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Title: Tug of War

Theme: Make sure you are on Jesus’ side in the tug of war

Object: Rope

Text: Revelation 12:7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

Can you believe it? There was war in heaven.

Michael represents Jesus and the dragon represents the devil.

The devil rebelled against God and tried to take over, but he was defeated and thrown out of heaven.

War in heaven reminds me of the game, Tug of War. Have you ever played Tub of War?

All you need to play is a big rope, and I’ve got one in my bag today.

I read about a college in Michigan where every year they have a tug of war between two classes.

The two classes pick the strongest people to be on their tug of war team.

They have a really long rope, because in the middle is a river!

And the team that gets pulled into the river loses the tug of war contest.

So let’s pretend that there’s a river here. I’m on one team and you kids are on the other.

Let’s see what you got. Ready Set Pull…

Who do you think won the tug of war in heaven? (Jesus won and Satan was cast out of heaven and he came here to this earth.)

Now the tug of war has come to this world.

God wants us to believe in Him and do everything that is good.

Satan wants us to believe in him and do everything that is bad.

Satan is on one end of the rope and you are on the other.

In between is not just a river but the lake of fire. He wants to pull you into the lake of fire.

He wants to get you to turn your back on Jesus and be lost.

He wants you to care more about your toys and things than about Jesus.

But you don’t have to let Satan pull you into the lake of fire.

You can call for help from your Friend Jesus.

Do you think Jesus is stronger than the devil? (Absolutely)

And if Jesus is pulling on your side, you are going to win every time.

Here’s the secret on how to win the tug of war: stay close to Jesus.

Tell Him you love Him. Tell Him you’re sorry for your sins. Ask Him to forgive you. And He will save you.

How many want to win in the tug of war with Satan?

Let’s ask Jesus to help us right now, what do you say?