***Reindeer Relay***

**Object:** This is a relay style race where teams attempt to be the first to put a reindeer nose (cotton ball) on their nose with a dab of Vaseline, run to the other end of the room/gym, shake their reindeer nose off their real nose without using their hands, then run back to tag the next person in line. Style points can also be awarded for reindeer-like running and leaping.

**Supplies:**

Cotton balls (one for each preteen [the red/pink kind are fun]), Petroleum jelly (Vaseline); small bowls for each team’s Vaseline; a bowl or bucket for each team to shake their reindeer noses into.

**Preparation:**

* Open the cotton ball bags for each team (or divide out the bags for each team to have at least one for each student)
* Place a scoop of Vaseline out into a small bowl or small plate for each team.
* Place a large bowl or bucket at the opposite end of the room or gym for the reindeer noses to be shaken off into.
* Decide your style point system before you begin (1-5, 5 being highest, is easy)

**How to Play:**

* Divide the group into even teams.
* Explain that preteens are to dip their finger into the Vaseline and place a ‘dab’ of Vaseline on their nose as they prepare to run the relay. Stick a cotton ball on the Vaseline and get ready to run.
* Preteens run to the other end of the course and shake the reindeer nose off their nose into the bucket or bowl, then run back and tag the next runner.
* Each student repeats the above steps.
* Explain you will be awarding style points for amazing reindeer-like running and leaping. Extra points could help them win, even if they don’t run the fastest.

*(Consider awarding the style points as the students are leaping/running to encourage them)*

* Get everyone in position and start running!

*(You decide how you want to award style points and how much they help a team win the game. If you award some sort of prize, you may want to award one for best style of running and leaping, etc.)*

***Break It Down***

**Scripture:** Luke 2:8–17 (Angel appears to shepherds and they go to Bethlehem)

**Main Point:** Focus on verse 16. The scripture tells us the shepherds ‘hurried’ to Bethlehem to see the newborn King! Why do you think they hurried? What do we ‘hurry’ to do? Do we hurry to meet Jesus? Shouldn’t we? If we get as excited about Jesus as the shepherds did, our relationship with Him would be even more amazing!