**Angry Leaders**

**Topic: Angry Words**

**Bible: Matthew 5: 21-22**

Supplies:

* Water balloon slingshots
* Water balloons
* Chairs, stools, and other items to stand on

Directions:

1. This is a summer time, water balloon version for the popular game “Angry Birds” using your leaders as your “pigs”.
2. Fill up a ton of water balloons.
3. On a larger outdoor playing area, set up your items that leaders will be standing on at various distances or in various configurations, enough for most of the leaders in your group.
4. Have all but two of your leaders choose an item to stand on.
5. Have the two remaining leaders hold the water balloon slingshot.
6. Divide students up into teams based on the number of water balloon sling shots.
7. Students will then take turns shooting water balloons, one at a time, at the leaders standing out in the playing area.
8. 1 Point is rewarded for hitting a leaders. 5 points are rewarded if you knock a leader off. 10 points are deducted from the team score if a leader catches an un-popped water balloon.

Say: We love our leaders! Thank you leaders for submitting yourself to that!

You probably all know the game “Angry Birds”. If for some reason you don’t, it was somewhat similar to that. You are launching things-birds- at structures where targets- pigs- are standing. You are trying to knock the targets off and destroy things. I think it is very similar is some ways to our words. We sometimes launch “angry words” at others in an effort to destroy, hurt, or knock them down.

Ask:

* Have you ever had some say something mean to you?
* Have you ever felt destroyed or knocked down by what someone said?
* Do you ever feel like angry words are like bombs being launched at you and who you are?

Say: Here let’s look at what Jesus had to say about “Angry Words”.

Read Matthew 5: 21-22:

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Say: Think about our game and also the game Angry Birds. Much like our water balloons or the birds, angry words are launched at others and have the ability to crush who they are while also destroying their lives. Jesus in the passage takes words spoken in anger very seriously and we should too.

Close in prayer.