



SHARING JESUS

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Memory Verses

Week 1

MATTHEW 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Week 2

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7

It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.

Week 3

JOHN 13:35

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."



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Lesson 1: God's Rescue Mission

Passage

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Main Point

God has a rescue mission for Christians. Our mission is to share Jesus's love!

Intro

Have you ever wondered why Christians tell other people about Jesus who don't know about him? Today, we're learning about God's rescue mission of sharing Jesus's love!

Supporting Points

A WORLD IN NEED OF RESCUE

Imagine a giant plane crashed on a desert island. A rescue team is assembled and given a single mission: Rescue everyone on the island. Most people are panicking! Some people are hiding. Some people are trying to build a raft and rescue themselves. Your goal is to guide everyone to a giant rescue boat that is on its way.

- *Q: What might you do as a rescue team member?*
- This is a picture of the world. Sin has caused us to "crash" as a human race. But Jesus can rescue anyone who wants to be saved!

OUR RESCUE MISSION

As Christians, we are members of God's rescue team.

God gives us our mission in Matthew 28:18-20.

- The "mission" = share the message of Jesus's love with people who don't know
 - This is the coolest mission you could ever be part of because the people we rescue will be in heaven with us forever
- Jesus will be with us for the entire mission (Matthew 28:20)

Antithesis

Not realizing that God's given us an urgent rescue mission!

Application

Learn about God's mission, which is the coolest mission of all time! Ask God how you can participate in His mission.

Discussion

- Have you ever seen a show with a rescue mission? What happened in that show?
- What do you think about the mission Jesus gives us? Do you find it scary? Exciting?
- Have you or your family ever shared about Jesus' love with someone? Tell the story.
- Why do you think that God chooses to use us as his rescue team?
- Do you know anyone who doesn't know about Jesus's love that we can pray for?



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Lesson 1: God's Rescue Mission

Craft

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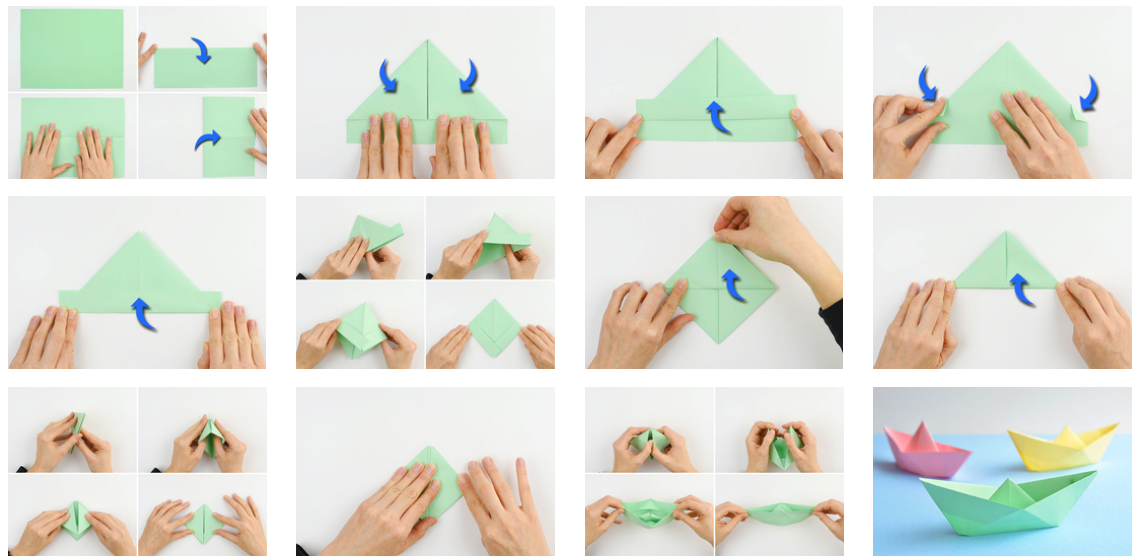
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PAPER BOAT

Today we learned that God has given us a rescue mission. We're making life boats to remind ourselves of that mission!

