

## Great Icebreakers for Preteen Groups

Google really has the answer for all the icebreakers you could ever need, but this list can serve as a quick, easy and safe set of icebreaker questions that are appropriate for any group of preteens in the church.

### Discussion Questions

1. What three words would you use to describe yourself?
2. If you could give life advice to a Kindergartner, what would you say?
3. If you could only keep 1 or 2 of your current possessions for the rest of your life, what would they be?
4. What do you think is the perfect job?
5. What is the longest word you know?
6. If a genie offered you 3 wishes, what would you wish?
7. Which is better, birthdays or Christmas? Why?
8. If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?
9. Would you rather be a genius or a movie star? Why?
10. Describe the best vacation you can imagine.
11. If you could be any animal, which one would you choose to be?
12. Tell us about something you've made before—food, a work of art, a tool, etc.
13. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
14. What is your favorite book?
15. Which famous person would you like to meet?
16. Tell us your favorite joke.
17. What is something about you that nobody else here knows?
18. What is your favorite time of day—morning, afternoon, or evening—and why?
19. If you could be one age forever, which age would you choose?
20. If you could change your name, would you? What name would you choose?
21. If you could get only one item for your birthday or Christmas, what would you want?
22. Picture your bedroom. Tell us about the first small object you think of that is in your room.
23. How would you like to make the world a better place?
24. What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
25. What is the most beautiful thing in the world?
26. What is the latest you have stayed up before bed?
27. Name one fictional character that you wish was a real person.
28. Tell us about a time that God answered a prayer.
29. Tell us a Bible verse or story from memory.
30. What is your earliest memory from your childhood?
31. What is your favorite sport to watch? To play?
32. Would you rather be invisible or able to read people's minds? Why?
33. What are two things you do really well?

34. Name one song that you know all the lyrics to without looking.
35. What is your biggest fear?
36. Which are better pets, dogs or cats?
37. If you could live one day over again from your life, which day would you pick?
38. Which household chore do you dislike the most?
39. Tell us your cartoon character name using the formula [Name of your first pet] + [street you live on].
40. What is the best Halloween costume you've worn?
41. What toppings do you like on your pizza?
42. Which drink do you get when you're at a soda machine?
43. If you discovered a new island, what would you name it?
44. If you had to be trapped in a TV show for a month, which show would you choose?
45. How long does it take you to get ready for school in the morning?
46. If you could go back in time and change history, what would you change?
47. Tell us about a time when you took a huge leap of faith.
48. Who is your role model?
49. What is your favorite smell?
50. Tell us about one thing you didn't understand when you were little, but now you get it.

### Icebreaker Activities

1. Mix & Meet M&M's (or Starburst candies, or poker chips, or guitar picks...)

Have each kid grab a small handful of M&M's, but instruct them not to eat them yet. Assign a category to each candy color, such as:

Blue = family  
Green = school  
Yellow = friends  
Red = hobbies  
Brown = music/movies

They have to share something about themselves within the appropriate category for each M&M they eat.

2. Three Things in Common

Put the kids into groups of 3 or 4. Each group must find three things they have in common with each other—the weirder, the better. After 5 minutes, each group announces the three things they have in common. Then everyone votes on which group found the weirdest three things in common.

3. Sit Down If...

Everyone stands in a circle while the leader asks a range of silly questions. Kids must sit down anytime their answer to the question is “Yes.” Questions can be as random as you like, such as, “Did you eat cheese today?” or “Are your shoes untied?” or “Have you ever ridden a camel?” The last person standing gets to ask questions for the next round.

#### 4. Toilet Paper Pass

Hold on to the tail of the toilet paper roll and throw the rest of the roll to someone across from you in the circle. The person who catches the roll must say one thing about himself or herself. Then, that person holds on to the tail and throws the roll back across the circle to someone else. If the toilet paper tail breaks, the person who threw it must share one extra personal fact.

#### 5. Me Shirts

Ask each preteen to bring from home a T-shirt that they don't mind getting rid of. (Have a couple of extras on hand for anyone that needs one.) Provide fabric markers or puffy paint and ask the kids to design a shirt that is all about themselves. If a shirt is already covered in screen printing, turn it inside out to decorate. Then have them model their shirts for one another and explain what they created.