**SILLY SLOPPY SLINGSHOT SCRAMBLE**

**Topic: The Good News**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

Supplies:

* Water balloon slingshot
* Towels and/or old t-shirts: enough for one per group of 4 students
* A wide variety food: preferably gross, weird or sloppy but soft (safe) food, but something that can "fly" such as the following:

 - Hot Dogs (the original)

 - Twinkies or any other snack cake

 - Eggs (be careful with this one)

 - Pickles

 - Chunks of Spam

 - Large Marshmallows

 - Bananas

 - Dog Biscuits

 - Bread of various kinds

 - Limburger Cheese

 - Tomatoes (or various other "not too hard" fruits and veggies)

 - A Fish

Directions:

1. Break everyone into teams of 4.
2. Give each team a towel/t-shirt.
3. Have all the teams spread out in the large OUTDOOR playing area.
4. Each team will be holding the 4 corners of their towel/shirt.
5. On go using the water balloon sling, you and your leaders will be shooting the silly sloppy food items out into the playing area.
6. Teams must try to catch the food item with their shirt or towel.
7. Score as follows: 5 points for food items that are caught in the shirt and minus 1 point for food items that hit a player.
8. Tally up the points at the end of the game. The team with the most points wins.

Say: Wow-that was fun and really gross! Did everyone survive that?

It was interesting to see all that food being sent your direction and everyone trying to catch it…receive it?

Ask:

* Was it hard to know where the food was going in order to try to catch it as a team?
* What were the hardest items to try to catch?
* What happened when there was not enough power behind the throws?
* What happened when there was too much power and stuff was coming straight at you?
* What are the things we as Christians send out into the world and want people to catch?

Say: Here check out this verse….

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Say: See Jesus is about to leave the planet, but before He leaves He puts His power behind His followers before He launches them out into the world….

Ask:

* Look back at the verse. Jesus doesn’t just give power but something else. What is it?
* What are the things that the followers of Jesus then and now are to be doing as we are launched out in to the world?
* How are you doing and living out each of those things in your life as a follower of Jesus?

Close in prayer.