

Idea Card

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BY SIN

Best Use

Use as a family time activity with children to talk about the idea that we all sin and what we can do to battle the temptations that Satan throws our way.

Advance Preparation

Have the following supplies ready for family time:

- "Obstacle course" items such as toys, stuffed animals, shoes, balloons, plastic cups, or blocks
- A bell or whistle
- A blindfold
- A Bible

During the Family Time

Follow these steps to have a great experience:

1. Create a walking path obstacle course somewhere in the house or yard using toys, shoes, pillows, balloons, or anything you wish for the kids to maneuver around.
2. Add several obstacles that will break apart and make noise when hit – such as a tower of plastic cups, dominos, etc.
3. Have a contest to see who can walk through the obstacle course the fastest without touching any of the items on the path.
4. Ring the bell or blow the whistle before shouting the word "Sin!" anytime someone touches an object.
5. Next, take turns trying the same course while blindfolded. Again, ring the bell or blow the whistle before shouting "Sin!" anytime someone touches an object. If the child knocks over the stacked obstacles, ring or blow again to emphasize that some of our sins cause more mess than others.
6. Let the kids have fun watching dad or mom really make a mess of things as they try the obstacle course.
7. Read Romans 3:23, 5:12, and 5:19 aloud together describing the "disease" of sin that causes everyone to behave in sinful ways. Explain that the disease of sin (represented by the blindfold) makes it impossible for us to avoid sinful acts (represented by touching the items).
8. Now read Psalm 119:105. Explain that we are able to avoid sin when we listen to God's voice and allow him to guide our path around the obstacles of temptation. Redo the obstacle with the blindfold on, but this time have a parent give direction to miss the obstacles. Just like the parent's voice helped to avoid obstacles, when we follow God's direction, we are able to battle the temptations and avoid the mess of sin.

Pray: Close your time together in prayer, thanking God that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for all our sins.

Memorize: "For all sin, but with Jesus we win!"