

Ball Scatter!

Lesson Idea:

1 Timothy 4:12

12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

This is a great game that gets children running around, working as a team while using up their energy. It's a great visual when all the balls are all over the floor to explain to children the impact they can make for Jesus, even though they are young. Show the different colour balls and allocate a part of the verse to each colour (e.g. what you say - blue; in your love - red etc.). Repeat it a few times with them and see if they can remember what each colour represents. For a bit of fun replay the game and see if they can shout out that part of the verse when they throw that colour ball.

Make sure you have a strong leader who has a whistle to keep control as this game can get very crazy!

Items needed:

- LOTS of plastic balls (ball-pit balls work the best)
- Plastic baskets to collect them in
- A way to mark out the playing area into a 2-sided court, using duct tape or rope on the ground.

Game instructions:

Link to video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/qjhMB9tlzrY>

1. Set up a play area by marking out a large rectangle with a dividing line in the middle so that each team has their own territory. Players are not allowed to cross this middle line.
2. Teams start by standing on their baseline with their big basket of balls. Try and make each team's basket have an equal number of balls, although when you reset the game, this takes too long to do exactly.
3. When the whistle blows, kids begin to throw the balls across the area into the other team's territory.

4. They may kick, throw or roll the balls that land on their side back onto the other team's side, but not leave their territory.
5. After a few minutes, the leader blows the whistle and kids must retreat to their baseline. Kids still on the court will cause their team to be penalized. (But this is just to make sure no play happens after the whistle blows) Leader roughly assesses which side has the least number of balls on the floor and declares the winning team.

