**Scoop Ball Lacrosse**

**Topic: Sin**

**Romans 2:22-24**

Supplies:

* Multiple backyard "scoop ball" sets
* 2 goals - garbage cans, large buckets, ultimate frisbee goals, frisbee golf goals…
* A way to identify teams, consider using colored bandanas
* Large playing area

Directions:

1. The rules of the game are very simple each team is trying get the ball into their goal.
2. The ball is passed from person to person (lacrosse style) using only the "scoops".
3. One option is to play full running style similar to a real game of lacrosse, and the ball is scooped, passed, and shot with no real stop in the game.
4. A second safer option is to play "ultimate Frisbee-style" where each player has 2 steps to either pass or shoot. If the ball hits the ground team possession changes.
5. For both versions, it also optional if you want to have a goalie. You can also include "fouls" where team possession switches for unnecessary roughness or contact.

Say: Wow-that was fun and tiring. Good job on working together as a team.

There were some really good shots on goal, but also a bunch that really “fell short”….

Ask:

* Did you find it hard to aim the ball at first?
* What made it so hard to aim, pass, and shoot?
* How many times did a shot on goal “fall short” or miss compared to the times there was a actually a goal?

Say: That reminds me of a word that we use quite a bit around church; it is the word sin. We have probably all heard that word and know what it means in English and around our church, don’t we?

The word is “Sin” actually comes from the word to “miss the mark” in archery.

Ask:

* Why do you think the word sin is related to a word that means to miss the mark?
* How do you think sin is related to missing a mark in our lives?

Say: Check out this verse about sin and missing the mark…

Read: Romans 2:22-24

This righteousness is given through faith inJesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Say: This game is much like our life. God has set up a goal of holiness for us to aim for, so often we fall short of that goal, that standard, and falling short is sin. Thankfully God sent His son, Jesus, to give us forgiveness for all the times over and over again that we have sinned an fallen short of the glory of God.

Close in prayer.