

Dragon Dash

Day 2

Supplies

- 2 kiddie pools
- 10–20 soccer balls
- 4 cones
- Wristbands or jerseys for half the kids
- Optional: 2 squirt guns

Pre-Prep

1. Set up a rectangular playing field with the four cones. Place the two kiddie pools near each other in the center of the field. Scatter the soccer balls around.

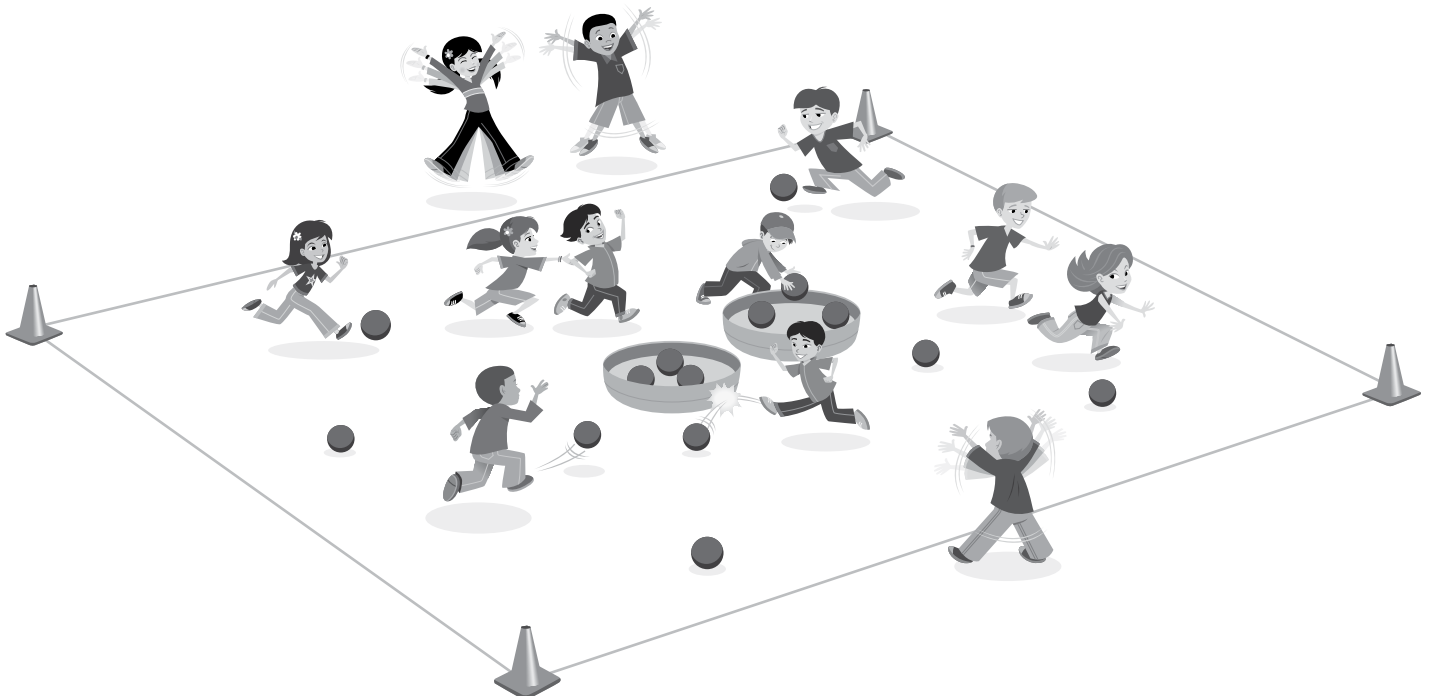
Teaching Tie-In

Today we're playing Dragon Dash, a fun variation on the classic game of tag. Dragons are fascinating creatures. There are legends about them in every culture all over the world. There are pictures of dragons in the art and pottery of world cultures, as well. These pictures and accounts are very similar, which would seem to indicate that these "legends" are

based on real encounters with real dragons and sea monsters. Many of the descriptions of these dragons match descriptions of the animals we call "dinosaurs" or dinosaur-like creatures. Of course, we know God created these animals on Day Five (sea creatures) and Day Six (land creatures), and He created the first two people on Day Six of creation week, so it should come as no surprise that dragons (or dinosaurs!) would have lived at the same time as man. When we start with God's Word, history makes sense!

