

ABC Ball

This is a fun game for younger Cubbies who are just learning their letters. Toss or roll a ball to a clubber and say the letter "A." When the Cubbie returns the ball to you, she should repeat the letter "A." Say the letter "B" and toss the ball to another Cubbie, who will return the ball to you and say the letter "B." Continue this pattern until you say the whole alphabet or children lose interest. Close by singing an alphabet song.

Beanbag Toss

Allow clubbers to take turns tossing bean bags into a big bucket (or some other easy to hit target). Let them take turns until they lose interest.

Board Games

Set up a few age-appropriate board games at different tables and have a leader at each table. Allow Cubbies time to complete the game. If there's time, switch tables.

Cubbie Bear Hunt

Do you have the [Cubbies Finger Puppets](#)? Consider buying one of each and have a Cubbie and friends hunt around your club room.

Cubbie Says

Use your [Cubbie puppet](#) (or [finger puppet](#), or using a paper bag, make a hand puppet after cutting out a coloring sheet of Cubbie's face) to play Cubbie Says. It's played the same as Simon Says.

Cubbie Time Obstacle Course

Transform your Cubbies room into a free-for-all obstacle course! Clear out clutter that someone could trip on. Place piles of pillows, cushions, chairs, tubes, cardboard boxes, etc., around the room for the kids to romp over, under or through. Show the Cubbies how to proceed through the obstacle course. Then turn on the music and let the kids take turns.

Find Cubbie Bear

Purchase the [Cubbie Bear Stuffed Toy](#), [Cubbie Bear Puppet](#) or [Cubbie Finger Puppets](#). Have kids close their eyes and turn their backs so you can hide Cubbie Bear somewhere. Then let everyone search for him. Repeat several times so everyone has a chance to find him. Hand out prizes to everyone.

Fishing for Cubbie

Duplicate and cut out pictures of Cubbie Bear and secure a small magnet to the back of them. Using a child's size fishing pole, tie or adhere the opposite side of the magnet to the fishing line. Put several Cubbie Bears in a bucket and let clubbers take turns fishing for Cubbie.

Guessing Game

Bring a lot of pictures to club...pictures of all the different seasons and things that you see in each season. Trees with changing leaves, swimming pools, pumpkins, Christmas trees, umbrellas, etc. The game is to have children tell you which pictures are of things you see in the summer.

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!

Teach your Cubbies while singing! Sing the familiar song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"!

Head and shoulders, knees and toes

Head and shoulders, knees and toes

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose!

Head and shoulders, knees and toes

KNEES AND TOES!

Musical Feet

Since music is the focus of the night, play musical chairs but without the chairs. Play music and have clubbers dance or walk around the room with their popcorn tambourines. When the music stops, they all need to stop. Play until they lose interest. No one is ever out and everyone gets a snack in the end.

Parachute

Get hold of a small parachute or use a flat bed sheet. Have Cubbies and leaders stand (leaders on their knees) in a circle and shake the parachute. Throw a few soft balls or stuffed toys on the parachute and watch them fly and bounce all over.

Pick the Apple From the Tree

Draw a picture of a tree on a large piece of cardboard. Draw and cut out lots of apples. On the back of the apples, write something we can be thankful for at this time of the year such as pretty trees, cooler weather and bright blue skies. Tape the apples to the tree. Let the Cubbies take turns picking an apple from the tree. As they do, read to everyone what the back of their apple says. Let the Cubbies keep their apples.

Point and Say

Point to pictures around the room and say "God made _____." Let the Puggles finish the sentence if they can. If they can't, use it as a teaching opportunity and go over what the object is several times. Then come back to it often.

Simon Says

Play Simon Says – you can end the game by incorporating how it's good and right to do what the Bible says (we do what the Bible says when we tell others about Jesus).

Special Delivery

Each Cubbie gets some "mail" to deliver to Cubbie Bear. Designate a place that is Cubbie Bear's house. Have a make-shift mail box (or a real one if you can get it) and as each Cubbie takes a turn putting the mail in Cubbie's mailbox, he or she says "Special Delivery!"

Welcome to Fall!

