

# Day 2

## LOW ENERGY



### Supplies

- ◆ Search Signal\*
- ◆ mix of 12 to 15 chairs, traffic cones, and other markers for creating a long, winding path
- ◆ small spray bottles (1 for every 2 people in a rotation)
- ◆ large buckets (1 per Crew in a rotation)
- ◆ Banduras\*, optional (If each person has a Bandura, use it as a blindfold.)
- ◆ photocopies of the Wrap-Up Questions: Jungle Jam (1 per Crew)

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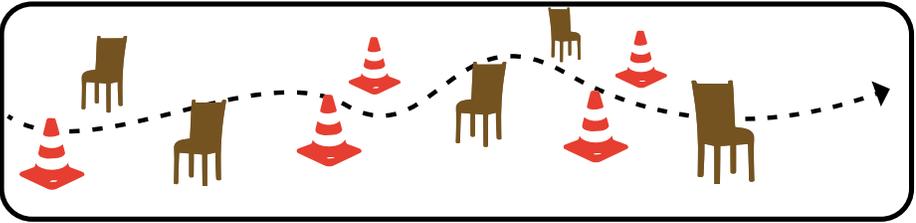
## Treasure Tip

Like the medium-energy game, Macaw Call, this game involves covering eyes or blindfolding, but the mechanics of the game are different. Even if you play both games, Crews will enjoy them and pull unique discoveries from each.

## WHAT WE FOUND

Encourage the Sprayers to stay close to partners. If the “blind” partners get off course, the Sprayers can talk to partners to clarify directions. This can be particularly helpful for younger kids.

## Option 1: JUNGLE JAM



*Before Crews arrive, set up the chairs, cones, and other place markers in a long path across the play area, with twists and turns between the markers. Space the markers 10 to 15 feet apart. Fill the spray bottles and buckets with water.*

Welcome kids back to Jungle Gym Games.

**Say:** **In this game, you'll work with a friend or two in your Crew and pretend to go on a trek through the jungle—with a few fun twists to the trek!**

1. Have Crew members form pairs. You and your games assistants can also join Crew members to form pairs and get in on the fun if needed!
2. Have pairs line up single file at the beginning of the path.
3. Give each pair a spray bottle.
4. One partner in each pair can use his or her Bandura as a blindfold or simply tightly close or cover eyes with hands.
5. The other partner will take the spray bottle and use it to signal the “blind” partner how to move along the path from marker to marker, using these signals:
  - ◆ A light squirt on the left arm means move or turn left.
  - ◆ A light squirt on the right arm designates right turns.
  - ◆ A squirt on the back means back up.
  - ◆ A squirt on the belly means there's a “jungle jam” on the trek, so pause.
6. Stagger start times so pairs don't run into each other along the path.
7. When partners make it to the end, they can go back to the beginning and swap roles.
8. Play until everyone has had a turn in both roles.

Sound the Search Signal, and retrieve supplies. Have kids sit with their Crews. Give each Crew Leader a copy of the Wrap-Up Questions: Jungle Jam to lead a quick closing discussion.

While Crews discuss, work with your games assistants to refill the spray bottles for the next rotation.



## Wrap-Up Questions: Jungle Jam

Ask:

- ❓ What was it like to follow a path when all you had for directions were sprays of water?
- ❓ What did you like about being given directions in a surprising way?

Say: Sometimes life can be a bit like following the path in the game. We can't always know what's coming next or maybe how to get to a goal. We can get into "jungle jams" in our lives like we did sometimes in the game—times we feel confused, worried, or even afraid. Ask:

- ❓ When you get in a jam in life, who do you ask for help, and why?

Say: It's so good to have people in your life who listen and come to your side when you ask for help. You can also ask God for help. You can talk with God in prayer about anything, and **God hears you**. (You are treasured!) God's answer or help might come in a surprising, unexpected way, but no matter what, God hears when you ask for his help.

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## Option 2: MACAW CALL

Say: Today everything here at Treasured VBS is about how **God hears you**. (You are treasured!) God might hear *billions* of prayers from all over the world every day, and God can pick out every voice and every prayer. God hears you and me when we pray, even among all those millions of other voices. That's amazing! Let's play a game to see how well we can pick out voices in a crowd.

