



# Cultivating RE-CREATION

## Faithful Re-creation for young kids

### *Simple ways to incorporate faith into fun summer activities!*

As you and your family are on summer break, here are some fun reminders of God's love incorporated into summer backyard games and activities.

**Water Games:** As you splash in the sprinkler or play with water squirters, remind your children that they were washed in the waters of Baptism, and that means they are loved children of God, and nothing can change that. Remind them that Amen means yes, it is so. As you squirt them with water, shout joyfully, "You are a child of God," and have them respond joyfully with AMEN as they squirt you back. Take turns squirting each other and shouting joyously!

**Sparklers:** If you have a summer sparkler party, it's a great chance to sing This Little Light of Mine ([music and lyrics here](#)). Read Matthew 5:17 and tell your kids how they will let their light shine this summer.

**Sidewalk chalk:** While your kids are drawing with sidewalk chalk, suggest that they draw or write or draw a simple message of encouragement for the neighbors who walk by. It might be as simple as a smile. Talk about how we can share God's love through our actions. Take a minute to pray for those who will be on the sidewalk.

**Bubbles:** Blow some bubbles and watch them drift away in the wind. Ask your kids if they can see the wind that is moving the bubbles. (Of course, they can't). This is a great example of what the Holy Spirit is like. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is present and with us, just like the wind that is moving the bubbles. God is with us through the Holy Spirit, even though we can't see God.

**Play on the playground at the park:** Talk about all the different activities at the park, from slide to swing to merry-go-round. Ask your kids what their favorite activity was. Is everyone's favorite activity the same? No. There are lots of different activities, and we all like different ones. God made each of us unique and different. This means we all like different things. How cool that God made us all different! (This is a great, simple introduction to the beauty of diversity in the kingdom of God!)

**I spy hike:** Take a short hike around the neighborhood and challenge your kids to find as many crosses as possible (for example, the trim between windowpanes in a neighbor's window or two branches in a tree). Talk about how you can find crosses everywhere, and it's a great reminder for us that God's love is EVERYWHERE. Wherever we go, God is there. Read Psalm 139: 7-12 together.