



UPPER 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 of all nations.” “I am always with you, to the very end.” “Jesus was taken into heaven.”
- 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.

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WEEK 3- SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions:

- If you had been standing on the mountain listening to Jesus give His instructions about sharing His love with the world, what would you have felt? Excited? Overwhelmed? Scared?
- Why do you think Jesus wants His followers to tell every nation about Him—not just one group of people?
- What part of Jesus’ mission feels the hardest for you?
- What do you think it means that the Holy Spirit gives us “power”?
- Since the Holy Spirit is with you and speaking to you, what do you think it feels like or sounds like when He is guiding you to share the good news about Jesus?
- What is ONE way you can share Jesus this week, through kindness, honesty, forgiveness, or words?



Bible Story

Great Commission and Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11*

Conversation Starter

What does it mean to you that God is with you?

Bottom Line

You can share the good news about Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! • *Philippians 4:4 NIRV*

Activity Name: Picture Challenge

What You Need: Bible Bible story pictures

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!
- Pair kids up and have them sit facing the same direction—one behind the other.
- Give the kid in the back a card from the “Bible Story Pictures” Activity Page. Tell them to study the picture quietly.
- Then instruct them to use their finger to “draw” the picture on their partner’s back, without saying what the picture is.
- Give examples like:
 - “Draw a tall shape with a point at the top.”
 - “Make a circle, then draw smaller circles inside it.
- The front partner tries to guess what part of the Bible Story the drawing represents.
- After a minute, let them turn around, compare the card with what they guessed, and explain what that picture represents in the story.
- Then have partners switch roles and repeat with a new picture.

What You Say:

Great job reviewing the Bible Story with pictures! Jesus gave us all a very important job to do! We are to go into all the world to share the message of Jesus! That’s an epic job! You worked very hard to decipher what your partner was drawing on your back. The disciples couldn’t see Jesus anymore after He went to heaven, but they still trusted His promise—that He would always be with them. Even though we can’t see Him with our eyes, Jesus is guiding us every day through His Word and His Spirit. He will help us to know what to say or do when we are sharing God’s great love with others! **[Bottom Line] You can share the good news about Jesus.**

KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP