**FAKE OUT**

Fake Out is one of those classic games that you may or may not know about. Use it as an ice-breaker or to teach preteens about ***Temptation***.

**How to play:** Preteens break up into small groups of 10-12. Each team receives a ball. Players stand up in a circle with one person standing up in the middle holding the ball. Everyone else in the circle keeps their arms straight beside their own body. The player in the middle will either throw the ball or fake throwing it to each player. If the ball is not caught when thrown to, the player who should have caught it is out. If the ball is not thrown and faked like a throw, the player who was faked at is out. Continue playing until one person is left in each group.

[Optional]

**Stay in small groups and discuss the following:** Have you ever played Fake Out? Did you like the game? Why or why not? What made it difficult?

**Say *[If in a large group setting, allow preteens to stay in small groups and one upfront leaders says the script in their own words]:***

Believe it or not, *Fake Out* can teach us something about *Temptation*. We often think that it is easy to know the difference between right and wrong. But the truth is that sin is not always easily detected. We often can twist the truth and make ourselves that what we are considering isn’t a sin. Let’s take a look at a familiar passage from the Bible so you understand what I mean.

Read **Genesis 3:1-8** out loud or paraphrase in your own words. Eve was FAKED OUT by the serpent. She was led to believe a lie and even convinced herself that God was holding out on her. Eve thought for a moment that she would be like God if she ate the fruit. She chose to believe a lie.

You and I can fall into the same trap if we’re not careful. Don’t let the temptation of sin FAKE you OUT. In FAKE OUT, you got to stay in if you didn’t get FAKED OUT. In life, when we get FAKED OUT and fall into sin, it will disconnect us from God. You’ll miss out on enjoying His friendship. You’ll miss out on God’s best for your life. So, next time something you think is wrong looks tempting STOP and ask God’s help to resist it. When you call on Him, the Holy Spirit living inside you will guide you and give you the power to resist any temptation that comes your way!

**Discuss the following in small groups:** How would you define the word *temptation*? Is temptation a sin? Why or why not? What temptations do other preteens your age face often? Explain. What temptations do you face often? Explain. What advice would you give a friend who faces a temptation?