Class Time Directions

1. Divide the class into two teams, plus choose someone from each team to be their team's dragon. Have one team put on the wristbands or jerseys.
2. Explain that each team is trying to get all their dragon eggs (soccer balls) in their kiddie pool first. To do so, they can kick them soccer-style around the field. When an egg hits the pool, a player from that team may pick it up and place it in the pool. In the meantime, all players need to be aware of the opposing dragon. If tagged by the opposing dragon, they have to run to the sidelines and do 15 dragon-sized jumping jacks (big ones!) before returning



to the playing field. They need to count out loud while doing them. The winning team is the one that first gets all the dragon eggs successfully in their “nest” (kiddie pool).

Tip Corner

- Change dragons frequently using a whistle signal to stop play. Have everyone freeze while the switch is made.
- To add a water element, have the dragons “tag” using squirt guns. If a player is squirted, he considers himself tagged.
- This game is great fun for Primaries and Juniors.

DAY 2 OVERVIEW

Choose Truth

Bible Passages	Apologetics Content	Victory Verse
Selected Scriptures	Absolutely trust in absolute truth.	Ephesians 6:14a
Rhyme Time	Testimony Time	Contest
Decide your side!	Scribe (Truthful)	Team Tournaments
Craft Courtyard	Cook's Kitchen	Sir Gavin's Games
Matchstick or Jeweled Cross	King's Cups	Dragon Dash Belt of Truth Relay

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Belt of Truth Relay

Day 2

Supplies

Supplies are listed for two teams of approximately 5–7 kids each. Adjust accordingly if adding teams.

- 2 XL men's pants
- 2 XL men's belts

Pre-Prep

1. Set up a start line and a finish line. Place a pair of XL pants and an XL belt at each start line.

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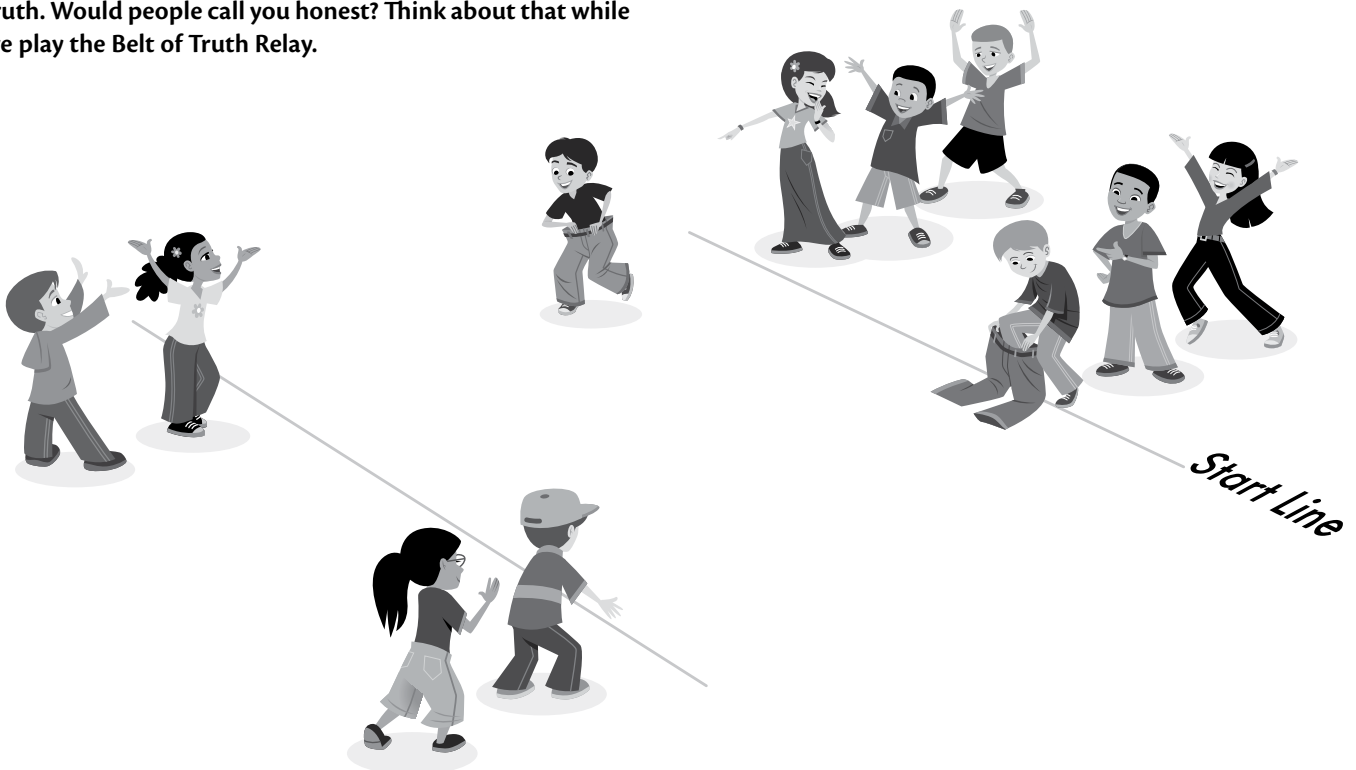
Today we're playing the Belt of Truth Relay, a fast and fun game in which you have to put on our version of the belt of truth. Do you remember what the belt of truth really stands for? Take responses, then say: **When you put on the spiritual belt of truth, you are saying you have an unshakeable trust in God's Word, and you are going to be known as a person of truth. Would people call you honest? Think about that while we play the Belt of Truth Relay.**

