

## **Fun and Games**

(Target Audience: Ages 6–8, 9–12)

Choose and adapt activities as appropriate to your location, audience, time, supplies, etc. Additional games and activities may be found within the other *LOL* programs.

### **1. Pigs Fly**

The idea behind this game is a silly version of "Simon Says." The leader calls out actions, like "ducks fly!" He/she acts it out and the kids do too. Everyone should participate in the actions if the statement makes sense. More animals and actions are called out. Then, occasionally, the leader calls out and acts a mixed-up action such as "pigs fly." If anyone follows the leader and acts out the mix-up, they are out. Examples of legitimate actions might be: dogs bark, cats meow, birds fly, pigs oink, etc... Examples of "illegal" moves might include: pigs fly, cats moo, chickens swim, etc.

### **2. Hop and Pop**

Place a large supply of bubble wrap in a pile and let the kids just hop in and pop to their hearts' content.

### **3. Wacky Wardrobes**

Suitcases are packed with wacky wardrobes. Kids get divided into teams. The first players pick up a suitcase and run from the start to the finish line. Then, they have to open the suitcase, put on all the clothes and run back to the starting line with the suitcase. Then, they have to take off the clothes, repack the suitcase, and hand it to the next player. Clothes can be backwards, inside-out, upside-down or in the wrong place, as long as they are ON. The first team to finish wins!

### **4. Just like me!**

After each and every line you say, the children say "Just like me!" You create a sequence of events like this, for example:

I got out of bed. (Just like me!)

I washed and brushed.

I put on my clothes.

I went to the library.

I listened to stories.

I looked out the window.

And there I saw a monkey!

When they complete the last line with "Just like me!" be prepared to possibly get some groans as well as laughs.

### **5. Laughing Face**

A version of the traditional, well-known hangman game could be played with the children but instead of drawing a hangman element with every wrong letter guessed, you create a laughing face. Start with the circle head, eyes, nose, ears, hair, eyebrows, and finally the laughing mouth.

6. Before and after this poem, stand with your back to the audience. Place your arms across the front of your body so that one is over your shoulder and another is around your waist. Your hands hopefully show on the other side, so that when you move them around, it looks like someone else is passionately embracing you.

Now the poem:

I love myself, I think I'm grand  
I go to the movies. I hold my hand.  
I put my arm around my waist;  
When I get fresh, I slap my face.

7. **My Aunt Came Back** (An action, repeat-after-me Song). Feel free to leave out some of the verses if you like.

Oh, my Aunt came back. *Oh, my Aunt came back.*  
From Old Japan. *From Old Japan.*  
And brought with her. *And brought with her.*  
A beautiful fan. *A beautiful fan.* (Fan yourself).

Oh, my Aunt came back from Old Algiers and brought with her a pair of shears. (Fan and pretend to have scissors.)

Oh, my Aunt came back from Holland too and brought with her some wooden shoes. (Fan, scissors and tap feet.)

Oh, my Aunt came back from Waterloo and brought with her some gum to chew. (Fan, scissors, tap, and chew).

Oh, my Aunt came back from Niagara Falls, and brought with her, some ping pong balls (Fan, scissors, tap, chew, and move head back and forth).

Oh, my Aunt came back from the Alley Oops and brought with her some hula Hoops! (Fan, scissors, tap, chew, move head back and forth and now move body in circular hula hoop motion).

Oh, my Aunt came back from the Hebrides, and brought with her, some itchy fleas (Fan, scissors, tap, chew, move head back and forth, move body in circular hula hoop motion, and squirm as if you might have fleas).

Oh, my Aunt came back from the county fair, and brought with her, a rocking chair (Fan, scissors, tap, chew, move head back and forth, move body in circular hula hoop motion, squirm, and add rocking motion).

Oh, my Aunt came back from the Oji Zoo and brought with her some monkeys like You! (Leader points to group!)

#### **8. New Language**

Tell the group that you are going to teach them an easy new language. Ask them to repeat after you:

Oh wah

Tah goo

Siam

Then have the children say it all together, until it sounds like this “Oh what a goose I am!”

#### **9. Silly Laughs**

Have the children take turns making up silly new laughs. You could give them suggestions for different types of laughs too. For example, ask them to laugh through their noses, or make up a kind of silent laugh, a snorting laugh or a really loud laugh.

#### **10. Poor Kitty**

In this old party game, a child is chosen to be the “kitty.” The kitty then goes over to another child and meows three times. This child must then pet the kitty’s head three times and say “Poor kitty, poor kitty, poor kitty,” without laughing. The kitty tries to make the person in front of them laugh by making funny meows, faces and acting like a cat. The rest of the circle can join in the fun as well, only the one player must keep a straight face. The kitty goes from one child to another in this way until someone laughs. The first one to laugh becomes the new kitty.