**Orders Only**

**Topic: Focus on God**

**Philippians 4:6**

Supplies:

* Shaving Cream
* Balloons
* Large water guns Like Super Soaker
* Buckets of water or just a hose with nozzle
* Smaller cups or buckets to dip water out

Directions:

* Fill lots of water balloons with water and lots with shaving cream
* Form a circle with all students
* If have large amount of students may need to make two circles
* Place balloons and buckets of water in middle of circle
* Have a few different leaders in middle of circle
* One leader will be the Boss
* When the boss calls out an order the students have to do it
* The Boss has to say “The Order Are”… then give the order
* If the boss does not say that and gives an order the students should not follow it
* If they do they there is a consequence
* If a student follows another leaders order or command there is a consequence
* Consequences are water balloons; shaving cream bombs popped overhead, water guns, cups of cold water dumped on them. But can only be one of them at a time

For the Boss and Leaders: Make sure you are calling out orders fairly quick and give consequence quickly. Leaders make sure you are talking a lot to the students and giving them orders. If you see someone that needs a consequence give it quickly. This game is about them focusing on the Boss and trying hard to do the order.

Play until everyone has had at least one consequence.

Say: How fun was that? It was great to see you all trying so hard to focus on the Boss even though the leaders were giving orders and others were getting consequences. Then before you knew it you messed up and BAM!!!! You were the one getting it. This the same as when we try so hard to focus on doing the right thing, we loose focus on listening to God and BAM we mess up bad.

(Have a personal example ready to let student know this happens to all of us.)

Ask:

* Is anyone willing to share of a time this may have happened to him or her?
* What kinds of good things can we get focused on that can keep us from hearing God?
* Why can what seems like doing the right thing, not be what God wants?
* How can we make sure what we are doing is God focused?
* How do we know we are focused on God and not just doing what we think is right?

Say: One of the best ways we can know we are following God is by asking Him. We need to make sure we are always talking to God. I like to think of prayer as just talking. When are in constant conversation with God we can know we are listening to Him. Think of it this way, if you never talked to your friends, how would you know what they are like. Then how would you know you are actually friends? We need to take time to talk with God about everything.

Read Philippians 4:6:

Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

When we pray about everything we wont have to worry about trying to do what is right. Because our focus will be towards God and He will tell us what he wants us to do and that is what is right.

Get your students back into the circles they were in for the game and have them sit down. Let them know they are going to have some time to just talk with God. This is a time for them to talk to Him about anything they want. Wrap up the prayer time buy going around the circle and asking you students one question, what is keeping them from focusing on God?

Close in Prayer.