Letter sized printer paper (any color)

1. Start by folding your piece of paper in half lengthwise, then open it up again.
2. Then fold it width-wise.
3. Rotate the paper so that the fold is vertical
4. Take each of the top corners and fold them downwards so that the edges line up with the center fold.
5. Take one layer of the bottom flap and fold it upwards.
6. Flip the folded paper over. There should be two little flaps showing behind the triangle shape. Fold those little flaps over diagonally.
7. Take the remaining bottom flap and fold it upwards.
8. Pick up the folded paper and place your thumbs into the opening at the bottom. Slowly pull your thumbs apart from one another, pulling apart the paper as you go.
9. When you finish pulling, the paper should be flat again. Run your fingers along all of the folds, pressing to make sure it's completely flat and all the edges are folded.



For clearest instructions, visit onelittleproject.com/how-to-make-a-paper-boat/



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Lesson 2: Our Part vs. God's Part

Passage

Main Point

Intro

Supporting
Points

Antithesis

Application

Discussion

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-8, ROMANS 10:13-15

It's our job to open our mouths and share God's message, but God does the rest!

Last week we learned that God has a rescue mission for us. God and people have a part to play in this rescue mission, but God's part is much bigger! Today, we're learning about God's part and our part.

GOD'S PART

When Jesus gave people God's rescue mission, he promised that he would be with us always (Matthew 28:20).

Paul says, "it's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow." (1 Corinthians 3:7)

God plays his part by:

- Shows people that they need His forgiveness
- Sets up opportunities for us to share Jesus' love
- Giving us the Holy Spirit who tells us what to say
- Changing us from the inside out, which shows people God's goodness

Without God's part, sharing Jesus's message of love would be completely impossible!

OUR PART

Even though God's part is much bigger, we still have a part to play by opening our mouths and sharing this message with others.

Paul says it's impossible for someone to believe if they haven't heard! (Romans 10:14)

Trying to share Jesus's love without God's help, thinking we don't have a part to play

Even if you don't have any friends to share about Jesus with right now, that's ok. Just learning to talk about Jesus and what you've learned about him is a great start.

- Today we learned that God's part is bigger than our part in sharing Jesus' love. Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
- Have you ever talked about God before with a friend (even if they already know Jesus)? What was that like?
- What might be scary about telling someone about Jesus? What might be exciting?
- What might happen if someone thought they had to do God's rescue mission all on their own?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is always with you?



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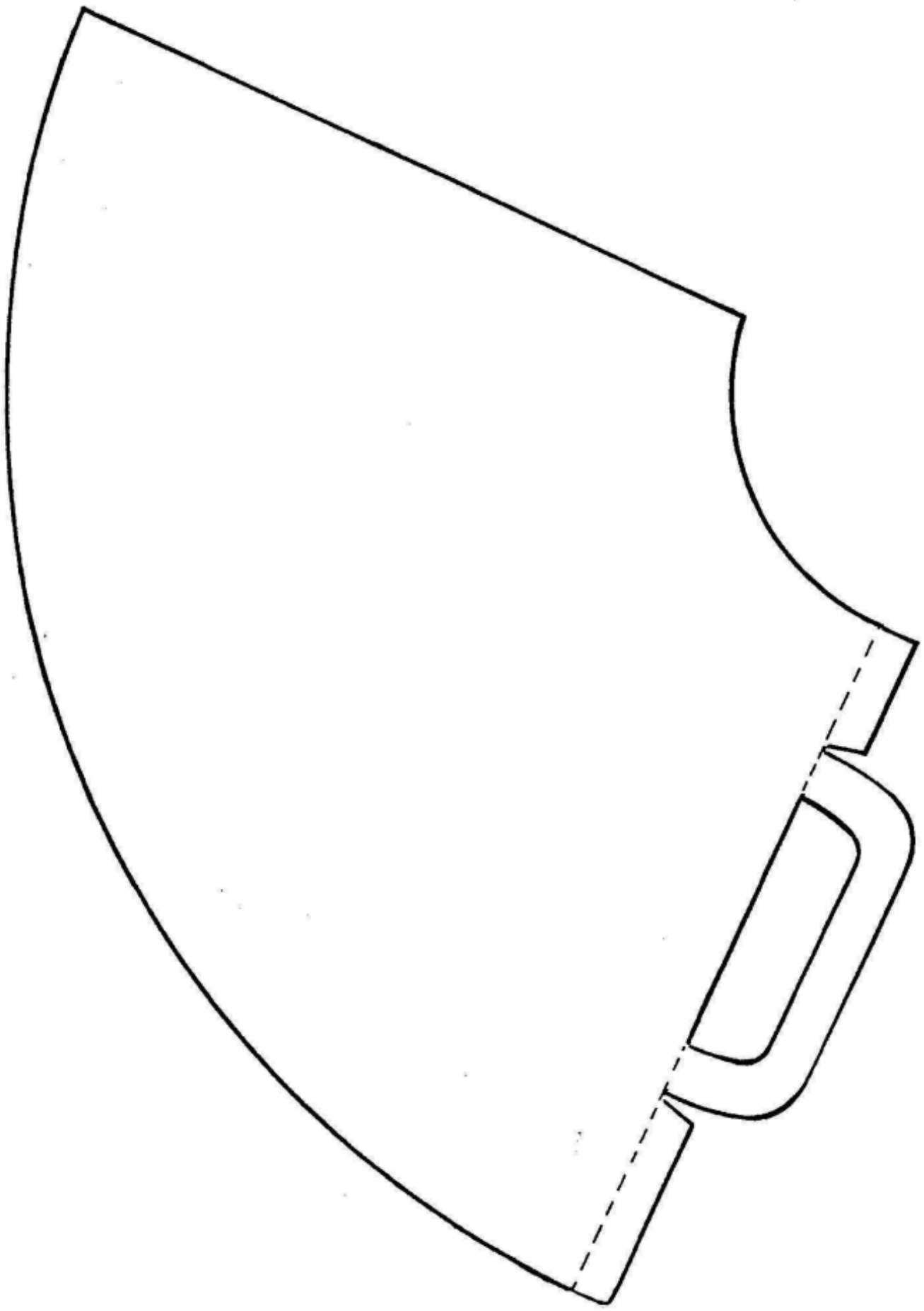
MEGAPHONE