It's fall! Celebrate with apple juice. Show Cubbies pictures of beautifully colored trees and dried corn stalks. Emphasize how God shows us His power as the seasons change. He also shows His love for us in how beautiful the world looks as the seasons change.

Where's Cubbie?

Do you have a Cubbie puppet or stuffed animal? If not, any stuffed animal will do. Before the clubbers arrive, hide Cubbie in some part of the room. Also hide a few other stuffed animals. During Game Time, announce to your Cubbies that Cubbie and some friends are hiding around the room and their job is to find them.

Wiggle Poem

Use this "game" to get Cubbies ready for the lesson. Everyone stands up and says this poem:

You wiggle up high (all kids wiggle their arms while stretching up)

You wiggle down low (all kids wiggle their toes)

You spin around once (spin around once)

Then wiggle some more (wiggle all your limbs)

You wiggle up high (all kids wiggle their arms while stretching up)

You wiggle down low (all kids wiggle their toes)

You sit down on the ground (everyone sits)

And learn about the Lord

Holiday Games

Colorful Thanks

Make an artist's palette with several different colors on it. Allow clubbers to take turns naming something that a color reminds them of – something they're thankful for. For example – the color orange might remind a clubber of orange juice. Or yellow might remind a clubber of the color of their dog. Take a moment to say, "Thank you Jesus for orange juice!" or "Thank you Jesus for our pets!"

Cotton Ball Snowman

You'll need: paper, glue, cotton balls, pencil, cups, macaroni, popcorn and paint

Find different size cups that Cubbies can use to trace. If you don't have different size cups, try small round containers, lids or unopened cans. You'll need three different sizes. Have Cubbies trace three circles on paper in stacking order with the biggest on the bottom. Have them fill in the circles with cotton balls and a little bit of glue. You can simplify the gluing process by squeezing the glue onto a plate and giving them a cotton swab to use. Use painted macaroni and multi-colored popcorn for the eyes, mouth, nose and buttons.

Eggs: A Symbol of New Life

Fill several plastic eggs with important objects from the toy rooster (Matthew 26:33-34), a tiny wooden cross (John 19:16-18) or a stone (Mark 16:3-4). Number your eggs to match the order of story events and put them in a basket. Easter story. Examples: A piece of palm leaf (John 12:12-13), silver coins (Matthew 26:14-16), a feather or small Cubbies sit in a circle and pass one empty egg around the circle. When you say "Stop!" the Cubbie holding the egg gets to open egg number one from your basket. Explain the object and play the game again. The next Cubbie gets to open egg number two and so on. When the last child opens the empty egg, talk about the empty tomb. (To order premade Resurrection Eggs go to www.familylife.com.)

Find the Snow Globe

Hide a snow globe in the room and give the clubbers time to find it. Do this several times to ensure many if not all clubbers have a chance to find the snow globe.

'He is Risen Indeed!' Game

Explain that the Church has a special greeting on Easter Sunday. When someone says, "Christ is risen!" someone else answers back, "He is risen indeed!" Practice this call and response several times with Cubbies. Then play a game similar to Marco Polo. The leader closes her eyes and says "Christ is risen!" Cubbies quietly scatter around the room as they answer, "He is risen indeed!" The "blind" leader keeps calling and tries to find and tag Cubbies by listening to the sound of their voices when they answer her call. (Cubbies can stand still or move around. They can continue playing after they are tagged.)

Paint the Pumpkin

Allow Cubbies to paint a small pumpkin or gourd. They don't have to paint a face. Let them paint anything they want. Talk about how God made pumpkins and gourds.

Paper Plate Easter Game

Get several paper plates and draw a happy or sad face on each one. Hide them around the room. Tell Cubbies to find the sad faces. Gather the group and explain that Jesus' friends were sad when He died. Then tell Cubbies to find the happy faces. Gather the group again and say that Jesus' friends were SO happy to find out He was alive. Give a big cheer. Christ has risen from the dead!

Pass the Gingerbread Man

Make a gingerbread man made of construction paper. Cubbies sit in a circle. Play music. When the music stops, the Cubbie with the gingerbread man stands up, runs around the circle and sits back down. Play until everyone has a turn to run around the circle.

