

LESSON 1 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Ready, Set, Go and Tell!

OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

SUMMARY:

Jesus told us to tell others about Him so that they can be part of God's family too. Telling others about Jesus is my mission!

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for giving me a purpose and making me a part of Your important mission!

*In Jesus's name,
Amen*



MEMORY VERSE

“So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19 (NirV)

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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Post the verse on a video screen and read the verse aloud with the kids.

SMALL GROUP:

Pass a Bible around and have each student read the verse once out loud. Then see if everyone can say the verse together, without reading it, 3 times. The first time whisper it, the second time speak it, and the final time shout it.

SKIT PAGE 1

WE'RE GOING FISHING!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Toy fishing pole, sand bucket

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

1 Boy

1 Girl

1 Sea Captain

CHARACTERS:

Jack – boy

Lauren – girl

Captain Fin – Sea Captain

(Captain Fin stands center stage. Jack and Lauren enter stage.)

Captain Fin: Welcome aboard this fishing vessel, Lauren and Jack. I am your Captain, Captain Fin! I will be teaching you how to fish today.

Lauren: P U...what is that smell?

Captain Fin: Oh that? That is just the smell of the sea! Wonderful, isn't it?

Jack: I've smelled better.

Lauren: Yeah, like mom's fresh baked cookies.

Jack: Anything is better than this.

Captain Fin: The smell of fish is the smell of the sea. It's all part of the wonderful experience of fishing.

Jack: So how do we fish anyway?

Captain Fin: I'm glad you asked! There are three steps to fishing. First, you've got to know who you're fishing for and always be in communication with them.

Lauren: Who are we fishing for?

SKIT PAGE 2

Captain Fin: Why for me of course!

Jack: I could have told you that.

Captain Fin: Next, you need to learn all about me and how I fish.

Lauren: Is that really necessary?

Captain Fin: Yes... you need to study my every move!

Jack: Oh great....

Captain Fin: And then finally, you can go fishing.

Jack: Can't I just try now?

Lauren: Yeah, we can figure it out.

Captain Fin: I wouldn't do that if I were you...

Lauren: We'll be fine.

(Lauren takes the fishing pole and tosses the line in)

Jack: See look we can handle this.

(Teacher sneaks the sand bucket onto the hook.)

Lauren: I've got something.

Jack: Really? Quick! Pull it in!

Lauren: OK

(Lauren quickly yanks pole up with bucket attached.)

Jack: Oh. That's not a fish!

Lauren: Yeah. Maybe we do need a few lessons first.

SKIT PAGE 3

Captain Fin: Don't you worry. We'll take this one step at a time. Over these next four weeks I'll teach you everything you need to know about catching fish. Jack, pull up the anchor. Lauren, hoist up the sails. I'll steer the ship...it's time to set sail!

(Exit Stage)

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Fishing Pole or Net

Fishermen have a purpose every day. To catch fish! They go out on their boat, sail around in the water, and catch fish with nets or fishing poles. Sometimes it is hard to know what our purpose is in life. We might not be sure what we're supposed to do or accomplish. Some of us might become a fisherman, a teacher, a lawyer, or a nurse. No matter what we decide to be when we grow up, Jesus has asked us all to tell people about him! Jesus told his disciples that they should be fishers of men. This means, they should be out telling others about Jesus. That is our mission in this life, as followers of Jesus. We cast our line or net into the water (position your pole or net forward and down) by telling others what Jesus has done for us. We tell them that God loves them so much that He sent His son to die on the cross for their sins. Then we wait. I don't know if you've ever fished before, but it can take a lot of patience... sitting around, waiting for the fish to hook to the line. We might tell a friend about Jesus and they may not be interested yet. It could be a few weeks later that they come to us and ask a question about Jesus. It could even be a year later. Talk about a waiting game! God simply wants us to tell others about Him, and the Holy Spirit will do the work in their hearts. You might not become a fisherman when you grow up, but whatever you decide to do, we all have one main mission: to tell people about Jesus! You have an important job to do and everyone is on the line! (Pull in fishing line or net. Optional: Pretend to catch a fish and to be excited!)

LARGE GROUP GAME

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Stool or Chair (Something high that's safe to stand on.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Have the kids sit in a spread-out circle around the safe object to stand on. Choose one kid to start the game. Have them climb up on the mountain and shout out, for everyone to hear, "Go tell it on the Mountain that Jesus loves you _____ (say the name of a friend)." Once their name is called, that friend gets to jump up in the air and shout AMEN! Then run around the entire circle of friends until they get back to their spot. Then it is their turn to climb up the mountain and say another friend's name. "Go tell it on the Mountain that Jesus loves you _____. The game repeats until all of the friends have had a turn.

