GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Walk the Line

Set up: For each small group, place a 10-15 foot (3-4.5 meters) long strip of tape on the floor.

Say: Today we learned why the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is so important. When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment for our sins. Thanks to Him, we can now be forgiven and spend forever with Him in Heaven. We're going to do an activity right now that will help us figure out which of us truly needs forgiveness.

Directions: Line your group up at one end of the tape line. Challenge the kids to walk on the line without stepping off. If they step off of the tape line, they're out and must return to the back of the line. At first, it will be easy, but then introduce some of the following additional challenges: walk backwards, bear crawl, hop on one foot, hop backwards on one foot, close your eyes, etc. For the last round, quickly spin each kid in circles 10-12 times before they walk the line. Inevitably, the kids will be dizzy and step off of the line before reaching the end.

Say: In the end, everybody stepped off of the line at least once. That's kind of like what the Bible says about sin. (Open your Bible to Romans 3:23 and read aloud, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.") Staying on the tape line is kind of like following Jesus without messing up or sinning. But at some point we all step off the line. We all break God's rules and sin. That means we all need to be forgiven.

Question: If you tried really hard, how long do you think you could go without messing up or sinning?

Question: What do you think you have to do to get God's forgiveness and spend forever in Heaven with Him?

Question: Today, we learned how to become a follower of Jesus and have our sins forgiven. Does anyone remember what the A, B, and C stands for? (Answer: Admit, Believe, and Choose.)

Question: Did anyone make the decision to follow Jesus for the first time today? Have you done it in the past?