The Thankful Game

Cubbies sit in a circle. Have a Cubbie Bear [finger puppet](#) or [stuffed toy](#) for the clubbers to pass around. Play music and when the music stops, the Cubbie holding Cubbie Bear says something he or she is thankful for. You might need to give them some ideas. Have other leaders show how to do the game first or have them sit in the circle, too.

Who's got the Gourd?

Have a gourd on hand. Have children sit in a circle. Everyone closes their eyes with their hands behind their backs. You walk around the circle and place the gourd in someone's hands. Everyone opens their eyes and you pick someone to guess who has the gourd. Allow three to four clubbers to try before starting over.

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Balloons - All children love games with balloons
Balloon Basketball - Leaders holds arms out for goals
Balloon Volleyball
Balloon Batting - Keep it up in the air, don't let touch the floor
Balloon Bust, Try stomping a balloon
Tie a balloon to a string and attach to the clubbers ankle and let them jump over it
Balloon Drop - Hold between leg and walk like Cubbie to a small garbage can or bucket-straddle it and drop balloon on the can or bucket
Cubbie Bear Balloon Bust-Have small balloons attached to a piece of cardboard Cubbie, let children choose a color or you name a color to bust-preferably their color team color
Obstacle courses
Hoops in a circle
Hoops in a line, hop in and hop out
Through Hoops, have leaders hold up
Tunnels, have them crawl through then run to the next tunnel
Set up anything to make an obstacle course
Have the children run in and around game pins or bowling pins
Parachutes
Have balloons in the middle, have children raise up slowly (say up) then down (say down).
Have children go in one direction, then go back the other way
Frisbees
Have cloth Frisbees or foam Frisbees for each child
They can throw toward one way and let them come back to them
Free play, throw them up in the air-see how high they will go
Plastic Colored Balls
Kick balls all around the floor (like the one that goes in tunnel house)
Throw them in buckets like beanbags
Put these in the parachute then chase when all are flipped out
Bowling Games
Buy a plastic bowling set or two let the children take turns bowling
Have the children try to knock over a certain color pin
Balls
Play any game you wish.
Ball Toss-Throw a softball or foam ball into a barrel
Toss a football through floating ring (innertube, hang down from the ceiling)

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Obey
Cubbies Says
Mother May I
Hokey Pokey (Jesus Style)
Follow the Leader
Forward Rolls (Flips)
Choo-Choo Train
Rope
Tug A War
High Water-Cubbies jump over, raise a little each time
Sneaky Snake-Wiggle rope as Cubbies jump over the rope
Circle Games
Ring Around the Roses
Run around the circle (3 to 5 laps)
Skip, Hop, or bounce the ball around the circle
Sack Race
One legged Sack or Pillowcase Race
Two legged Race-Hop in a Sack or Pillowcase to the other side
Crawls
Cubbie Crawl - 1/2 of Cubbies on one side, ½ on the other side. Yell GO and the Cubbies are to race to the other side on all fours
Crawl over Noodle or crawl under after raising a little at a time

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Other Ideas
Hot potato
Doggy-Doggy Where is Your Bone
Duck Duck Goose
Red Rover, Red Rover-We dare _____ over
Stick Horse Race or Gallop (can be made out of a mop)
Musical Chairs
Spin the Cubbie
Shoe Fly - <i>Cubbies take off shoes and place in a pile. Have 4 cubbers one opposite of each other around the pile, for one minute let the children try to find their shoes</i>
Egg Toss - <i>Egg Carton - Color holes AWANA colors, use Ping-Pong balls. Throw Ping-Pong ball in the color you call out. Helps them learn their colors</i>
Feed Cubbie Bear <i>Equipment: Piece of plywood or cardboard on which Cubbie Bear is painted and mouth is open for beanbag or small ball.</i>
<i>Life Size Cubbie on cardboard or shower curtain has children stick something on Cubbie (blindfolded).</i>
How About A Cubbies Band: Rhythm Band <i>Make: Cymbals Drums (Oatmeal Box) Sticks Or buy a kit at the Dollar Tree Noisemakers---- Trade out so that all have something different</i>
Exercises
Stretching arms out
Rolling Neck
Jumping Jacks
Push-ups (our really love to do these)
Touch Toes
Any things to get them warmed up and ready to go...