

# Run from Sin Tag

## Materials

Optional: masking tape or cones

## Instructions

*This tag game may be played in an open room, in a gym, or outdoors. Have students line up on one side of the room or on a boundary you mark with tape or cones. Set up a boundary or specify a wall across the room as the other “safe” zone. Pick one person to be “It,” who is sinning by disobeying God. “It” will stand in the middle.*

*When you say, “Run!” students must race from one wall/boundary to the other while “It” tries to tag as many students as possible. Students who made it to the opposite wall or boundary are safe. Those who were tagged were affected by sin and must join “It” in the middle. In the next round, students who were safe run back to the original boundary/wall while all those in the middle (affected by sin) try to tag them. Continue playing until one person is left who has not been tagged; he is the winner and may begin the next round as “It.”*

## Suggested Discussion

In each round of this game, there were more and more people trying to tag you. So, it got harder to keep from being tagged, didn't it? That's the way sin is sometimes. The more you are around others who are doing wrong things, the easier it is to do those same sins.

That's what was happening to the Jewish people when Ezra got to Jerusalem. They had married foreign women who worshipped false gods, and these wives were leading them and their children away from the true God. That's why God wanted them—and why he wants us—to stay away from sin as much as possible.

- ?** We live in a sinful world, though, with sinful people all around us. How can we keep from sinning? *Ask God to help us.*

Yes. God sends his Holy Spirit, his presence with us, to help us stay away from sin. When we are tempted to do wrong things, God will help us to run away from sin and to do the right thing.