



RECREATION: MONDAY

LET'S GO PARTY

WHAT YOU NEED:

Large spoons, balls, cones to mark their path, buckets or baskets

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity:

Make a zig zag course on the ground with the cones. Draw a smiley face on each ball and place in a plastic bin.

During the Activity: Encourage each child to pick up a spoon and balance the happy face ball as they carefully walk through the zig zag course to the end of the line. When they get to the end, toss the ball into the basket. Set up another spoon and smiley face ball for the next child. Repeat until every child has a turn.

After the Activity:

Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity:

"Hello, friends! I have a fun game for us to play. Come stand with me at this zigzag course. Let's pretend these balls are people. Look, they have smiley faces! To play our game, you are going to pick up the spoon and balance the ball on it as you walk the course. When you get to the end, toss the ball in the basket."

During the Activity:

"Ready? Let's go! [Child's name], pick up the spoon and balance the ball. Walk slowly down the course. (Pause.) Great job! Toss the smiley ball into the basket and come back over. Next friend! [Child's name], it's your turn! (Continue with each child.) That was awesome! Come look in the basket. Look at all the smiley faces! You got all these smiley people to Jesus. Let's celebrate! Hooray!"

After the Activity:

"This game reminds me of our story today. Matthew was so happy that Jesus wanted to be his friend that he threw a party to celebrate Jesus and invited all his friends to celebrate Jesus too! You know what? Jesus wants to be your friend forever too that is something to celebrate."