

# Echo Echo Memory Verse Game

*You will say a word or phrase of the memory verse below while doing some sort of action—sit down, stand up, spin in a circle, touch your toes, etc. You can whisper, shout, squeak, etc. The students will “echo” what you say and do as you recite the verse. Repeat several times. Switch around and let older students take turns leading.*

**John 11:25** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

# Pom-Pom Paint Craft

## Materials

- ☐ Foam sheets in various colors
- ☐ Washable paints (not watercolor) in various colors
- ☐ Pom-poms (1½-inch) several for each paint color
- ☐ Clothespins for each pom-pom
- ☐ Foam plates
- ☐ Painter's tape (1-inch wide)
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Hole punch
- ☐ Narrow ribbon or yarn

## Instructions

*Before class: Apply one strip of painter's tape across the top edge of each craft foam sheet about two inches from the top edge, leaving a small space at right and left sides. This will be the crossbeam of the finished cross. Apply a longer strip vertically, crossing over the first piece of tape to create a cross. Rub the tape down so it is secure around the edges.*

*During Class: Pour several colors of paint onto foam plates and set on tables for students to share. Pinch each pom-pom with a clothespin to use in place of paintbrushes.*

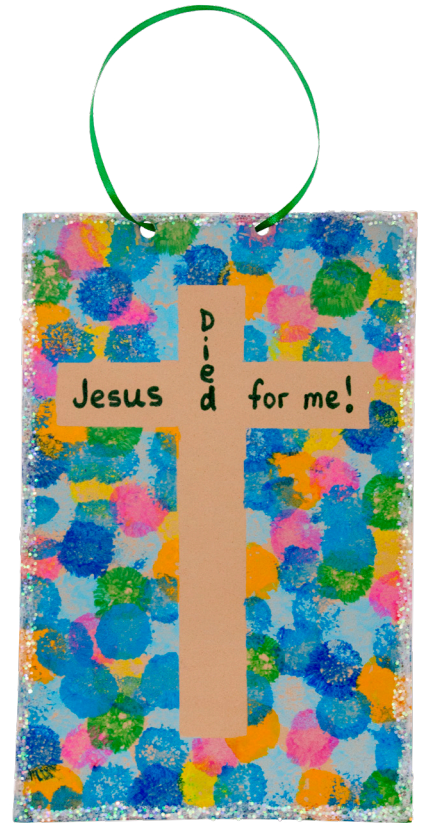
*Pass out one foam sheet with a taped cross to each student. Direct students to hold a pom-pom with the clothespin and dab the top of it into the paint. Make large dots on the foam sheet by pushing straight down on the pom-pom. Encourage the students to create their own design all around the cross. It's okay to get paint on the tape; it will be peeled off later.*

*Allow paint to dry then gently peel the tape from the foam, leaving a cross in the middle of the design. Help students write, "Jesus died for me!" on their cross. Punch two holes at the top and tie ribbon or yarn through to make a hanger.*

*NOTE: You may want to wash out the pom-poms and let them dry to be used again.*

## Suggested Discussion

The cross is more than just a decoration. It shows how much Jesus loves us! He was willing to be crucified on a cross when he didn't deserve to die. He was perfect, but he chose to give his life to pay the punishment we deserve for our sins. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can come to God and ask forgiveness for our sins. When we are truly sorry and trust in Jesus to save us, God forgives us and makes us his child.



# Jerusalem Road Race

## Materials

- ☐ Paper towels or paper plates, at least one per student plus several extra
- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ Optional: stopwatch

## Instructions

*Use tape to mark a finish line at one end of the room or hallway. Have students line up on the opposite wall. Explain that just as the people laid down their cloaks and branches so Jesus' donkey would walk on them, each student will be making their way to the finish line using the paper towels/paper plates to step on so they do not touch the floor.*

*Demonstrate how to set your towel/plate down in front of you, step, then bring the other one you were standing on forward. Give each student two towels/plates. Have them stand on one and hold the other. When you say "Go!" each student will lay his towel/plate down in front of him then move to stand on it. Then he will move the plate behind him to the front and keep stepping from plate to plate all the way to the finish line.*

*The first student to reach the finish line without touching the floor is the winner. If there is time, have the students line up at the finish line and race back to the other end.*

*Variation: Use a stopwatch and time the whole class to see how fast they can all make it to the finish line.*

## Suggested Discussion

When Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem, people took off their cloaks and laid them on the road before he came by. They also cut tree branches and laid them on the road. This covered the dirt and made a special path for Jesus to ride on into the city. This was how people welcomed kings! Even though people welcomed Jesus when he first came, he knew that he would be put to death. But he came anyway because he loved us so much.