



BALLOON STATIC

Supplies: Balloon, a fabric item (Examples: sweater, shirt, blanket, etc. Note: Fabrics with wool work best.)

Directions:

1. Inflate the balloon and tie off the end.
2. Rub the side of the balloon against the object in the same direction, not back and forth.
 - Try rubbing for different lengths of time.
3. See if you can get the balloon to stick to a surface by sticking the side you rubbed toward the surface you want it to stick to. See how long the balloon sticks to the surface.
 - Try sticking the balloon to a wall, a couch, someone's head, etc.

Additional play option: Get more balloons and see how many you can get to stick to someone else. Try sticking them on a parent, a sibling, the dog, etc.

TALKING POINTS

Get together and talk about how this object lesson helps us think about this week's Bible story.

- That was fun seeing the balloon stick to different surfaces!
- This activity made me think about the Holy Spirit and the things we talked about in our video at church. When you rubbed to balloon to another surface, a power was given to the balloon that it didn't have before. The balloon was charged up! When you believe in Jesus, God's gift to us is his Spirit. We are given a power that we didn't have before. And you know what? It's the Holy Spirit's job to stick with you and help you!
- What are some good things that come from having God's gift, the Holy Spirit?
- The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 1:7, "God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." How does it make you feel to know that God's Spirit is not afraid or timid?
- How can the Holy Spirit help you?
- Have you ever made the choice to believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive you from your sins and follow God's ways? When you do, you can receive the gift of God's Spirit, too.