Activity: Knock Sin out of our Lives

FAMILY TIME TRAINING

Teaching Goal: We need Jesus to take our sin away so we can be back together with God.

Scriptures: Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Hebrews 4:15 ...but we have one {Jesus} who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

1 John 5:17 All wrongdoing is sin.

Materials:
Glass jar with wide mouth
Aluminum pie pan
Paper and pen
Cardboard toilet paper tube
Egg, hard-boiled
Masking tape
Broom

I. Play theme song
II. Pray
III. Review last lesson
IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. ACTIVITY #1: Talk about sin. **Sin is doing bad things**. Invite a volunteer to read I John 5:17. **All of us have sinned, done bad things.** Invite a volunteer to read Romans 3:23. **Who is all?** *Me, you, the preacher, anyone we can name except Jesus.* **Jesus is the only one without sin.** Invite a volunteer to read Hebrews 4:15.

Cut 15 slips of paper. Make a list of the following Bible leaders. **What sins or bad things did these people do?** *Write the answers next to the names.* Invite a volunteer to write each sin on one of the slips of paper. (Include examples from other leaders.)

Adam & Eve	Broke God's rule	Genesis 3
Pharaoh	Did not listen to God	Genesis 7
Peter	Denied knowing Jesus	Mark 14:66-7

What sins or bad things do we do? *Listen to answers.* Invite a volunteer to write the answers on slips of paper. Examples of sins:

Lying	Bad words	Disobeying	Selfishness
Hitting	Stealing	Meanness	Greed

What will help us not to sin? What will help us make good choices instead of bad choices?

Believe in Jesus as the one who teaches us what is right.
Know what Jesus teaches by reading the Bible.
Listen and obey God's Spirit who reminds us to make good choices.
Listen and talk with God through prayer.
Say "no" when people ask us to do things we know are wrong.
Obey parents.

B. ACTIVITY: Fill the jar with water and place it near the edge of a table. Put the pieces of paper listing the sins in the pie pan and center the pan on top of the jar. Place the toilet paper tube in the center of the pan, which should also center the tube over the jar opening under the pie pan. Place the egg sideways on top of the toilet paper tube. The edge of the pie pan NOT THE JAR should stick out over the edge of the table.

In this activity we start with a pie pan and some pieces of paper. The pieces of paper represent sins in our lives. Sins are bad choices that we make, choices that God would not want us to make. The jar of water represents people, you and me. The egg represents God. If we are the jar of water and God is the egg then what separates us from God? *Sin.* **What we need is a sin buster. We need someone who can come into our lives and take the sin away so that we can be back together with God. Who do you think can be our sin buster?** *Jesus.* **That's right! Jesus, represented by the broom, is our sin buster.** Invite a volunteer to write "Jesus" on a piece of masking tape and put it around the broom handle.

Step on the straw part of the broom, which should be placed on the floor directly under the pie pan that is sticking out over the edge of the table. Pull back on the broom handle approximately twelve inches. With your free hand, press down on the table next to the jar. This will add extra support to the table. Release the broom handle. The broom will act as a spring, hit and knock the pie pan out of the middle so that the egg falls into the jar of water. The table will stop the momentum of the broom handle. **Jesus knocks the sin out of our lives so that we can be back together with God.**

V. Memorize:

Jesus knocks our sin away
So close to God we can stay.

VI. Close in Prayer

VII. Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.