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MATTHEW 28

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Milk, oil, several colors of food coloring, q-tips, dish soap

Ask:

What did we talk about last Sunday (The parable of the talents)

Did anyone grab any of their coins from their bag and complete them? How did it go? If you didn't, why not?

Play a Game

Similar to Red Light, Green Light. The kids will stand in front of the teacher. The teacher will close their eyes and lower their head. When this happens, the kids "go." They kids will dance or move. When the teacher's head pops up and eyes open, the kids have to stop. The one the teacher sees moving will be out. Play until only one is left standing. I've been told by my children this game is called "Statues."

Ask:

Was it hard to go?

Did you ever feel afraid to go, thinking you might get caught?

Was it hard to stop?

Are there times in life when it feels hard to go? Or hard to do something? Give me an example (allow for answers).

Today we are going to talk about a command that Jesus gives his followers and it all starts with the word go.

But first, let's look at the context. This story comes right after Easter. Does anyone remember what happened during Passion Week and on Easter?

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Ask:

Does anyone know what a disciple is? (A learner)

Who can tell me what it means to be baptized? (A representation of our new life with Christ. The believer is dunked under the water to represent them dying to their old way of life and being raised with Christ)

Which feels the hardest of these three commands? Making disciples, baptizing people, or teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded? Why?

How do we know what Jesus commanded? (Reading the Bible, listening in Church)

Do an Experiment

Pour milk into a bowl for each child. Add oil while explaining our call. Add drops of food coloring to each bowl while talking. Give the kids q-tips dipped in soap. Have them "spread" the gospel.

(The food coloring will originally sit in the milk and not spread. When hit with the q-tip and soap, it will expand in a ring).

Explain:

Let's pretend that this bowl of milk is the world. And there is a lot of darkness in it (add oil). But there are also a lot of people in it (add food coloring). These people are lost without Jesus. So we are called to tell them about Jesus. But not just tell them, disciple them. Teach them. Guide them in the teachings of Jesus. (Have the kids touch the food coloring with the q-tip).

We are called to bring light and color to the world. We are called to make disciples. The last three commands Jesus gives us are to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach others to obey everything he commanded. These are hard things, but these are the things we are called to do! Thankfully, Jesus knows it's hard, which is why he promises that he will be with us to the very end of the age. And if Jesus is with us, we can do anything he asks us!

Memorize: Matthew 28:19-20

Close in Prayer

