

## Lutheran Pioneer Object Lesson Outline

Activity tie-in: Shooting

Object: Target

Bible Verse: Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Lesson: We cannot hit the target by ourselves, but Christ did it for us.

Introduction Ideas

- ❑ You could talk about how difficult it would be for us to hit the target if we couldn't even pick up the gun or if the target was miles and miles away.
- ❑ You could even talk about how impossible it is to hit a tiny tiny dot, without seeing the target.
- ❑ Perhaps you can make a target and place it way too far away to hit.
- ❑ Show the students how difficult it is to shoot without a scope.

Lesson Ideas

- ❑ Get the students to admit that there is absolutely no way that they could hit the target. "It's impossible"
- ❑ Talk about how Jesus was able to hit the tiny target, in the darkness, with no scope.
- ❑ Insert the passage from Romans and tell them that a living a perfect life is like shooting at an impossible target, we'll always miss the mark.
- ❑ Move on to talking about what Jesus hitting the mark every time means to us. (perfect life, innocent death, salvation)

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- ❑ Quote the Bible verse and ask them some questions to get them thinking about how often they miss the target:
  - ❑ **"What if your life depended on hitting these impossible targets? What would happen?"**
    - ❑ We would try and try like crazy, but no matter how much we tried, we'd still miss every time.
  - ❑ **"What does it mean to us that Jesus was able to hit all of the targets every time, right on the bullseye?"**
    - ❑ It means that when he died on the cross, we no longer had to hit all of the bullseyes perfectly. Jesus had done it all for us.
  - ❑ Go back and tie a Gospel message in like Romans 6:26 "For the wages of sin..." Use this to reinforce the idea of Jesus hitting all of the targets in our place.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for hitting every target perfectly. Thank you for not sinning and giving me a path to heaven. Please help me always continue to try to live my life like you. Let me always trust in what you have done for me. Amen