



CHRISTMAS

Live!



Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Cones, pool noodle.

1. Time to Talk

Look Up and Read: Romans 15:7. This verse tells us that we should accept others, because Jesus (Christ) has accepted us.

- When is a time you've felt "accepted" or included?
- Have you ever gone somewhere that you weren't invited to? How did you feel?
- Would you like to be "sponsored," like Josh? What would happen if you didn't like the thing you had to wear and tell others about?
- If you invited someone to our Christmas Party here at church, what could you say to invite them? Who could you invite?

2. Activity

Do This: Before the activity, set up eight cones on the floor, in the shape of two squares, about eight to ten feet apart. Have all the kids stand in one of the squares.

Know This: If you need to combine with another group to have more people playing, you can do that.

Say This: This game is called "shepherd tag!" One of you is going to be the shepherd. The rest of you are sheep, and these cones are your fences. I'm going to tell you when to run from one pen to the other by saying "stampede!" The shepherd is going to try and tag you with the pool noodle, but they can only tag you when you're outside of the pen. If you get tagged you have to sit down, right where you are. The last one to get tagged becomes the next shepherd.

Do This: Choose one kid to be the "shepherd." Call out "stampede!" to have all the kids run from one pen to the other. If your kids can handle it, you could have only a few of them run at once based on colors they're wearing (everyone wearing red, green, blue, etc.).

The Point: The shepherds' story showed us that God cares about every person, even those we might forget about or not expect. Every person matters to God!