



Family Fun Activities

Thank You God for...Colors and Shapes
Counting on God's Love

Fun Counting Games

Encourage your children to work on their counting skills by playing a variety of fun games:

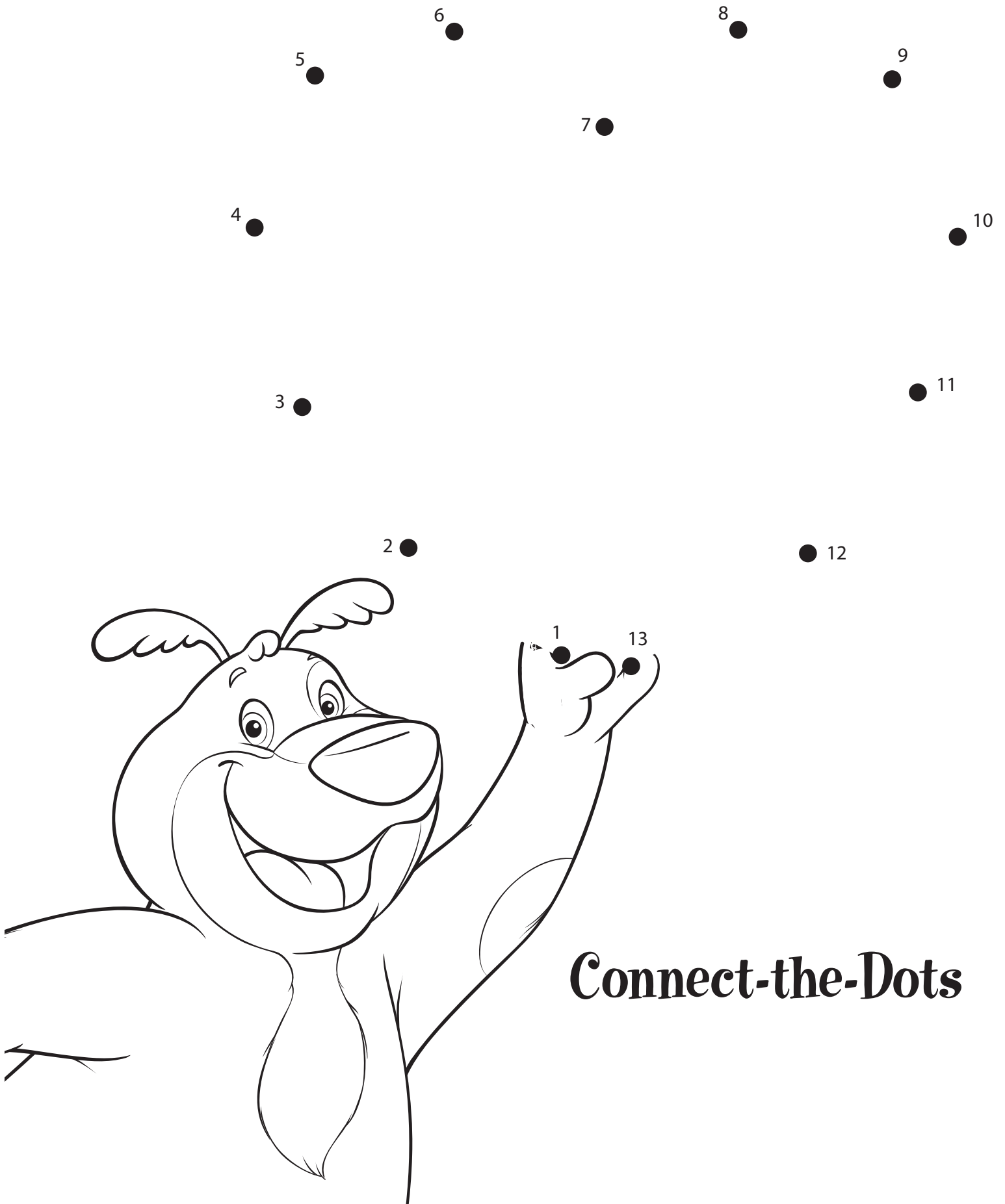
- Create a hopscotch grid with chalk outside, or with masking tape inside. Number the grid from one through nine and cap it with a cloud of God's love. Kids toss a pebble from the number one through nine as they hop and count their way to the top and back!
- Use marbles to play a variety of games. (CAUTION: Be sure that an adult is around when kids play with marbles ... and they should never put marbles in their mouths.)
- Draw a circle on the ground with chalk or on the floor with masking tape. Try to flick the marbles toward the circle with their fingers, counting all the marbles they can get into the circle.
- Another marble game can be played by filling a small wading pool with water and scattering the marbles around in the pool. Kids try to pick as many marbles up as they can with their toes, counting as they go!
- Play the game, "I Spy!" with slightly different rules. In this game, one person chooses a color to spy and says, "I spy the color red!" Everyone works together to count how many items the group can spy that is that color that has been spied.
- Play "Follow the Leader" and count how many times the leader does something, such as five jumping jacks, seven circles around the tree, three frog leaps, and so on.

Connect-the-Dots

You will need: The reproducible dot-to-dot of BOZ.

Reproduce the dot-to-dot pattern for each child.

Distribute the pattern to each child and encourage kids to count each dot as they follow a path toward completing the picture. When kids are done, ask: Why is BOZ holding a picture of a heart? (Encourage kids to answer: Because God loves us and we love Him!) Then say: Let's count how many ways we talked about today!



Connect-the-Dots

God Made Me and All the Hairs on My Head!

You will need: Paper plates, wiggly eyes, markers or crayons, scissors, glue, and yellow, brown, orange, and black yarn

Distribute a paper plate to each child. Point out that kids will be making a picture of themselves out of the paper plates. Distribute crayons or markers for kids to draw a nose, mouth, and ears, and wiggly eyes to glue in place.

Next, explain that God loves us so much that He created and cares about every single hair on our heads! Tell kids to create hair for their paper-plate heads by cutting strips of the color that best represents their hair color. Then tell kids to count all the strands they glue to their paper-plate heads!



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