Pioneer Devotional Outline

Archery

1. Title: Hit the bullseye for God
    a. History of the bow in the Bible
        i. Genesis 27:3 Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me.
        ii. Genesis 49:24 But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,
        iii. Rain**bow** is in the shape of a bow.
            1. Hebrew word for rainbow is the same word as "bow"
            2. The rainbow in the sky is symbolic of God putting his "weapon" against humanity on display like a sportsman uses a gun rack. It shows us that his weapon is still on display and we don't have to worry because he won't ever use it to hurt humanity again.
    b. Why we shoot archery today
        i. Discipline
        ii. Benefits of practice
        iii. Enjoyment
    c. Parallels between shooting a bow and a Christian life
        i. God demands that we hit the middle of the bullseye every time we shoot
            1. The law
                a. Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
                b. Matthew 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect
                c. In order to be accepted into heaven we are supposed to be so perfect that we never miss the mark when it comes to God's Law
            2. The Gospel
                a. God knows and we know that we will never be able to follow God's law perfectly
                b. Fortunately, Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
            3. Applications
                a. We still strive to shoot the bullseye for God
                    i. Out of love for what he has done for us
                b. We remain disciplined when we shoot for the bullseye in our daily life
                    i. Out of love what he has done for us
                c. We enjoy shooting the bullseye for God (doing his will)
                    i. Because of what he has done for us