

Parachute Games!

Shake Out the Wrinkles have the children hold the edge or handles and shake!

Elevator Have the children pull back and stretch the 'chute tight. elevator up elevator down!

This is the way we wash our clothes A pretending game swishing the 'chute!

Twister With players on top use a twister spinner or just call out hand on red feet on blue etc.

Row Row row your boat another pretending game imitate rowing action

Pass the Ball put a large playground ball on top of the 'chute have the children sit and lift to pass the ball around the circle like "the wave"!

Motor Boat motor boat motor boat go real slow motor boat motor boat go real fast
motor boat motor boat step on the gas! the children swish hands back and forth to make motor

Stand on a Color Call out commands Everybody stand on red everybody sit on green etc.

Boa Constrictor Sing old Shel Silverstein song & act out being gradually swallowed up!

Send Me Under call a players name, they crawl under the 'chute and out the other side use a rhyme like Blue Thunder send Jimmy right under

Go Find a Friend's Feet Have a player go under the 'chute and look a friend

Kitty Crawl players act like kittens as they crawl over the 'chute send Susie Kitty right over

Mushroom or Umbrella (Don't Let Go!) all children hold handle or edge on the count of three they throw the parachute up continuing to hold on. When it gets up high they walk to the middle and come out as it falls

Kid Dome or Tent (Sit on the Edge Inside) Holding on to the edge again they throw it up over their heads, after taking a few steps underneath, they pull the edge of the 'chute under them and sit on it , creating a Giant Tent.

Pop the Bubble (Stand on the Edge don't go under) The chute is thrown up and instantly snapped back down, the players quickly pull the edge down to the ground and stand firmly on it. This Giant Bubble is soon flattened! Have the children crawl or roll to the top of the mountain.

Walking on the Moon (No handles) Players take turns walking on around on top of 'chute while others shake! It's walking on the moon.

Alligator (Go under when your foot gets pulled) Players sit down around the edge with feet underneath. One volunteer is chosen to go under and begin gently pulling on all the feet underneath, everyone shakes. If your feet are pulled you're an Alligator too!

Sharks and Lifeguards played similar to Alligator. only there's a lifeguard or two standing outside the 'chute. When the shark pulls on a players foot, the player raises a hand and cries help. If the life guard is busy the shark pulls them under

Cat and Mouse Taking turns two children (mice) go under while everyone else sits and holds the chute. Two more children (cats) go on top and crawl around looking for the mice. Everyone else shakes to help the mice stay hidden. When a cat tags a mouse they come out.

Shoot the Moon (All together 1,2,3, up..down) A soft playground ball is placed on top. All players squat. The chute is thrown up and instantly snapped back down. This sends the large yellow moon soaring high into the air.

Popcorn (Shake it Harder) Plastic whiffle balls or colored nerf balls are placed on the top of the flattened 'chute! The participants begin to shake the 'chute. The balls begin popping all over! Popcorn! Children throw them back on and keep the corn popping.

Fire Works (All together 1,2,3, up..down) Just like in shoot the moon ,the chute is thrown up with all the balls on it and instantly snapped back down. All the balls explode up! Fireworks!

Criss Cross (Hold on to the edge not the handles) Throwing the 'chute up in the air, selected players (i.e. those holding red) run under as everyone else raises the chute

Double Cross 2 colors **Traffic Jam!** 3 colors!

Merry Go Round! (Stop if someone Falls) All players turn to one direction and begin to walk in a circle. The group speeds up and goes faster and faster!

Parachute Trap! (Stay off the top) A set of 4-5 colored scarves are placed underneath, as the chute is thrown up selected players try to grab one before being caught. use hands not bodies to hold down the edge

Birthday Spinner Have one player sit in the middle of the 'chute. This game works great on a wood floor or grass. The rest of the players walk slowly round and round winding the person sitting being careful not to pull so that the person in the middle gets wound up. Then on the count of 1,2,3, everyone pulls and the person in the middle spins around!

Spider Switcheroo Call two kids names they spider walk under and trade places

Funny Faces have all the players throw the parachute up as in the umbrella game. when it is up have them children pull the chute over their heads and then lay down. Thus having only the heads showing funny faces or a "class portrait!"

Hide and Go Seek Have all the children hide under the 'chute! Lay still, then pull the chute off!

Golf Use a small playground ball and have the players try to get it into the middle hole!

Snake or roll to the middle "Tootsie roll" This game is great to get the 'chute away from the kids. Have them make a big snake by rolling towards the middle.

Catch the Kids Switcheroo! have two children stand on one side of the chute. Have two more stand at the other. The object is to cross under when the chute is tossed up and to get out before the rest of the players bring it down