

Water Balloon Volleyball

Supplies

- ☐ Water balloons
- ☐ Optional: commercial water balloon filler (see Tip Corner)
- ☐ Bucket or large trash barrel of water
- ☐ 2 bed sheets or a number of old towels
- ☐ 6 cones
- ☐ Rope, tape, or net

Pre-prep

Set up a volleyball court using six cones—four at the corners and two at the midway points. Use the rope or tape for the center line, or put up a low net. Fill the water balloons and store in the bucket or trash barrel of water.

Teaching Tie-In

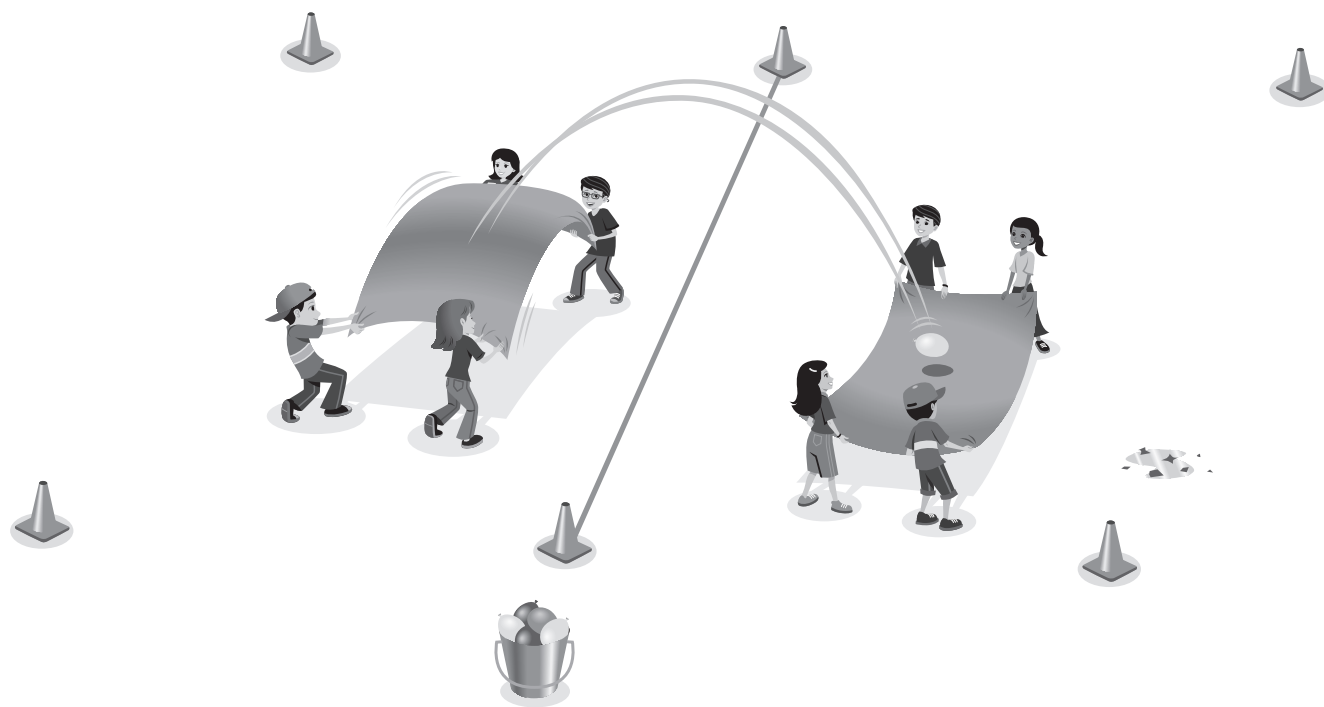
Volleyball was invented in North America in 1895. It was originally called “mintonette.” It quickly became popular and is now played all over the world.

Today, as we play a water volleyball version, we can remember that people all over the world are alike in

many ways, including games we play. But we’re also alike in that we are all sinners who need a Savior. Jesus is that Savior every person needs. He is the answer and the hope of all who believe. Praise God for Jesus! Let’s remember that as we have fun playing Water Balloon Volleyball.

Class Time Directions

1. Divide into two teams, with the teams on either side of the court.
2. Allow teams to practice launching the water balloons a few times before play begins. To do so, team members all hold on to either the bed sheet or towels. If using bed sheets, have four players each grab a corner, then others fill in the gaps. Place the balloon in the middle of the sheet and work together to try to toss it over to the other side. Or, if using towels, have kids pair up and each hold one end of a towel. Several pairs of players should be on each side of the middle line.
3. Now it’s time to play! Rules are similar to volleyball, but not exactly the same.
4. Decide which team serves first. Players work together to launch the balloon over the middle line with their



sheet, or assign one pair the task of launching the balloon over with their towel.

5. The other team tries to catch it in their sheet or towel and launch it back.
6. If the balloon hits the ground and doesn't break, it's still in play and the team whose side it is on serves it.
7. When a balloon bursts, the team not responsible for breaking it gets the point.
8. The team with the most points at the end of the time wins.

Tip Corner

- A quick way to fill up lots of water balloons at one time is to use a commercial water balloon filler such

as Bunch O Balloons™. This is worth the money, but don't fill up the balloons until right before using them. (They don't last long.) It only takes a minute or two to fill up a lot of them.

- Designate a leader or other helper who acts as the runner to bring the water balloons to whichever side needs one for serving.
- If you have a very large group (over 30), divide into four teams and have two games going, or rotate teams in and out of the one play area, playing rounds that are only a few minutes each.
- Substitute wet sponge balls instead of water balloons, but alter the scoring system slightly.

Day 5 Overview

Green Light—GO: Why Babel Matters Today

Lesson Focus		Bible Passage	
On this final leg, we learn that because God loves all people groups, we ought to treat others with love and respect, not prejudice and judgment.		The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25–37	
Mile Marker Memory Verse	Animal Pal	Cool Contest	
If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11	Racer the Roadrunner	Mission Money Mania	
World-class Science and Crafts	Runway Café	Globe-trotting Games	
Experiments: Go! & All Bandaged Up Crafts: Kindness Cards & Traveler's Tic-Tac-Toe	Global Cheese Balls Big Apple Mini Pies	North American Games	