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Series: Join God's Family
Spring Year 1, Lesson 58

Jesus Tells Us to Invite Others

Take Home Point: *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY....*I will invite others to join God's family.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Matthew 28: 16-20

We will help children know:

- Jesus invites us to spread the news of his kingdom.
- They are equipped to tell others about Jesus.
- There are many different ways we can tell others about Jesus.

We will help the children feel:




- Confident that they are able to tell others how to join God's family.
- Eager to tell others the news about Jesus.
- Excited to be part of a "mission team" that is inviting friends to church.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and see what is in the Mystery Box.
- Craft: Special Friends Day Invitation
- Snack: Celebration Muffins
- Game: Working Together to Walk Together
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: Join God'[s family...*I will invite others to join God's family.*
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet holding a pink pony (or a stuffed animal) Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mystery box containing: Bible Judy's pink pony (or stuffed animal) cross
Small Group Application 	6 7 7 8	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A, 1 per child. Fill in information before copying. crayons or markers stickers <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> napkins, cups, water or juice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mini muffins or mini cup cakes straight pretzels, one per child Option: bake the muffins with the children. <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> something to tie children's legs together (ribbons or plastic grocery sacks) masking tape
Large Group Wrap-up 	10 10	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet holding a pink pony (or stuffed animal), Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hi Judy. What have you got?

Judy: This is my very special pink pony. I have had her since I was a little girl.

Presenter: Why did you bring it to church today?

Judy: Because I am tired of waiting.

Presenter: Waiting for what?

Judy: Waiting to show my pink pony to everyone in my class for show and tell. I've been waiting forever for it to be my turn.

Presenter: I see.

Judy: That's why I brought her here today. I will show and tell everyone here.

Presenter: It is hard to wait for your turn.

Judy: Don't I know it!

Presenter: This reminds me of our Bible event today.

Judy: They have show and tell in the Bible?

Presenter: Not exactly. We call it "go and tell".

Judy: Go and tell? What are you talking about?

Presenter: God wants everyone to go and tell others about Jesus.

Judy: Oh, I see.

Presenter: We want everyone to invite other to join God's family. The best part of go and tell is that you do not need to wait for your turn. You can do it today.

Judy: You can count me in!

Presenter: Today we will be learning that Jesus told the disciples to go and tell other about him. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: JOIN GOD'S FAMILY... now you say, "I will invite others to join God's family."

Judy: I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Okay everybody, *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Judy: (and everyone): I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: One more time. * JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Judy: (and everyone): I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Mystery Box

Supplies: Mystery box containing: Bible; Judy's pink pony; cross

Presenter holds the Bible

Boys and girls, today I am going to read from the Bible how Jesus invites us to go and tell all the people in the world how we can join God's family. Some of the things Jesus tells us to do are go and tell (*teach*), baptize, and obey.

Read Matthew 28:16-20. When finished reading, take out the pink pony or toy Judy was taking to "show and tell."

Judy was excited about "show and tell." Jesus has invited us to "go and tell." What are we going to tell? (Bring out the cross.) We will tell others that Jesus Christ gave his life for them. We can also tell them they can join God's family by believing in him. Who can you "go and tell" or invite?

Discuss that they can invite their family, friends, and neighbors.

Don't forget you can do this important work of "go and tell" in your own neighborhood, city or school.

Let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...I will invite others to join God's family.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

**Dear God,
We love you.
You want us to invite others
To join your family.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

**I will IN-vite OTH-e-RS.
OTH-e-ERS. OTH-e-ERS.
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Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Special Friends Day Invitation

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A one per child; markers or crayons; stickers

As a church, decide ahead of time when you will have a mission day for kids. Plan your details. You may decide, as a church, to bring this lesson together with an upcoming mission trip or use it with other outreach activities you are doing.

Boys and girls, today you are going to make invitations to a Special Kids Friends Day. This is a day when everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to church. After you are finished decorating your invitation, you will deliver it to a friend, a family member or a neighbor.

Review the Bible Event.

What did Jesus tell his followers to do? *(Go and tell the whole world what Jesus taught them...to believe, be baptized and to obey his teachings.)*

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Activity 2: Snack: Celebration Muffins

Supplies: mini muffins or cupcakes, one straight pretzel for each child, napkins, cups, water or juice. Option: bake muffins with children.

*****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to pretend the pretzel is a candle. I want you to put it in your mini cake. Now close your eyes and think about who you could give an invitation to come to our church. Now pretend to blow out your candle. You are helping spread the news about Jesus when you invite others to church. Now you may eat your snack.

Review the Bible event.

When can we tell others about God's family? *(Any time, anywhere, when you are in school, at the store, playing with friends, walking in your neighborhood, etc.)*

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Activity 3: Game: Working Together to Walk Together

Supplies: something to tie children's legs together (ribbons or plastic grocery sacks; masking tape)

Before class, tape a start and finish line across the room from each other.

Boys and girls, today I want you to all go to the starting line. You need to pair up with one other child and stand side by side..I will tie together the legs that are touching. It will seem like you have three legs. When I say

“go”, start walking to the finish line. Please do not run or you will fall. You will have to work together to be able to walk. Go!

After race is over, say: **Just like you had to work together to move, the church works together to send people to go and tell. Sometimes they go to other areas of your city and sometimes they go to a far away land. Does anyone know of someone who has traveled across the world to go and tell? Does anyone know of someone who has traveled across this city to go and tell? We are working together to go and tell when you bring friends to church.**

Review the Bible event.

How can we tell others about Jesus? (*Invite them to church is one way. Share, wherever you are, the message that God sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins.*)

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Prayer Time:

Where in the world can you start and “go and tell” others? (*Answers will vary but may include: your neighborhood, school, city, on mission trips, etc.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child’s request. You might also pray for courage to share the Good News with others.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is an invitation to A Special Friends Day at our church. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Kids say:

...I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Albie says:

I will invite everyone to my birthday party!



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It is a celebration muffin. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Kids say:

...I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Albie says:

I will invite others to join the circus!

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called Working Together to Walk Together. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Kids say:

...I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Albie says:

I will invite others to do a cannonball in the pool!

Presenter says:

“Albie, listen one last time.

JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Kids response:

...I will invite others to join God's family.

Presenter: (says to Albie): **JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...**

Albie's response: (Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
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Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to invite other to join God's family.



*Come and learn more about
God's love for you...*

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____
