

# Cubbie Games

What is Cubbie Play Time? – A time for Cubbies to play and have fun. A time for leaders to help reinforce the principles from the lesson.

## Uniqueness of Cubbie Play Time

1. Non-Competitive
2. Can be conducted on or off the Awana Game Circle
3. Part of Total Teaching Time
4. Helps Cubbies develop motor skills
5. Helps prepare Cubbies for games in Sparks

## Play Time Essentials

1. Simple and flexible
2. Divided into groups not teams
3. Familiar games repeated
4. Large muscle activities
5. Don't hurry
6. Don't keep Cubbies waiting for their turn

## Play Time Ideas

1. Preparing Cubbies for Sparks

### Equipment:

Whistle	Hoops
Bean Bags	Gunny sacks
Game Pins	Balloons
Blocks-wooden	Batons
Balls-Nerf or rubber	Plastic bucket
Stack Cups	Yarn tails
Small plastic bowling balls	

### Start:

Run – To  
Run – Around  
Run – Through  
Carry Bean Bag/Baton Roll/Kick Ball  
Throw Bean Bags

### Next:

Run around pin/cone & back on game line  
Run & stack/unstack blocks/cups  
Quarter circle with bean bag on head  
Quarter circle & run in for center pin  
Run around circle - outside pins  
Roll ball at pin  
Hop in bags & knock down pins or go around

## **Finish:**

**Throw bags at pin  
Run all the way around circle & go in for pin Group movement in tire  
Hand off baton/balloon  
Throw beanbags into bucket/tire  
Pull the tails**

## **2. Other Ideas**

- **Jesus Says** – Very similar to “Simon Says” however you use it to build niceness in the Cubbies. (give a hug, be gentle, say please to neighbor, etc.) Your leaders must be an example
- **Red Light/Green Light** – start on circle line and go to the center
- **Jesus Jesus Found** – Like Duck Duck Goose but kids may remember Jesus Jesus Found later in life and realize what it means. Divide into 2-3 groups if necessary
- **Christmas Presents** – toss presents back and forth to each other (small Christmas boxes), kick the Christmas presents across the line, etc.
- **Big Ball** - Get a big ball (36” or bigger) and have them push it back and forth. Leaders may need to be involved so kids aren’t as scared.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Use the bigger Easter Eggs so you can hide items in them. Maybe put religious items in the eggs (cross, picture of Bible, etc) so they start looking at Easter being about Christ and not about candy.
- **Valentines – heartbeat** – Cut out a heart out of poster board as big as you can. When you say heartbeat, the Cubbie run to get on heart as quick as possible.
- **Valentines** – Cut out smaller hearts (size of paper) out of different color. Lay the color out in front of you. The idea is the Cubbies can only step on the color you say at the beginning to get to you.
- **Cubbie Toss** – Cubbies throw beanbags though Cubbie Bears eyes, mouth. (Make this out of wood and can save for several years)
- **New Years** – Use noise makers to help teach discipline (use the twirl around style, no blowing) Make noise until 5 count starts.
- **Snowball Fight** – Form 2 groups and have the Cubbies stand on opposite sides of the room. Give each child a small lunch sack full of cotton balls packing peanuts, etc. The children have 3 minutes to throw the items at the other side. At the end of the time, the Cubbies race to get the biggest pile of items.
- **Gathering Sheep** – Scatter a package of cotton balls out on the floor. At the signal, the Cubbie must try to sweep, using paper, the cotton balls into one corner (Sheep pen) (Can also blow the cotton balls into the Sheep Pen)
- **Feather Toss** – Spread the Cubbies out. Call out an action (jump, rub tummy, laugh, etc.) and toss a feather or facial tissue into the air. Cubbies get to do the action while the item is in the air. Call another action and repeat.
- **Bowl Me Over** – Have the Cubbies sit 4-5 feet apart with their legs spread. Give each Cubbie 3 paper cups with numbers on them. The Cubbies try to knock over their partners cups with a small ball. When a cup is knocked over, the Cubbie must shout out the number.