**Sad-Minton**

**Topic: God’s Power**

**Acts 1:8**

Supplies:

* A cheap backyard badminton set
* A few extra badminton rackets
* A variety of summer time picnic food/leftovers (hot dogs, buns, marshmallows, pickles, hamburgers….)

Directions:

1. Your students will be playing badminton, but you will replace the shuttle with a various random food items.
2. Set up your badminton net.
3. Divide up into 2 equal teams.
4. Give everyone a racket.
5. Bring out the “shuttle” replacements.
6. Serve up the first item.
7. Play as long as you can with that item.
8. Once the item can no longer be used, replace it with a fresh item.
9. Keep score if you like, otherwise just enjoy!

Say: Yikes, the playing area is going to be fun to mow! Can’t wait to see what happens when all of that stuff gets hit with the lawn mower! Everyone did great; some of you really put some power behind some of those hits.

Ask:

* Which items were the easiest to serve and hit?
* Which items were the hardest to serve and hit?
* Was it easy to really put some power behind your serves and hits?
* What happened to some of those items when you really hit them?

Say: That is right. As you put more power behind your hits some of those items really went everywhere…they really spread out all over the place. It is kind of the way it with us as Christians. As were serve, God puts His power behind us. For some of us, as there is more power put behind us, we end up really being spread out and going everywhere…

Read: Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Ask:

* When were the disciples sent out? When are we sent out?
* Whose power came/comes?
* What are the 3 areas that are mentioned?
* What is our “Jerusalem”?
* What is our “Judea”?
* What is our “Samaria”?
* What is your biggest fear about being sent out?

Say: Even though we might have fear and apprehensions about going out and sharing with other about our faith, God promises His power is behind us to send us forward. As we have His power behind us, some of will stay here together, but some of us will have the opportunity to be spread out in order cover a whole area.

Close in prayer.