**Toilet Seat Croquet**

**Topic: God’s Way**

**Matthew 7:13-14**

Supplies:

* 5 cheap plastic open ended toilet seats
* Some large long nails
* A variety of clean, new plungers and toilet brushes
* A package of wrapped rolls of toilet paper

Directions:

1. You will be creating a unique game of croquet. The hoops/wickets will be created using toilet seats. Mallets will be the plungers and toilet brushes, and the balls will be replaced with rolls of toilet paper.
2. Create your hoops/wickets by first running a long nail through the end of either side of your open ended toilet seat, which should be vertical.
3. Push the nails into the ground, creating a hoop.
4. Make your own pattern on your lawn or using a more traditional set up.
5. To start the game have every player select a “mallet” and hand them a wrapped roll of toilet paper.
6. Take turns hitting and playing, using similar rules to the traditional backyard version of croquet. (<http://www.toycrossing.com/croquet/>)

Say: Good game everyone! That was fun and a little different than your grandma’s backyard game, wasn’t it?

Ask:

* Was it easy to get those toilet paper rolls through the toilet seats?
* Did the rolls actually roll in the grass?
* Did our replacement mallets work as good as the regular ones?
* How about our “toilet seat” hoops/wickets, were they wide enough?

Say: It was kind of hard to get those rolls of toilet paper through those NARROW toilet seat opening wasn’t? It would have been much easier if we could have had something wider to hit through. Christ actually taught about the difference between the narrow and the wide.

Read: Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Ask:

* What do think Jesus meant when He said the wide gate leads to destruction?
* What do you think He meant when He taught that small is gate and narrow is the road that leads to life?
* Why do you think only a few find it?
* What are some of the “wide ways” people live that they think will not ruin their life?
* What are some the “narrow ways” we try to live as Christians?

Say: It is not always easy to live a “narrow way” life, especially when so many of our friends and even families live the “wide way”. In the end however, we have a promise of blessing and life eternal if we lie the narrow way. I think we need to take a minute to pray for each other as we try to live differently this summer.

Close in prayer.