

Game: **Stick It To ‘Em**

Discussion: **Jesus Took Our Sins**

Scripture : **2 Corinthians 5:21**

YOU WILL NEED: *Cotton Balls, masking tape, and two hula hoops or something else to mark the place to put the cotton balls.*

Stick It To ‘Em*

Pour a bag of cotton balls into each of the hula hoops you set out before class began.

Divide your class into two teams of equal numbers.

Choose one volunteer from each team--and wrap the masking tape around him so that the sticky side is facing out.

Tell your teams which cotton ball mess belongs to their team and put their “Masking-tape” volunteer on the opposite side of the room.

Tell your students to clean up the cotton ball mess by taking *one cotton ball at a time* and sticking it to your team’s “masking-tape” volunteer. They can only pick up *one at a time*.

Ready...Go!

If the game goes quickly, feel free to play it again with new “masking-tape” volunteers. For variation, tell them they can only hop on one leg.

Discussion

SAY: Your “masking-tape” volunteer didn’t run and didn’t pick up any of the cotton balls. **How did he or she help you clean up?** (He took all the cotton balls; the cotton balls stuck to him; he cheered us on.)

Ask the students--**How is that like the way Jesus cleans the sin from our lives?** (He took all the sins on Him; Jesus wants to forgive us and wash away all the wrong things we’ve ever done.)

Read from your Bible: 2 Corinthians 5:21

SAY: When Jesus died on the cross, our sin (the wrong things we’ve done) was placed on Him. He took our sin and He was punished for them in our place.

Ask the students—**What is a substitute?** (It’s someone who comes in place of someone else. If your teacher at school is sick, someone else teaches in his or her place.)

SAY: Jesus died in our place. That’s how Jesus can save us. Jesus is stronger than our sin—He’s even stronger than death. Jesus died for our sins and came back to life. Only in Him can a person get forgiveness and find eternal life in heaven.

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