

Ready or Not! – 1 small pom pom or small object



Show the everyone the pom pom or object. Choose someone to be *It*. Explain that *It* will stand just outside the circle, facing away from everyone else with their eyes covered and count to 10. As *It* counts, give the PomPom to someone and encourage him/her to quietly hide it behind their back or under their leg.

When *It* finishes counting, they should call out, "Ready or not, here I come!" Then *It* will turn around and take two guesses as to who has the item. Reveal where the item is hidden. Then choose another kid to be *It* and play again.

In today's Bible story, Malachi brought the people an important message from God. God told His people to repent and get ready for Jesus.

Malachi also told about another messenger God would send. This messenger, John the Baptist, would call people to repent too. He would get them ready for a final Messenger, Jesus. Jesus would bring good news of salvation.

We can read the New Testament and learn about John the Baptist. He did get people ready for Jesus, and Jesus did bring good news. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven and have eternal life.