



LOWER ELEMENTARY

WEEK 3- STARTER



Activity Name: Telephone

What You Need: None needed

What You Do:

- Instruct the group to sit in a circle.
- Play a classic game of “Telephone.”
- Whisper a phrase related to the story into the ear of the first student.
- Phrase ideas: “Go and make disciples.” “I am always with you.” “Jesus was taken into heaven.”
- Make up silly phrases as well.
- That student whispers what they heard to the next person, and so on.
- The last person says the phrase out loud.
- See how much the message changed!

What You Say:

That message got a little mixed up! Passing a message along can be tricky. Today, we'll see that Jesus entrusted His followers with the most important message of all, and He gave them a special promise to help them deliver it. Let's go!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

Activity Name: Spread the Joy

What You Need: Bible Bible story pictures “Joy” activity page markers tape

What You Do:

- Read Matthew 28:16-20, and Acts 1:4-11 out loud to the group. Explain that these are two separate, but very important events!
- Tell the kids that these pictures help us remember and share the story of Jesus.
- Invite the kids to help put the pictures in the correct order as you talk through the Good News:
 - **Heart:** God loves us so much that He sent Jesus as His rescue plan.
 - **Cross:** Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.
 - **Empty Tomb:** Jesus rose again on the third day. He is alive!
 - **Heaven:** When we choose to accept Jesus’ gift of forgiveness, we can live with God forever in heaven.
- Give each kid an activity page and cotton round
- Ask kids to color one side of the cotton round completely with lots of different colors.
- Use double-sided tape to stick the cotton round (colored side up) in between the J and Y on their paper.
- Explain that when they get home, they can take their colorful cotton round off their paper and place it on a plate with a thin layer of water. Watch as the colors on their cotton round do something special.

What You Say:

Jesus wants us to spread His joy to everyone around us. He told us to go into all the world and tell people about Him and His great love. That means we can tell our neighbors, our friends, our teammates, and our family about Jesus. That means we can tell people about Jesus in our neighborhood, at school, at the grocery store, at practice, at the park, and on the bus. He loves them!

Your artwork looks so cool! It will be even cooler when you go home and put the cotton round in water. The water will make something special happen—the colors will spread all over in the water.

And just like the water will help the colors from your cotton round spread, God is with us to help us spread His love and tell people about Him. Jesus said, ‘I am always with you, to the very end’ (Matthew 28:20b). And later Jesus explained what that meant—He told His followers that His very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, would help them! That promise was true then, and it’s true for us today. Jesus is always with us. **[Bottom Line] You can share the good news about Jesus.**

KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP