**Slip N Slide Slapshot**

**Topic: Failure**

**Proverbs 24:16**

Supplies:

* A large square or rectangle tarp
* Tent Stakes
* Slippery liquids: dish soap, baby oil, sun tan lotion, chocolate syrup, condiments, etc.
* Hose
* Sprinklers
* Hockey sticks
* Hockey puck
* 2 goals (hockey goals or use cones)

Directions:

1. Using a large tarp create a summer time slip n slide hockey rink.
2. Spread out your tarp(s) on a flat grassy area.
3. Using your tent stakes, stake down the corners and sides of the tarp.
4. Set up goals on either end of the tarp.
5. Cover the entire tarp with slippery liquids, thoroughly.
6. Divide your group into 2 equal teams.
7. Give each player a hockey stick.
8. Ask everyone to remove their shoes so that they are playing barefooted
9. Line teams behind the defending goals on either end of the tarp.
10. Place a puck in the center of the playing area/tarp.
11. On “Go!” players all may go onto the tarp and begin to play.
12. Use similar rules to that of street hockey.

Say: Is everyone alright? No broken legs or bones? I was really impressed how quickly some of you got right back up after falling. Some of you really fell down quite a few times.

Ask:

* How was it running on the slippery surface of the tarp?
* How did it feel to fall down?
* Did you ever just want to lay there for a minute and not get back up?

Say: The Bible actually talks about us falling spiritually. It is actually not what you think though. You might think that the Bible would be critical or harsh on those that fall, but it actually it has a little something different to say.

Read: Proverbs 24:16

…for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.

Ask:

* How many times do the righteous fall?
* What do you think the significance of “7” is?
* What happens when they fall?
* Who continues to fall and stays down?

Say: Let’s be real; we will fall. We all do. Falling down whether physically or spiritually is just a part of life. The key is whether or not we get back up and what we do then.

Close in prayer.