

My Own Space

Kids play a game about having their own spaces as they remember, "I have a room in God's house."

Supplies:

- Several toy hoops
- Yarn, cut into 3-foot lengths, one per kid
- CD player
- Children's music CD

Instructions:

Jesus said that there is a place in God's house for each of us. Our very own rooms in God's house! Do any of you share a room with someone in your home? Allow kids to respond.

How many of you have your own room? Allow kids to respond.

Let's play a game about sharing space and having our own space.

1. Invite kids to form a circle.
2. Put a single hoop on the floor in the middle of the circle.
3. Start the music and invite kids to begin walking in a circle around the hoop.
4. **When the music stops, everyone carefully and slowly try to get inside the hoop.**
5. Stop the music and give kids a chance to try to stand inside the hoop.
6. **Well, that's not enough room for all of you! Let's try again! Even if you were able to stand inside the hoop, come back out to join the rest of us.**
7. Add another hoop and repeat. Repeat a few times, adding hoops. It will become easier for kids to fit inside hoops as the game progresses.
8. **It's getting better, but I still don't think there's enough room! What we need is for each of you to have your own hoop!**
9. Give each kid a length of yarn. Invite kids to create a circle on the floor. Turn on the music, invite them to move about, then turn off the music and tell them to run back to their personal circles.

Now we have enough room!

What a great way to remember that I have a room in God's house—and so do you!

If you have less time . . .

Let kids try to fit together in a single hoop just once, then hand out craft yarn.

If you have more time . . .

After playing the game, invite kids to stand in their own spaces to play a dance-and-freeze game. Invite them to dance and jump in their spaces while music is playing and then freeze in their spaces when the music stops. Turn the music off and on in different patterns.