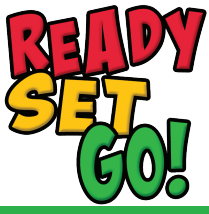
Teacher can encourage kids to call on friends that haven't had a turn yet.

VARIATIONS:

For younger children, have them stand in the middle of the circle without climbing on anything.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Jesus wants us to tell others about how much he loves them! Let's shout the good news from the mountain tops! Ask kids if they noticed how the news spread very quickly when they each told even just one friend.



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INTRO:

Jesus came to this earth as a baby, grew up, and shared God’s love with everyone He met. He healed the sick, taught us how to love one another, and then died on the cross for our sins. Jesus lived a perfect life. He wants everyone to know about Him. He wants us to all be in heaven with Him one day. The way to do this is to admit we are sinners, accept Jesus into our hearts, and then live for Jesus. But we have to know about him before we can do that! Once, Jesus rose from the dead and returned to the earth, He left his disciples with a very important mission. It was their job to tell others about Him. Everything was riding on them following Jesus’ command to spread the gospel!

The only way this could happen was if His disciples and followers shared this good news with others, and they did. They spread the news of Jesus far and wide. They continued to perform miracles the way that Jesus did by the power of the Holy Spirit, to help people believe and know that God is real. But it didn’t stop with His disciples! Jesus left the Holy Spirit here and He is in the heart of every believer. We have the same mission that His disciples had, to go and share about Jesus! This is a calling for every Christian. It doesn’t matter if you are 10 or 100. God has a mission for you to accomplish.

READ Matthew 28:16-20

LARGE GROUP LESSON

MAIN POINT:

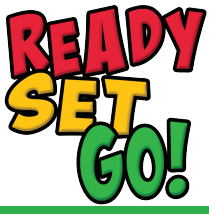
What does this mean to tell others about Jesus? It means sharing what God has done for you. It's telling them how He has forgiven you, even when you've made mistakes. Explaining how your life is changing because He is in it. It's also about showing God's love through your actions. Jesus spoke the truth but he also put it in action. We can help others in need, share our blessings with others, be patient and kind to others, and much more. The way you live your life is proof that Jesus is in your heart.

Some people are called by God to travel far away and spread the gospel to places that haven't heard of it before. This is a fantastic way to tell others about Jesus, to be a missionary. Some people are called by God to work in a place where there are a lot of physical needs. They are able to not only help those who are sick, hungry, or thirsty, but then they can also share about how Jesus is the only one who can give them what they spiritually need. Some people are called by God to teach others about Him, such as a Sunday school teacher, a pastor, a mother and father, and so many more.

DRIVE IT HOME:

There are so many ways that God calls us to tell others about Him. The most important thing is that we are looking for opportunities and that we are obedient to share when those chances come! Why is this so important? Because **EVERYONE IS ON THE LINE!** Everyone matters to God. We were all created in His image. God wants everyone to be His children and follow Him. Every person matters to Him. Our purpose is to share that with others and help them join into God's family!

I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel like I need to know what my purpose is in this life. I want to do something valuable and important. I want to be a part of something bigger than myself. The cool thing is, Jesus has already told us that we have a purpose and it is a very important one. It is so important that we tell others about Him so that they can be saved. Isn't that a wonderful thing, to have a purpose? God has also given us gifts that we can share with others. Just like the disciples were given the gift to heal, to speak in different languages, and more, we are given gifts as well. These can all be used to help bring others to Jesus. We all have a very important job to do, and God values each and every one of us!



LARGE GROUP LESSON

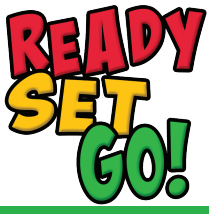
CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

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In Jesus's name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Are you excited about your mission?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Read the verse out loud a few times for the kids to hear. Then see if everyone can say the verse together, without reading it, 3 times. The first time whisper it, the second time speak it, and the final time shout it.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Sit in a small circle with a ball. Have the first volunteer say their favorite color and then roll the ball to a friend. Once everyone has said their favorite color switch to a favorite food, toy, activity, etc. This is a great way to get to know one another better.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What did Jesus tell us our mission is?

Why is it so important that we obey?

What is one way that we can share the love of Jesus with someone else?

Do you know anyone right now that doesn't know about Jesus?

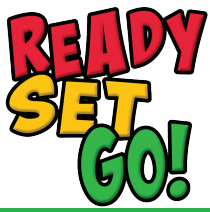
Does it make you feel good knowing that God has included you in His plan?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me and dying for me on the cross. Help me to tell others about You so that they can know You too.

