



G.O.S.P.E.L. Games

Memorizing the G.O.S.P.E.L. acrostic is an excellent step towards learning how to share your faith relationally, but we know it can be a bit tricky. But it can also be fun! These games will help your students learn the G.O.S.P.E.L. acrostic, and have a great time doing so.

G.O.S.P.E.L. Beach Ball. A standard beach ball has six panels of alternating colors. Use a permanent marker to write one letter of the G.O.S.P.E.L. on each of the panels. Have students toss the ball back and forth. Whatever panel their right pointer finger is touching when they catch the ball is the statement of the G.O.S.P.E.L. acrostic they need to say. For example, if their right pointer finger is on the panel with the letter “P,” they would say: *“Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.”*

Marshmallow Gun G.O.S.P.E.L. Call out one of the letters of the G.O.S.P.E.L., and shoot a marshmallow. Whomever the marshmallow hits must call out the statement that goes with that letter. You can do a round and then give your students a “shot” at calling out letters and shooting their friends with marshmallows. Awesome!

Giant Flash Cards. Get six large poster boards (all the same color) and write one letter of the G.O.S.P.E.L. on each. Have six students stand at the front of the room, holding the posters in order, so that everyone can see the letters spelling GOSPEL. Take a minute to review the acronym, and then have the students flip the posters so the letters are no longer visible. Ask them to shuffle around for a few seconds, trade posters with another student, and then stand in a different order. Call on the students randomly to flip their posters facing out again, and have the audience shout out the statement that goes with the letter they see.

To make this more challenging, assign a movement to go with each letter of the acronym. For example, have students shout *“God created us to be with Him”* and do jumping jacks when they see the letter G or shout *“Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever”* and high-five their neighbors when they see the letter L.

Balloon Volleyball. This is an easy one to set up. Split your students into two teams, and put them on either side of a volleyball net. If you don't have a net, run a long piece of duct tape across the floor to divide the room in two. Then have your students play volleyball with a balloon. Every time a student hits the balloon, his/her entire team needs to shout out the next part of the G.O.S.P.E.L.—starting with “**God created us to be with Him**” on the first serve. This is a great way to get your students to memorize the acrostic in order, from start to finish. Using a balloon instead of a volleyball allows for more “hang time,” so the players have time to call out the entire phrase before the other team hits it back.

Go through the acrostic several times, and then throw in a second balloon if you want to make it more challenging and watch the game spiral into hilarious chaos.

Extreme Rock–Paper–Scissors (G.O.S.P.E.L. Edition). If you've played this game with your group before, you know it's a blast! Have your students pair up and play Rock–Paper–Scissors. Whoever loses the match becomes a “cheerleader” for the person who won and follows them to the next match, cheering them on. The teams will get bigger as each losing team gets absorbed into a winning team, and you will eventually end up with two giant teams cheering on the two final players. It's fun to have a prize on hand for the winner (like a T-shirt or gift card).

For the G.O.S.P.E.L. edition of this game, the losing player needs to recite the acrostic from start to finish as fast as possible before following the winning player on to the next match. As the teams get bigger, the entire losing team will recite the acrostic in unison before absorbing into the winning team. The teams will get bigger and bigger, and the G.O.S.P.E.L. will get louder and louder!

The G.O.S.P.E.L.

God created us to be with Him.

Our sins separate us from God.

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