1. Invite a child to be "It." Blindfold It with his or her Bandura, or have him or her close eyes tightly. Then help It to the center of the play area. Have everyone else spread out around It.
2. Whisper the name of another player to It. It will repeatedly call out that name—like a calling macaw—and try to find that person by listening for the name in the crowd of other names.
3. Everyone else will call out their own names like noisy macaws. Players may move slowly around the play area, and It will try to find and tag the person he or she is calling.

### MEDIUM ENERGY



#### Supplies

- ◆ Search Signal\*
- ◆ Banduras\*, optional (If each person has a Bandura, use it as a blindfold.)

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4. If you have two or more players with the same first name, have one of them use his or her middle or last name for the game.
5. When It tags the correct person, that person becomes the new It. Play as many rounds as time allows.

Sound the Search Signal, and gather everyone for a quick discussion. Ask:

- ❓ **What helped you hear one voice out of many voices?**
- ❓ **Why are you glad God can pick your voice out of millions of voices and hear your prayers?**
- ❓ **What are some things you've prayed about that are important to you?**

Say: **No matter what your prayers are about, they're important to God. God hears you (You are treasured!) even when there are billions of other prayers coming his way!**

### 💧 Option 3: MOSQUITO TAG

Before Crews arrive, cut each pool noodle in half and fill the spray bottles with water.

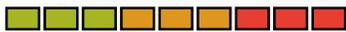
Say: **Yesterday I told you about the cool Operation Kid-to-Kid project we get to be a part of here at Treasured.** Invite anyone who remembers to tell about the details of the project.

Then fill in any gaps with the following project facts:

- ◆ There are parts of the world where mosquitoes carry a disease called *malaria*. When mosquitoes carrying malaria bite a person, the person can be infected with the deadly disease.
- ◆ Mosquitoes come out mostly in the evening and night. That means a lot of kids get bitten while they're sleeping.
- ◆ Every \$10 gathered for Operation Kid-to-Kid helps purchase a bed net to keep mosquitoes from biting kids while they sleep and potentially save lives!
- ◆ Families can help by bringing a donation for the project all week, and any amount helps. Praying for kids who the project will help is a great way to donate!
- ◆ Remind everyone of where to deliver their donations at your VBS.



HIGH ENERGY



#### Supplies

- ◆ Search Signal\*
- ◆ pool noodles (1 per Crew in a rotation)
- ◆ utility knife
- ◆ spray bottles (2 per Crew in a rotation)—if you play Jungle Jam, you can use the same spray bottles for this game too!
- ◆ large buckets (1 per Crew in a rotation)
- ◆ Sing & Play Rock Music CD\* and CD player

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**Say:** This project will help keep biting, buzzing mosquitoes away. Let's play a game where you'll try to get away from some buzzy mosquitoes!

1. Invite two people from each Crew to be the first "Mosquitoes," and hand them each a pool noodle half.
2. Invite another two people from each Crew to be the first "Bug Bite Blasters," and hand each of them a spray bottle.
3. The Mosquitoes will hold the pool noodles to their noses while they chase everyone, trying to "bite" (or tag) others with the end of the pool noodle.
4. When players are tagged, they'll stop where they were tagged and pretend to scratch itchy mosquito bites.
5. The Bug Bite Blasters have a special medicine (the water in the spray bottles) that heals the itchy bug bites. The Bug Bite Blasters will spray anyone who's frozen and scratching so they can get back in the game.
6. If a Mosquito tags a Bug Bite Blaster, the Bug Bite Blaster must freeze in place and can't heal any more bug bites.
7. If all Bug Bite Blasters are tagged, the game starts over with new Mosquitoes and new Bug Bite Blasters.

Play the Sing & Play Rock Music CD as Crews play, and turn it off and sound the Search Signal when it's time to stop the game. Gather everyone for a quick wrap-up. Have your games assistants collect and pile the pool noodles and refill the spray bottles from the buckets of water for the next rotation.