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Amen*



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER:

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Pass a Bible around and have everyone read the verse once out loud. Then see if everyone can say the verse together, without reading it, 3 times. The first time whisper it, the second time speak it, and the final time shout it.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Sit in a small circle with a ball. Have the first volunteer say their favorite sport/activity and then roll the ball to a friend. Once everyone has said their favorite sport/activity switch to a favorite food, candy, place to travel etc. This is a great way to get to know one another.

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Does it make you feel good knowing that God has included you in His plan?

What gifts has God given you that you can share with others?

(Examples: teaching, healing, serving)

Have you ever met a missionary that travels far to share the love of Jesus?

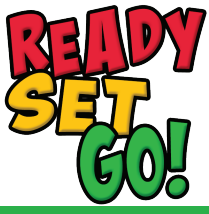
How can we lean on God to help us with this important mission?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me and for dying on the cross to save me from my sins. Help me to remember how much I need You and to tell others about You because they need Jesus too!

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

REVIEW

1. Jesus wants us to
 - A. Stay away from people who aren't Christians.
 - B. Love others the way He does and tell others about Him.
 - C. Go to church but nowhere else.
2. The disciples
 - A. Obeyed Jesus by telling others about Him.
 - B. Went back home after Jesus went to Heaven.
 - C. Forgot what Jesus told them to do.
3. The great commission (to tell others about Jesus) is important because
 - A. Everyone likes to tell others important things.
 - B. It has been around for a long time.
 - C. God loves us and wants us to be a part of His family.
4. Jesus commanded us to "go and make disciples of..."
 - A. Adults only.
 - B. All nations.
 - C. Hebrews only.
5. As God calls us to be part of His plan, we each have a/(an)
 - A. Important purpose!
 - B. Lot of television to watch.
 - C. Chance to do whatever we want.

MAKE IT STICK

READY, SET, GO! LESSON 1

5 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Telling others about Jesus is our mission. Do you remember why it's so important to tell others about Him? Jesus wants others to be a part of His family and one day be in heaven with Him. He loves us all.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids if they have any friends that don't know about Jesus? Encourage them to share about Him. Remind your kids that loving others the way Jesus does is a great way to bring others closer to God. Give some examples of how we can love others well.



AT DINNER:

- Here are some great discussion starters:
- What are some ways that we can reach people who are far away to tell them about Jesus?
- How can we be like Jesus in our own neighborhood?
- What's something that we can tell others about our own lives that Jesus has done for us?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Jesus has commanded us all to tell people about Jesus. Pray for God to help you with this in your own life and for Him to give you and your child courage to speak His truth. Remember that God left us His Holy Spirit and that it is He who works in people's hearts. Our mission is to share about Jesus, but we are not alone, God is with us. Matthew 28:20 "...and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

READY, SET, GO! LESSON 1: EVERYONE ON THE LINE!

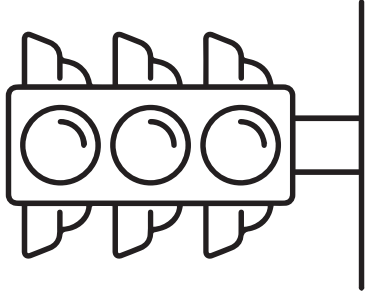
TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Love Letter from God:

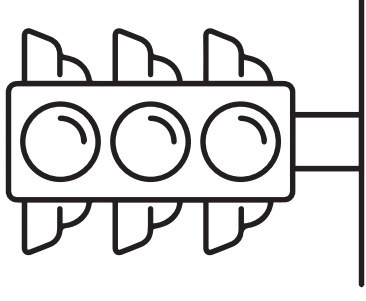
Draw a heart with your child on a piece of paper and have them color it in. Write the words “I am with you always. Love, Jesus” on the heart. Cut it out and hang it up where you child can see it. Remind them that even though God gave them an important job to do, God is always with them. He doesn’t want them to try to do it alone!

ITEMS NEEDED:

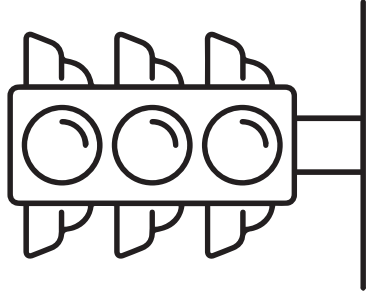
Scissors, paper, and crayons/ markers



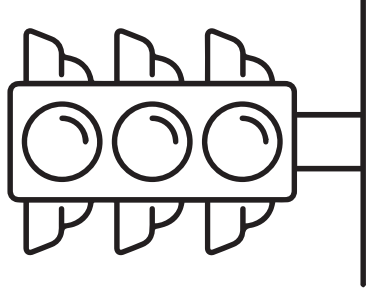
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