

CITY Winter Palooza-January 5th-6th, 2019

Pre-Show: Spotify Playlist "Winterpalooza"

NOTE: Children can circle up with some friends, and play the "Roll-A-Snowman" Game as they arrive.

Supplies Needed: "Roll-A-Snowman" Game Sheets (1 per child), pens, and dice

CG: 3 Minute Countdown

Opening Game: Snowball Toss

Supplies Needed: Plush Snowballs (one per 2 children)

What to Say: "What's up City?!?! Welcome to Winter Palooza 2019! Are you guys as excited for Winter Palooza as I am? Great! Well, my name is (your name), and I can't wait to kick off 2019 with some fun and excitement; Winter Palooza style! Who wants to play a game? Awesome! Well, for this game, you actually get to throw snowballs inside. Yes, inside! Here's how to play..."

How to Play: Children will find a partner and stand about one foot away from one another, facing each other, in 2 separate lines. The object of the game is to catch the snowball when your partner throws it to you. Every time the snowball is caught, the teams take one step back. Play until one (or a few teams) remain.

CG: Winter Palooza Slide w/ Game Music

After the Game...

"Many of you know that it is a New Year. And when a new year rolls around, a lot of people have these things called "New Year's Resolutions". They're basically like goals that people hope to accomplish in the new year. Some people want to lose weight, eat healthier, stop doing something bad, get a new job, write a book, get married, watch less TV, etc. Most of the time though, these goals last for about...well...a week or less. While it's not a bad thing to set goals, sometimes it can be hard to not give up on them. When times get hard, a lot of times we just want to give up. Luckily, we have Jesus, our family, and our friends who can help us to not give up. That's what this video is all about. Let's watch!"

CG: A Very Special Beginning Video (Runtime: 3:30)

You know what? That's a great idea! I think I might just change my name to Sparkly this year too! No matter what your New Year's goals are, just remember that you have a friend in Jesus, and you can do all things by His power and strength. Now, before we dismiss to all the games and prizes of Winter Palooza, let's take a minute to pray.

PRAY: "Jesus, thank You for new beginnings. Thank You for a New Year. I pray that we would all have the best 2019 possible. Thank You Jesus that we can do all things with You. Amen."

(Dismiss to activities by dividing children into 4 groups) (1 Group per Station)

ACTIVITIES:

EACH CHILD GETS: (Can be handed out at any time)

Blue Airheads - 1 per child

Snowflake 3D glasses - 1 per child

Stations: (10-Minutes per Station)

1. Slime Station

Supply: Glue, contact solution, baking soda, small cups, small plastic bags, small bowls, glitter, measuring spoons, table cloths, and black permanent markers

What to Do:

Fill $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of glue up into cup/bowl.

Add glitter (optional)

Add 1 tsp of baking soda. Mix well.

Add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp of contact solution.

Mix all together - slime will form almost immediately.

Kids can start to play with slime.

Write their name on a plastic bag - place their slime in the bag.

2. Tic-Tac-Toe Tattoo Station

Supply: Temporary Tattoos, Bowls of Water and Sponges, and Tic-Tac-Toe Game(s)

What to Do: Children can compete with one another in the Tic-Tac-Toe game (split your group into even teams to play). While they are waiting their turn, children can apply their temporary tattoos with the supplies given.

Variation: If you have a lot of children at your particular service, assign a larger group of children to be a particular color on the board, and then have them compete with one another.

3. Snowman Relay Race

Supply: Boxes (3 different sizes, per team), 1 cardstock hat per team, 1 scarf per team

What to Do: Line children up into 2 even teams. Hand the child in the front of their line the largest box. On your "GO!" children will pass the boxes (largest to smallest) to the end of their lines. Boxes will then be stacked on one another (to look like a snowman). Next, to complete the look, send the hat and scarf down the lines. The teams that complete their snowmen first, win. Play a few rounds as time allows.

4. Snowball Obstacle Relay

Supply: Plastic Spoons (1 per child, per service), Ping-Pong Balls (1 per child), Cups, Buckets

What to Do: Line children up into 2 even teams. Give each child a spoon and a ping-pong ball. The children will place the ball on their spoon and try to steady it (without falling) through an obstacle course of cups. Children cannot hold the ping-pong ball. If it falls, they can pick it up and continue. First team to fill their bucket wins. Play a few rounds as time allows.

Variation: If you have a large number of children at your particular service, you can have the children pass the ping-pong balls from one child to another while seated in a circle. Once completely through the circle, the final child can place the ball in a bucket in the center of their circle.

CLOSING: Dance Party (At “Communion Call”)

What to Say: “Did you all have a blast at Winter Palooza? Me too! Well, the fun isn’t over just yet. We have one more fun thing planned for you...a short dance party to finish off Winter Palooza! Ready? Everyone stand up! Ok. Our first song is the freeze dance. In honor of Winterpalooza, to start the song, we all start out ‘frozen’. Everyone choose a pose to do, and...freeze! You all look amazing. Let’s do this!”

CG: Freeze Dance 2.0 Video (Runtime: 3:00)

CG: Fortnite Freeze Dance Video (Runtime: 3:30)