

WEEK 2: GO

MINISTRY IS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS! THE BEST WAY TO BUILD THOSE RELATIONSHIPS IS THROUGH CONVERSATION. AS KIDS ARRIVE, BRING THEM INTO THE CHAT USING THE CONVERSATION STARTERS BELOW. BEING HEARD HELPS KIDS FEEL CONNECTED AND CONVERSATION WILL HELP BREAK THE ICE! MAKE SURE YOU GET IN ON THE FUN AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS TOO!

Conversation Starters

1. What was the best part of your week?
2. What was your least favorite part of the week?
3. Where is your favorite place you have ever gone? Maybe a favorite vacation?
4. Where is your favorite place to go in in your city/town?
5. Where is your favorite place to go eat?
6. What's a place you have had to go that you didn't like?

ONCE THE MAJORITY OF THE KIDS ARRIVE, INVITE THEM TO TAKE PART IN THE GROUP GAME/GROUP ACTIVITY SO YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.

Opening Group Activity

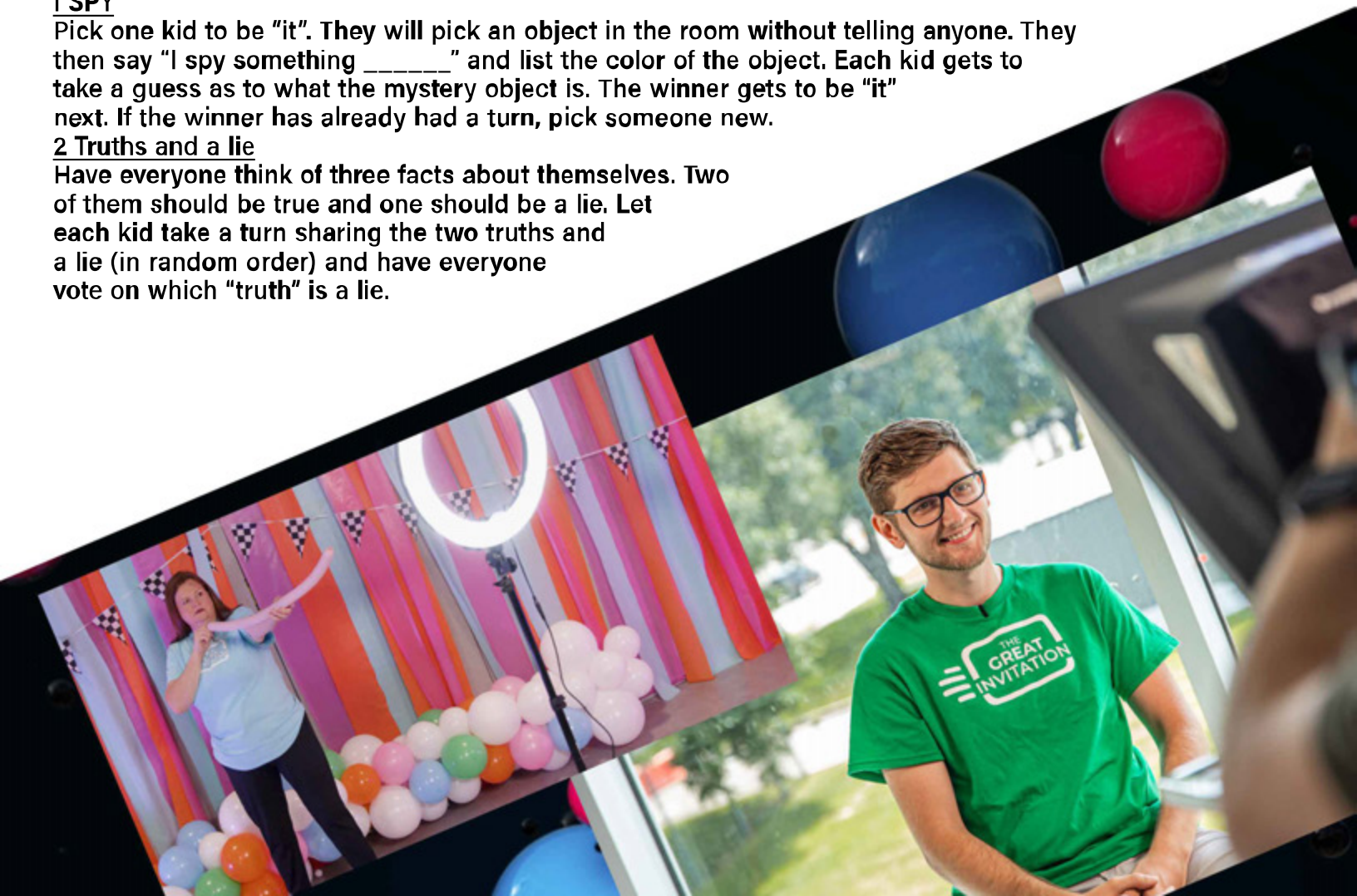
Say: Have you ever been stuck in the car on a long road trip and had to play car trip games? Let's play some of my favorite car trip games!

1 SPY

Pick one kid to be "it". They will pick an object in the room without telling anyone. They then say "I spy something _____" and list the color of the object. Each kid gets to take a guess as to what the mystery object is. The winner gets to be "it" next. If the winner has already had a turn, pick someone new.

2 Truths and a lie

Have everyone think of three facts about themselves. Two of them should be true and one should be a lie. Let each kid take a turn sharing the two truths and a lie (in random order) and have everyone vote on which "truth" is a lie.



