

Welcome Back Party (Review Questions from the Christmas Party Club)

1. What was the name of Jesus' mother? (*Mary.*)
2. How did Mary learn that she was going to be the mother of God's Son? (*An angel told her.*)
3. Who was Mary engaged to? (*Joseph.*)
4. What does the name Jesus mean? (*God who saves.*)
5. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem? (*There was a census; the government wanted to count all the people.*)
6. Who were the first people to learn about God's perfect gift? (*Shepherds.*)
7. Who does God love? (*You; everyone.*)
8. What separates you from God? (*Sin.*)
9. What is sin? (*Anything that goes against God.*)
10. What did God do so you can be saved from your sin? (*Sent His perfect gift, Jesus, into the world to die.*)
11. What happened on the third day after Jesus died? (*He came back to life!*)
12. What do you have to do to receive God's perfect gift? (*Believe on Jesus.*)

Backwards Relay

Materials:

- One small box, wrapped to look like a present, per team
- One party blower inside of box for each child

How to Play:

Divide the children into teams and have the teams line up on a starting line. Give the first child in each line a small box wrapped in birthday paper or other small object. On your signal, the children holding the box walk backwards to a designated marker, back to their respective teams, hand off the box to the next child and then sit down. The next child in line repeats until all the children have gone. When the last child on the team sits down, he has to open the box and hand out the party blowers to everyone on his team. The first team to blow the party blowers wins.

Variation: Divide the kids into teams and line them up. Have them compete doing various activities like walking backwards, running backwards, wheelbarrow racing, running, crawling, etc. Everyone will assume they are trying to complete all of the activities and reach the finish line first, but the winners will be whichever team comes in last. However, don't tell the kids this, or it will ruin the game. Announce the winner and the object of the game only after the completion of the game.