



# Building Relationships with Children through Play

## Why play is important to children

Play is the most important and most natural activity of childhood, regardless of culture. Play is more than what children do, but is an expression of who they are.

### Why is play so important for children?

Read **1 Corinthians 9:22-23**. How does this verse apply to children and play?

## Building relationships as we play *with* children

What can we learn about building relationships with children from the story?

### Types of play:

1. Imaginary Play (pretending)
2. Musical Play (songs, chants, actions)
3. Creative Play (art, crafts, drama, dance)
4. Games

To build relationships through play, we must *join in* play with children, opening doors of love and trust, giving opportunities for conversation and introducing our faith.

