Activity tie-in: Archery

Object- Target

Bible Verse- Romans 3:23-26 "[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [25] God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,[i] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— [26] he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

Lesson- We miss the bullseye every day, and need faith in Jesus as our savior to hit the mark.

Introduction Ideas:

- You might talk about how when shooting arrows at a target that many times we miss the bullseye
- You could show the kids a target and ask them what areas they are supposed to hit on the target, and then ask them where their arrows usually land on the target

Lesson Suggestions

- Transition by showing the kids that the target can show our sinful ways and that we rarely hit the bullseye, and because of this we will never be good enough to go to heaven, but with faith in Jesus Christ as our savior he guides where our arrows go and has them always land on the bullseye
- Object Lesson: Demonstrate with the target that the outer rings are where our arrows will always land since we are sinful, but with our faith Jesus guides our arrows to the bullseye.

Questions for Lesson:

- "Why can we never hit the bullseye?"
    - We are sinful and cannot by our own works do enough good to make it to heaven
- "How is it possible to hit the bullseye?"
    - Through faith in Jesus Christ we are forgiven of our sins and every arrow we shoot will land on the bullseye.

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, we thank you for taking away our sins with your death on the cross. We are sinful and do not deserve the love and mercy you give us. Continue to bless and preserve us in your truth, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.