

Those Who Mourn Games

Game: "What's Missing?"

Place a variety of objects on the table or around the room. Have students close their eyes, and then, take one of the objects and put it in your pocket or outside the room. Have students open their eyes and guess what's missing. Give them hints if they can't figure it out. The first student to correctly guess what was missing gets to take the next object.

Play until everyone has had a turn taking an object or as long as time allows. Explain that when people die, we feel like they're missing. Fortunately, those people will only be away for a short while. When we die, God will take only our spirit to Heaven, and we will see those people again. Then, when Jesus comes back to earth, He'll bring all of our spirits with Him and will raise our bodies back from the dead to be like new. Then, our spirits will go back in our bodies, and we'll all live forever with God and Jesus.

Game: Resurrection Tag

Pick one student to be It. That student is Death. Pick another student to be Jesus. When Death tags someone, they fall down and lie on the ground like they're dead. Jesus can then come to tag them, and they can get back up. If Death tags Jesus, Jesus must count to three (because Jesus was dead for three days), but can then get up again. If Jesus tags Death, the round is over. Play until everyone has had a chance to be both Death and Jesus or as long as time permits.

Remind students that Jesus will come back one day and will raise everyone who believes in Him back to life.

Pray the beatitude prayer on the guide together. Consider dimming the lights and having each person hold a candle to signify the light of Christ for Candlemas.