

## Games



Play large group games.  
(25 minutes)

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Large tic-tac-toe boards
- Markers
- Christmas music
- 5+ soft dodgeballs (see game notes)
- Pad of sticky notes

### LARGE GROUP GAME: CHRISTMAS RELAY TIC-TAC-TOE

**Materials:** Large tic-tac-toe boards (create several large tic-tac-toe boards using poster boards or large sheets of paper; you can decorate them with Christmas-themed designs); markers; Christmas music (a playlist of upbeat Christmas songs to play during the relay).

**Space:** An open area where participants can run back and forth between the starting line and the tic-tac-toe boards.

**Object of game:** As a team, get three marks in a row.

**How to play:** Divide participants into two teams. Each team should have an equal number of players. Designate a starting line where all players will begin. Place the tic-tac-toe boards a distance away from the starting line. You can have multiple boards for larger groups.

Teams line up behind the starting line. The first player of each team holds a marker (or their Christmas-themed item). When the music starts or a signal is given, the first player from each team runs to their tic-tac-toe board. The player marks their chosen spot on the board (either X or O) and runs back to tag the next teammate. The next player repeats the process, marking the board with their team's symbol and running back to tag the next player. The game continues until one team gets three of their marks in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally). Once a team wins, the game is reset, and the relay continues with a new round.

Optionally, after each game, teams can switch markers (e.g., team with X now uses O) to keep it fair and interesting.

**Variations:**

- **Obstacle Course:** Add Christmas-themed obstacles (e.g., hopping over presents, crawling under tinsel) between the starting line and the boards
- **Timed Rounds:** Play in timed rounds (e.g., 5 minutes) and see which team wins the most games within that period.
- **Holiday Challenges:** Incorporate small holiday-themed challenges players must complete before marking the board (e.g., sing a Christmas carol, answer a Christmas trivia question).

### LARGE GROUP GAME: WARRIOR DODGEBALL

**Materials:** Five or six soft dodgeballs (more dodgeballs may be needed depending on your group size)

**Object of game:** Be the last player in the game

**How to play:** Place the dodgeballs in the center of the room. Have all the players start by touching one of the four walls in the room. When you call "battle!" all the players run for the balls. They try to throw them at someone

else to get them out. If they hit another person from the shoulders down, that person is out and sits down right where they are. If the person catches the ball, the one who threw it is out and sits down. No one may walk or run while holding a ball. To move the ball, a player must roll it on the floor. Anyone who walks or runs while carrying a ball is out. Play continues until only one player is left, and then another round begins.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: WHO AM I?

**Materials:** Prepare a self-adhesive label or sticky note for each person in your group.

**Object of game:** Figure out who you are

**How to play:** Write the name of a well-known or famous person on the sticky note. This can be a historical character or current athlete, musician, TV personality, celebrity, or even superhero, etc. Keeping the names hidden, stick the sticky notes on the foreheads of everyone in the group. They must then ask yes or no questions of the others to find out their identity.

Each person takes a turn to ask questions and figure out who they are. For example, "Am I alive?", "Am I female?", or "Am I in a band?" Only yes or no questions can be asked. If the answer is no, their turn is over and the other person gets to ask questions. If the answer is yes, they can ask another question and keep going until they get a no or guess who they are. Keep playing until everyone has guessed, or if time is short, stop after the first few correct answers.