



LOW-ENERGY GAME

[10 min]

Tick-Tock

Supplies

- clock or countdown function on phone
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Tip

- If you used the Music Video block, consider repeating the songs from today's lesson during the game. You can find the downloadable album [here](#).

Estimate the Passing of Time

Say: **Today we're talking about how God is faithful. Let's play a game of Tick-Tock to see what we can learn about being faithful.**

- Ask kids to spread out around the room, sit, and keep their eyes closed so they can't see a watch or clock.
- Explain that you'll announce a specified amount of time. When kids think that amount of time has elapsed, they'll loudly buzz like an obnoxious alarm clock and wave their hands in the air. Whoever buzzes closest to the actual time wins.
- Play several rounds, calling out 8 seconds, 41 seconds (which feels like forever), 23 seconds, and so on.
- As you keep an eye on the time, also keep talking about numbers. Example: "Do you think 7 is better than 14? Or 8, 9, 6, 5, 4... Thirteen thinks she's so smart—9, 10, 21, 23—and did I say 8 or 11? Eleven is a nice number..."
- If you'd like, play music during the game.

Talk About It

Have small groups gather to discuss these questions.

Ask: • **Tell about a time an alarm clock—or person who was supposed to wake you up—didn't come through and you were late.**

What happened? Have small-group leaders share first.

• **If alarm clocks are supposed to buzz exactly when you want them to buzz, what grade would you give yourself as an alarm clock? Why that grade?**

• **If you had an alarm clock that never worked accurately, what would you do with it?**

• **If God were an alarm clock, how reliable would he be?**

Explain your answer.

Say: **An alarm clock that doesn't keep time faithfully isn't much help—you can't trust that it will get you up on time.**

But God is no broken alarm clock. God is a faithful friend who keeps his promises, no matter what. Who sticks with you, no matter what! God is faithful!