Our voices aren't very loud on our own, but with a megaphone our voices can be heard a mile away! In the same way, we can't share the message of Jesus's love on our own. But when God plays his part, Jesus' message can be heard by everyone!

Megaphone template, scissors, coloring utensils, tape/glue/staples

1. Cut out the megaphone
2. Color/decorate as you desire
3. Tape/glue/staple the tabs to the opposite end to make a megaphone







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Lesson 3: God's Love in Action

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JOHN 13:34-35

We can share God's love not just through our words, but also through our actions.

For this series we've talked about sharing Jesus's love with others through words. Today, we're going to see another way to share God's love, which is through our actions.

WHY NOT JUST WORDS?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "actions speak louder than words"?

When it comes to sharing Jesus's love with others, we shouldn't just use our words. We should also love them with our actions!

- This is because when we love others with our actions, it shows people that God's love is real. They may ask us about why we're so loving, and we can share about God!
- Jesus says, "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:34-25)

WHAT KINDS OF ACTIONS?

Acts of kindness will make people notice us in a good way. Here's some to try:

- Do something nice for a neighbor (i.e. shoveling snow, raking leaves, etc.)
- Ask someone at school who doesn't have many friends to sit with you at lunch
- Include your little sibling (or a friend's little sibling) in a game you're playing
- Volunteer at a food pantry (ask your parent for help with this one!)

Opportunities to love and serve other people are endless. Keep on the lookout!

When people see your deeds, give God the credit.

Living like everyone else instead of standing out in a good way

Try some of the acts of kindness suggested above, keep on the lookout for opportunities to love and serve others

- How could someone be different/stand out in a good way?
- What might happen if someone was a bully, but talked about God? Why might that be confusing?
- What sorts of things stop you from loving others with your actions?
- What could you do to show kindness to someone this week?
- In what ways did Jesus show love with his actions?



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Lesson 3: God's Love in Action

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BENDABLE ACTION FIGURE

This action figure will remind you that we should show God's love with our actions!

Pipe cleaners, modeling clay

1. Line 3 pipe cleaners together and fold them in half
2. Twist the pipe cleaners together about 2cm beneath the fold, creating the head of the action figure.
3. There will be 6 ends poking out from the head. Bend 2 of these to be perpendicular to the head and twist to create arms and hands.
4. Twist the remaining 4 ends together 1 inch below the arms, creating a torso.
5. Create legs and feet by twisting the remaining ends together, 2 by 2.
6. Place one of the legs in a small ball of modeling clay and mold the clay to the table.
7. Bend your action figure as you wish!

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