Mercy Beanbag Toss

Materials

☐ Game Cards (following page)

☐ One beanbag

☐ Masking tape

☐ Chairs

Instructions

Print Game Cards on card stock and cut out enough for at least one per student. Make sure all three kinds of cards are mixed together. Lay the cards facedown in a grid on the floor. Mark a tossing line with masking tape a few feet from the cards. Use chairs to form an enclosure near the grid, big enough for several students to stand in.

Divide students into teams. Have teams take turns tossing one beanbag onto a card. Turn the card over and follow these instructions according to the card:

Absalom card—*the person **who tossed** the beanbag chooses someone on the **other** team to go to the enclosure.*

Mercy card—*the person **who tossed** the beanbag **must** choose someone in the enclosure (even if he has to free someone on the other team) to come out and return to their team.*

David card—*the person **who tossed** the beanbag **may toss once more** to try for a Mercy card. If he succeeds, he may stay with his team; if he fails, he **must** go to the enclosure.*

*The game ends when all the cards are used. Count how many people on each team are **not** in the enclosure to determine a winning team.*

Suggested Discussion

We heard in the lesson that Absalom and David both sinned. But there was a difference in how they dealt with their sin.

? What was the difference? *Allow discussion. Absalom had a rebellious heart. David had a repentant heart.*

Absalom had a rebellious heart. He was proud and selfish, and he continued in his sin until he was finally killed while trying to take the throne away from his father.

But David had a repentant heart. When he realized his sin of taking the census, he turned to God and admitted he was wrong. David understood that sin always brings consequences, but he knew he could trust God to be merciful.

Absalom

Mercy

David

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