

Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

3 John 5-8

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Lesson Plan: Main Point: God wants to use every believer to reach the world.
Basic Idea: We participate with missionaries by supporting them.
How we get there: we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth. (8)

Examine Matthew 28:19-20

1. What does Jesus tell us to make?
2. How do we make disciples? (baptize them, teach to observe commandments)
3. Where do we make disciples?
4. How can you reach people all over the world?

Just before Jesus went back up to heaven, He reminded the disciples of their job. He was going to give them the Holy Spirit so they would be empowered to reach people all over the world. But this job wasn't just for them, it was to carry on until the end of the age.

Illustration/Game (see below)

Just like you could not remove the "scratch" from your back alone, so you cannot fulfill the "Great Commission on your own." Even if you tried to travel the whole world and share the gospel, you would not be able to reach everyone. Therefore, God desires we tell people about Jesus where we are, and support people who are sharing the gospel in other parts of the world.

Ask the kids:

1. Do you talk about Jesus with people around you?
2. How can support those who do it in other places?

Illustration/Game: Bears and the Scratchy Back

In this game, children play bears in Honey Hollow. (Let them make noises and growl...play it up.) These bears have an itch (represented by a piece of masking tape) right in the center of their backs (put it where they can't reach it). Have all the kids spaced out from one another. Then have children try to remove the masking tape by themselves. Next, have them get in a circle and all turn to the left (or right, as long as they face each other's backs). On the count of three, have them remove the tape of the person in front of them.

Extra: A card will be included for the kids in the class to "sign" for a missionary.

"Nailing It" How gracious that God allowed us to hear the gospel message and receive Christ! The only reason we can be trusted with the gospel is because we have received the gospel. We have been made right with God through the work of Jesus on our behalf. Now, God desires we share that same message with other people, so they too can be made right with God. He has left us here to be His ambassadors.—see 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

