

FOCUSED ON THE BULL'S EYE

SCRIPTURE:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2a).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Dart Board

MAIN MESSAGE:

When we sin, we miss the mark. We must keep our eyes on Jesus who is the bull's eye.

SONG: "Jesus is Able"

LESSON:

You've probably played darts before. It has simple rules, but it can be a difficult sport/game. It takes a lot of concentration to throw the dart and make it hit the board. It takes even more concentration to hit the center, which is the bull's eye. Darts takes good focus, aim, and practice, and no matter how good you get, you'll still miss the bull's eye (Sometimes you even miss the whole board!).

Did you know that the very word "sin" in the original language (Greek) means, "To miss the mark?" When we sin, we miss the bull's eye. The bull's eye for the Christian is Jesus! It is His attitude, His behavior, His compassion, His forgiveness, and His love.

Just like in darts, the Bible says we all sin (Romans 3:23). We miss the center. Even if we get really close to the center, we still miss it. Our lives must aim for Jesus. He is our goal, our focus, our center! And when we miss Him, we miss it all! Don't fool yourselves. It does not take much to get out of focus and miss Jesus. With just one little look away, just one wrong step, we'll miss Him.

Aim for Jesus. Focus your eyes on Him. Fix your eyes on Him (Hebrews 12:2) in your home, your school, your work, your play, and your worship. Walk in His steps. John says it like this, "the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:6).

PRAYER: Please help our family to fix our eyes on Jesus today.