time, write on the whiteboard a "fill in the blank" Wonder Truth for each of the four lessons in the Be Like Jesus series. They will look like this:

Page 1: God helps us \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Page 2: God \_\_\_\_\_ together.

Page 3: God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Page 4: God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The answers are:

Page 1: God helps us be like Jesus.

Page 2: God brings us together.

Page 3: God gives us joy and contentment.

Page 4: God is faithful and good.

Have kids sit in chairs or on floor spots in a circle and choose one kid to go to the middle of the circle.

**We're going to play Mix the Fruit Salad! To play, you are all going to be assigned a fruit. Be sure to remember which fruit I give you. One of us will be in the middle of the circle. The person in the middle is going to call out one or two of the fruits. If your fruit is called, you get up and run to another seat in the circle. You have to be quick, though, because the person in the middle of the circle is going to try to**

**get a seat too! If you end up without a seat, you will be in the middle of the circle. Whoever is in the middle each round will get to guess a letter to fill in the blanks for our Wonder Truths. Then you will get to shout out the next fruits to mix up. If you want everyone to get up and change seats, you can say, "Mix the fruit salad!" If this is called out, no one can move to the seat directly next to them. We'll stop when we have all the letters filled in and every Wonder Truth solved.**

Choose three or four different fruits and assign one to each kid, such as orange, strawberry, apple, banana. Play several rounds until you have filled in all the letters for the Wonder Truths.

When kids finish filling in all the blanks, encourage them to say all four Wonder Truths together. **Good job, everyone! We have some quick moving fruits here! As we leave today, let's also remember an even better kind of fruit salad, made with fruits of the Spirit that God gives to each and every one of us when we trust in Jesus. God helps us be like Jesus, brings us together, gives us joy and contentment, and God is faithful and good.**