



RECREATION: WEDNESDAY

PARTY CLOTHES RELAY

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two sets of the following: Laundry Baskets, Robes, Shoes, Rings

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Make two lines opposite each other in your activity area. Place the robe, shoes, and ring at one of the tape lines. Divide the group into two teams and line both teams behind the line.

During the Activity: Ask the first child in line to dress up in the robe, shoes, and ring and run to the other end of the field and back. The child will take off the dress-up items, and the next child will put all the items on and run a lap. Continue with each child.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Come join me over here, friends. We are going to play a relay game with this robe, these shoes, and this ring. (Hold up the items.) I need some of my friends to go to that line, and the rest of my friends go to this line."

During the Activity:

"The dad in our story gave his son a robe, a ring, and a pair of shoes. He put them on to go to a party. Let's play a dress-up relay game with them. [Child's name] will put on the party clothes, run to the end of the field and back, take them off, and [child's name] will put them on and run back the same route. We'll keep going back and forth until everyone has a chance to dress up in the fancy clothes. Ready, set, dress up! (Continue until each child has a turn.) That was such a fun game!"

After the Activity:

"In our story, we heard how the son made some bad choices, but the dad still loved him. The dad was happy he was home again. He gave his son a new robe, shoes, and a ring. Then he threw a party for his son. Jesus told this story because He wants US to know that God will always love us even if we make bad choices. God loved us SO much that He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. That is something to celebrate!