WEEK 2: LARGE GROUP TEACHING

Introduction

Hello everyone and welcome to week two of The Great Invitation! Whether you know it or not, we have ALL been invited to take part in something great - the great commission. Last week we were introduced to this idea by the host of The Great Invitation, the game show where four contestants accept the invitation to see if they are ready to do something great.

Each of your small group will be cheering on one of the four contestants today as they compete in the first round of challenges. We have team BLUE, team ORANGE, team PINK, and team GREEN!

Video

Let's see what happens this week on The Great Invitation! *Play "The Great Invitation: Episode 2"*

Game

"Paper Airplane"

Supplies

-One sheet of paper per participant

Who would've thought that Carol would win round one? Let's hear it one more time from team ORANGE!

Do you guys think you have what it takes to take part in the Great Invitation? I want to see how good you guys would do. I need two volunteers, one guy and one girl, from each team. You will all have 1 minute to fold a piece of paper into an airplane, and we will see which one flies the furthest! Let's start the timer right...now!

Have each kid make an airplane then stand in the same spot and throw them. Whoever goes the furthest wins!

Let's hear it for our winner!! You guys can head back to your seats.

WEEK 2: TEACHING (CONTINUED)

Object Lesson

As the game host told us, we are all invited to take part in the Great Commission. And the first step in the Great Commission is to GO! This is a call to action - not just "hey you should think about how important this is" but "hey, get up and go tell people about Jesus!"

Raise your hand if you have ever had to move. Sometimes you might be excited to move! How many of you were happy to move? Sometimes moving can be sad or scary. Who has been upset because you had to move? It can be a lot - learning a new city, going to a new school, and making new friends. No matter whether you want to move or not, when your parents say you have to go, you have to go.

Today we are going to talk about two different times in the Bible when someone was asked to GO and they obeyed - one example is from the Old Testament and the other is from the New Testament.

Bible Lesson

In the Old Testament, in Genesis 11, we are introduced to a man named Abram. When Abram was 75 years old, God spoke to Him and said, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." (Genesis 12:1). The Bible says Abram "took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there." (Genesis 12:5). This means that Abram packed up his whole life and left what he knew to go into the unknown. He didn't know where he was going, he didn't know how long it would take, he didn't know anything. All he knew was that God told him to GO, and he trusted God and obeyed.

In the New Testament, Matthew 4, we have a similar story. Jesus was near the Sea of Galilee when he saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. The Bible says "They were putting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me. I will make you fish for men!'" (Matthew 4:18-19). What do you think they did? Let's keep reading, "At once they left their nets and followed Him" (Matthew 4:20). Once again, these guys were asked to leave everything they knew, the comfort of their homes, EVERYTHING and blindly follow Jesus. Jesus said "Go!" and they trusted and obeyed.

WEEK 2: TEACHING (CONTINUED) & WORSHIP

Bible Lesson (continued)

The Bible is full of people who trusted and followed God. And, as Matthew 28:19-20 tells us, we are also called to trust and follow God. Thankfully, we probably won't be asked to drop everything and go into the unknown. Let's read Matthew 28:19-20 together to remember what Jesus asks us to do.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20.

We are called to make disciples of all people. What is a disciple? (allow kids to give answers). A disciple is someone who believes and follows God AND helps others do the same. So the first step is to become a follower of God. This means that you:

1. Admit to God that you are a sinner. Last week we learned that sin is when we disobey God. We all have a problem with sin.
2. Believe that Jesus is God's son and that God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin problem.
3. Confess that they believe in Jesus and want to make Him the ruler of their life.

Once you are a follower of God, you can grow closer to Him through reading your Bible, going to church, worshiping, and praying. You also can tell others about God - which is what the Great Commission is all about.

Worship

Let's all stand and sing our worship song together. This will help us memorize Matthew 28:19-20 while we Worship God!

Play "Go" by Seeds Worship.

Dismiss to Small Groups

I will pray for us and then we will go back to small groups so we can discuss what we just learned.

WEEK 2: SMALL GROUP

Small Group Time

Discussion

1. Which of the three challenges from today's video do you think you would be the best at? Why?
2. Which of the three challenges from today's video do you think you would be the worst at? Why?
3. Who do you think will win the most challenges?
4. How do you think Abram, Peter, and Andrew felt when they were asked to drop everything and GO?
5. How would you feel if someone asked you to do that?
6. Do you think you could drop everything and go on an unknown quest?
7. How does knowing who God is help you go and tell others about God?

Group Game

Say: Abram, Peter, and Andrew spent a lot of time traveling as they followed God. So let's play one more road trip game together!

The Alphabet Game:

1. Sit the kids in a circle. Agree on a destination (picnic, Disney world, the beach, etc). Each kid will then say their name and what item they are bringing. The catch is the item has to start with the same letter as their name AND make sense for the destination. After the first kid goes, the next kid will list what the first kid said and then add their own item to the list. Keep going until everyone has had a turn. Once everyone is done see who can remember what everyone said.
2. If time allows, pick a new location and start over. You can also have them use their last name initial for the second round.

WEEK 2: SMALL GROUP (CONTINUED)

Bible Verse Review

Break the kids into smaller groups and have them look up Matthew 28:19-20 in their Bibles. Give them a couple minutes to come up with hand motions for the verse that will help them memorize it. Share this with the group if time allows.

Pick Up Time

Let the kids pick their favorite of the two road trip games and play another round!