Class Time Directions

1. Divide the class into teams with half of each team lined up at the start line and half at the finish line.
2. The first child in line puts on the oversized pants and runs to the finish line, where he shouts, "I choose to wear the belt of truth!" He then takes them off and goes to the back of that line. The next child in the finish line puts on the pants and runs back to the start line, repeating the procedure.
3. The first team to get everyone back to their original positions is the winner.

Tip Corner

- Adjust the size of pants if the children are younger and smaller. They still need to be oversized, but not that much oversized!



Super Simple Ideas

Outdoor Option: Soccer

Soccer was a wildly popular game during the Middle Ages. The main goal was to carry a ball across a goal line, with rules that were sort of a cross between football and modern-day soccer. Soldiers even missed archery practice sometimes because of their love for the game. Try your hand (or foot) at a game today.

Indoor Option: Dragon Egg

This is played like Hot Potato, using a plastic Easter egg instead of a potato. Sit in a circle and pass the egg around. With younger kids, pass it in order. With older kids, throw it across the circle or pass around randomly. You can either play with music (when the music is turned off, the person with the dragon egg is out), or without music (a leader with his back turned shouts, "Hot!" at which time the person holding the egg is out.) Play as an elimination game with older children or with everyone staying in for younger children.

Just for the Younger Set

Option 1: Dragon Dash

A leader acts as the dragon. At first the dragon is sleeping. The kids run around and get as near to the dragon as they dare! Then the dragon wakes up and chases the kids around. The dragon may even want to shoot a stream of water (from a squirt gun) once in a while. Remind kids that dragons were real animals that lived not too long ago.

Option 2: Charge!

Have a leader or leaders standing a distance away. Line everyone up, and when you say, "Charge!" have everyone run to the leader(s) as fast as they can. When they get there, they should say, "Jesus loves you!" then run back.

Option 3: London Bridge Is Falling Down

London Bridge was a real bridge in England that was heavily used in medieval times. Try this ever-popular kids' game reminiscent of it. Have two adults or children stand facing each other, holding each others' hands high to make an arch the kids walk through. They will end up in a continual circle marching through the arch. On the last word of each verse, "catch" a child for a few seconds as he walks through the arch. Use as many verses as you'd like.

London Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down
London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady

Take the key and lock her (him) up, lock her (him) up, lock her (him) up

Take the key and lock her (him) up, my fair lady

Build it up with silver and gold, silver and gold, silver and gold

Build it up with silver and gold, my fair lady

Gold and silver, I have none, I have none, I have none

Gold and silver, I have none, my fair lady

Build it up with sticks and stones, sticks and stones, sticks and stones

Build it up with sticks and stones, my fair lady

Sticks and stones will all fall down, all fall down, all fall down

Sticks and stones will all fall down, my fair lady

Build it up with wood and clay, wood and clay, wood and clay

Build it up with wood and clay, my fair lady

Wood and clay will wash away, wash away, wash away

Wood and clay will wash away, my fair lady

Set a man to watch all night, watch all night, watch all night

Set a man to watch all night, my fair lady

Suppose the man should fall asleep, fall asleep, fall asleep

Suppose the man should fall asleep, my fair lady

Then London Bridge will all fall down, all fall down, all fall down

London Bridge will all fall down, my fair lady