

## DAY 3 HACKS FOR PRETEENS

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### HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR PRETEENS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every day, but preteens tend to get overlooked, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this day in order to keep your preteens more engaged.

#### MUSIC | Worship in Wonder

Consider using "[Love One Another](#)" by the Newsboys. You can play the actual [music video](#) as a pre-service element and then use the lyric video for the kids to sing along with during worship time.

#### ACTIVITY | Numbers Game

Use five dice instead of three and increase the number range to 24. Also, you can award as many "steps" as dice used to make a number. (For example, if the number is 6, the team would get 1 step if they used 1 die showing 6, and 3 steps if they used 3 dice showing 2 each.)

#### ACTIVITY | Stop Motion Movie

Preteens are known for consuming a lot of YouTube, but they are also great content creators. Recruit a team of preteens to put together a 30-second stop motion video as an example you can show the kids for what their final project can look like. As a bonus, have someone film a short "behind the scenes" video of the preteens making their stop motion video. They can share fun ideas and helpful tips for the kids to use when they make theirs.

#### REFLECTION | What I Can Learn from Others

Hand out sheets of paper and colored pencils or pens. Have preteens hold their paper in portrait position, then fold the paper in half from top to bottom. They will then fold the paper in half again from top to bottom and again in half from side to side. Once they've made all their folds, have your

preteens unfold their papers to reveal a grid of eight rectangles. Have each kid neatly print their first name in the first box and write or draw something about them that others may not know. They will then hand their paper to someone else and do the same writing or drawing. Repeat this until the papers are full or everyone has participated. When kids get their original paper back, not only will they learn a little more about their friends, they will also have a list of names of people to pray for this week as a way to love them!

### **RESPONSE | Many Faces to Love**

There's a chance you might have a preteen who can solve a Rubik's cube quickly. If so, have them demonstrate their ability live or record a video (a video is recommended so you can edit it and play it as fast as you want). And just to show all the kids how fun and possible it is to solve a Rubik's cube, you can show them [this video](#) of a three-year-old solving it in less than a minute!

### **ACTIVITY | Animated Action**

In addition to this activity, give each preteen an index card and a pen. On one side, have them write down just the first name of a person who is challenging for them to love. On the other side, have them write down a specific action they are going to take this week to show love to that person. Encourage them to put their paper somewhere in their room where they will see it every day to remind them to follow through on their plan and to pray for this person.