

# Who's There? Parks and recreation



## A Story from DJ, Missionary Kid in Canada

Because it's easy for kids to make friends with kids, we help our parents minister to the South Asians in our community.

Sometimes my brothers and I go with Dad when he visits the Sikh places of worship. It actually helps Dad break the ice when we're there. Before arriving, Dad will remind us about questions we can ask the priests. On the drive home, we discuss what we talked about with the priests — the differences between what they believe and what the Bible says.

Another thing we do as a family is go to the park and bring our big parachute with us. We pull it out and we start inviting the smaller kids to come and play with us. Before you know it, we have dozens of kids playing with the parachute!

While we're playing with little kids, Mom and Dad mingle with the other moms and dads at the park who come over to watch their kids play. In their conversations, they share the gospel as often as possible. It's amazing how open the adults are to talking with us when we come as a family with our parachute!

My brother and I play basketball in the park with Dad, too. We bring some Pakistani Christian teenagers with us. It doesn't take long before we're playing with Muslim, Sikh or Hindu teenagers. When things begin to wind down, we'll start talking about our faith in God. Sometimes we will intentionally plan to have a youth Bible study in the park after the game is over. This makes it easy for us to invite our new friends to the Bible study, especially if we're offering cold water and Cokes®! Sometimes they come, sometimes they don't.

My younger brothers do the same thing with soccer. At the park near our house, the boys and girls are all South Asian. My brothers run over to the park in the evenings to play soccer. They already know almost every kid by name. Everyone knows we're missionaries because my 8-year-old brother, Caleb, is sure to tell them!

