

Hang on Loop for the Loop

1 Week Only / Focus on Jesus



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Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (5 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- Icebreaker: **If you had to invent a game or activity to do with a pumpkin, what would it be?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!
Today's Loop Show is about putting God in the top spot of your life. What kind of challenges will Ricky and Jayme have to face to help us remember that? Let's find out right now!

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** We're so glad you're here in Loop today—because Loop's always more fun with more friends. Which brings up an important question: Who can you think of who might like to join you at Loop next week? **Invite** them! We'd love to see them here with you next week.
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Pick any pumpkin game to play—and have fun!

You'll Need

Mini pumpkins (50 per room)
Paper buckets (1 per group)
Large spoons (2 per room)

Set Up

1. **Place** all materials nearby so you can quickly set up for each game as you play.

How to Play

Say: Today, we watched some fun mini challenges on *The Loop Show*. So, to celebrate Fall Fest, and to just have fun, we're going to have our own mini challenges—and YOU get to pick which challenges we play!

1. **Read only the title** of each game listed on the back of this guide to your room.
2. Students **vote** by show of hands which game they want to play.
3. **Play** the game chosen as time allows. See "IDEAS" below for fun variations to try.

IDEAS:

- You could play the chosen game for a short amount of time so students can **vote again** on another game to play.
- You could play the chosen game for a short amount of time, then have **students create** their own game to play!
- **Feel FREE** to add your own twists and variations to any of these games!

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

Put God in the top spot of your life. Focus all you say and do on following Jesus.

Review Today's Big Question

Why do you think Jesus asked people to give up their own way and follow Him?

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

Luke 9:23-24 NLT *Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."*

- What's especially meaningful to you from these words?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- What do you think could be difficult for people about following Jesus? What do you think could be easy for people about following Jesus?
- What do you think would be different about the world if everyone truly followed Jesus, ignored their own sinful thoughts, and chose to follow Him by loving and serving others the way He did?
- What's one thing you could do to help you keep your focus on Jesus a little more this week?

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

How are *you* doing, Loop Leader? You pour into the spiritual health of your Loopsters, but your spiritual health is important too! If you need help, prayer, or encouragement, talk to someone you trust—like your LifeKids pastor—today!



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LOOP PUMPKIN GAMES!

Game 1 title: **PUMPKIN RELAY**

NEED: Large spoons (1 per team), Buckets (1 per team), Pumpkins (at least 10 per team)

1. **Divide** room into two teams.
2. Teams **line up** at one end of room.
3. **Place** at least 10 pumpkins next to each team.
4. **Place** buckets at opposite end of room.
5. Give first person in line of each team a spoon.
6. On your word, first person **places** a pumpkin on their spoon.
7. They **race** to the other end, **drop** their pumpkin in the bucket.
 - If pumpkin falls off spoon, they must **go back** to start and try again!
8. Once pumpkin is in bucket, they race back to their team and **give** spoon to next person.
9. **Repeat** process until all pumpkins have been dropped into the bucket.
10. First team to get all pumpkins to bucket wins!

Game 2 title: **PUMPKIN TOSS**

NEED: Buckets (1 per team), Pumpkins (at least 10 per team)

1. **Divide** room into even teams, no more than 5 teams per room.
2. **Divide** pumpkins evenly between teams.
3. Teams **line up** at one end of room.
4. Teams **choose** one person to be their pumpkin catcher.
5. **Give** each catcher a bucket.
6. Catchers stand an equal distance away from teams.
7. On your word, first person on each team **tosses** their pumpkin to the catcher who attempts to **catch** it.
8. Continue tossing, **relay style** until all pumpkins have been tossed.
9. **Count** pumpkins successfully caught and **celebrate** the team who caught the most!

Game 3 title: **PUMPKIN STACK**

NEED: Pumpkins (10 per group)

1. **Divide** room into as many as 5 teams.
2. **Give** each team 10 pumpkins.
3. Teams work together to **stack** pumpkins on top of one another, in a tower formation.
4. **Continue** playing for about 3-5 minutes, or until a team has successfully stacked all 10 pumpkins.
5. When time's up, **celebrate** the team that was able to stack the most pumpkins. (Or, stop the game and celebrate immediately if a team makes it to 10 stacked pumpkins!)
6. Mix up teams and **play again** as time allows.