

1. What Does God Have To Do With My Life?

John 2:1-12 (Each person read one verse, go in a circle)

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

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⁹When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. ¹⁰"A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

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¹²After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.

Roll Time #1... Go in a circle, roll the dice, have the person who rolled answer the question, then go to the next person.

1. Have you been to a wedding before? When? What was it like? If not, make something up!
2. What would be your ultimate choice of food and dessert at a wedding?
3. Wine and great stuff to eat and drink are key to a great wedding, why do you think they ran out early?
4. How do you think the person running the wedding celebration felt when they ran out of wine?
5. How do you think the people attending the wedding celebration felt when they ran out of wine?
6. Why do you think Jesus was at a wedding? Who invites Jesus to a wedding?!

Recap: A crisis happened at a wedding... Everyone wanted to know what Jesus would do in this situation.

John 2:3-8 (Read again)

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Roll Time #2

1. Why do you think everyone started turning to Jesus when they ran out of wine?
2. Where did you get your own impression and information about Jesus in your life so far?
3. Jesus filled the huge jars with water. What fun would a bunch of water add to the celebration?
4. What does water taste like? How yummy is it? Rate it on a scale of 1-10 of yumminess.
5. If this ended with Jesus handing out water, what would this tell us about Jesus?
6. Why do you think the servants simply obeyed Jesus, to bring something silly like water to the person in charge when what they needed was wine?

Recap: Jesus steps into this issue but does something unexpected. They wanted wine, but Jesus talks to the overlooked servants to do something with water, not wine.

Try This...

Hand out a bottle of water to each person. Take a sip of the water. Then add in a flavor add-in (Mio/Kool-Aid squirt liquid/etc.) and have everyone take a sip.

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Roll Time #3

1. What is the difference in taste between the water and the flavor? What do you like more and why?
2. Jesus changed the water into wine. What does this tell us about Jesus?
3. Why do you think it is important that the wine Jesus created was the very best wine anyone had ever tasted?
4. Could Jesus have left the problem alone or ignored the request? Why do you think Jesus did this miracle?
5. This was the first miracle Jesus' close friends, the disciples, ever saw. What do you think this experience was like for them?
6. On a scale of 1-10, how powerful would you say Jesus is... then... and today? Why?

Recap: Jesus is no mere man; he did a miracle right in front of their eyes. He cared about their problem and helped in an unexpected way.

Mixers and Games with Dice

Pass the Pig

Goal: Be the first player to reach 100 points.

How to play: On a turn, a player rolls the die repeatedly until either:

1. A "1" is rolled
2. The player chooses to "hold" (stop rolling)

If a "1" is rolled, that player's turn ends and no points are earned.

If the player chooses to hold, all of the points rolled during that turn are added to his or her score.

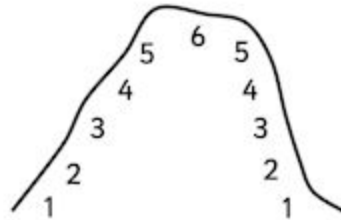
Climb the Mountain

Goal: Be the first one to climb and descend the mountain.

How to play: On a turn, a player rolls the dice and hopes for a "1", which will allow him to cross the number "1" off his mountain.

He must ascend in numerical order, so cannot cross off the "2" until he has crossed off the "1".

If he rolls a "1" and a "2", however, he can cross both numbers off in one turn. Play continues until someone has made it all the way up their mountain and down the other side in the correct order. It is helpful to get scrap paper and draw something similar to the number-mountain shown.



Variation of the same game: For a quicker game, allow the players to add their dice together to produce another number. For example, a throw of 1 and 2 would allow that player to cross off the 1, the 2 and the 3, all in one turn.

Twenty-One

Goal: Use math to get as close to 21 as possible.

How to play: Roll three times and remember all three numbers (you may want to write them down). Use addition, subtraction, multiplication or a combination to make a number as close to 21 as possible. You earn one point if my number is closer to 21 than my partner's. You earn two points if you get exactly 21.

Ice Breakers (Roll and answer the question...)

Past

1. Five years ago, one of my favorite things was...
2. Where were you born?
3. What did you do last summer?
4. Who had the biggest influence on you in elementary school?
5. What is one thing you used to eat but now hate to eat?
6. What is one thing you would change about the last two years of your life?

Present

1. What has made you happy recently?
2. If you could eat anything right now, what would it be?
3. Who lives in your house right now (pets too)?
4. Who is the last person you talked to for over five minutes?
5. Why are you here today for this get-together?
6. What is one thing you wish was better right now?

Future

1. Where will you be this weekend?
2. What hobby would you like to do for a job when you grow up?
3. Who, other than your family, do you think you will know for a long time?
4. What do you think you will be doing in 20 years?
5. When do you think you will be an "adult"?
6. What college and/or country would you like to go to?

Favorites

1. What is your dream vacation?
2. What is your favorite TV show and/or movie?
3. What is your favorite quality about yourself?
4. When are you happiest?
5. Who is one of your best friends? Why?
6. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life what would it be?

Story time!

Roll twice and then answer the question (ex: roll a "1" and a "3" so sport/red-neck)

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| 1. Food | 1. Old Person |
| 2. Vacation spot | 2. British guy |
| 3. Sport | 3. Red-neck |
| 4. TV Show | 4. Australian |
| 5. Band | 5. Robot |
| 6. Color | 6. Little baby |

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| 1. Farted | 1. Passed out |
| 2. Laughed | 2. Went to jail |
| 3. Screamed | 3. Won \$100 |
| 4. Spun around | 4. Met a new friend |
| 5. Whispered | 5. Lost your voice |
| 6. Stood still | 6. Got a nickname |

Make up a story about how you

God is...

All Powerful Jeremiah 32:17

O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

Everywhere Psalm 139:7

I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

All Knowing 1 John 3:20

Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Good Psalm 119:68

You are good and do only good; teach me your decrees.

Forgiving Psalm 86:5

O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.

Patient Psalm 103:8

The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

Love 1 John 4:8

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Verses for when you are...

Angry James 1:19

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Depressed Deuteronomy 31:8

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Insecure 1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Tempted 1 Corinthians 10:13

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Worried John 14:27

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

My own thoughts and answers...

1. What does God have to do with my life?
2. Can God love someone like me?
3. Why is this world messed up?
4. Does God really care?
5. Why am I here?
6. How does God look at me?
7. What do I do when I mess up?
8. How can I know an invisible God?